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Newsletter
13th February 2026

Dear Parents,

Eagle Owls enjoyed a visit this week from successful local artist Eddie Kagimu. He provided an excellent session on water colour painting and sketching. There are some pictures later in the newsletter.

For children taking part in Children's University there are again some half-term challenges. Each challenge has full details and includes the code to enter into the online passports.

Mrs Bushell would be delighted to receive any pictures of children taking part in the Norwich Science Festival over half-term. Please send any pictures to mrsbushell@lmp.org.uk

I hope you all have an enjoyable half-term break.

Extra Microbit Club (Y4/5)



There were several children on the waiting list for the recent Microbit Club for years 4 & 5

Please email **head@littlemelton.norfolk.sch.uk** to sign up if you missed out but would still like to do it.

The club will run for 3 weeks on Tuesdays from 3.15-4pm

Dates: **Tuesday March 3rd, March 10th and March 17.**

Open Tray Afternoons 3.15-4pm



This is an informal opportunity for parents to have a look at the work children have been doing in class.

The dates for the latest round of this are:

Owlets-Tuesday February 24th
Snowy -Tuesday February 24th
Barn—Tuesday February 24th
Eagle– Tuesday February 24th







Barn Owls 'Around the World'













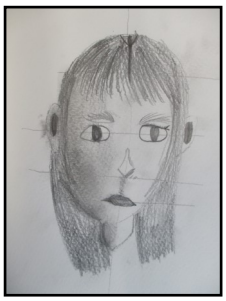


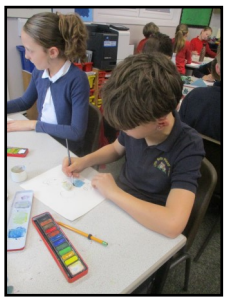




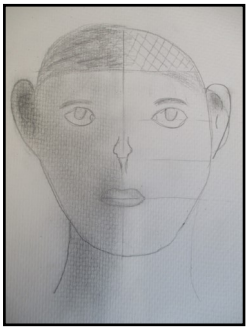
Eagle Owls– fossils









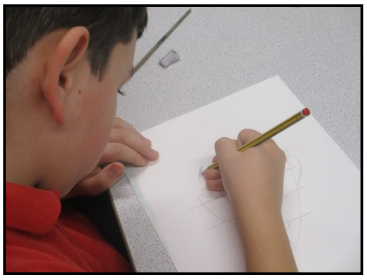


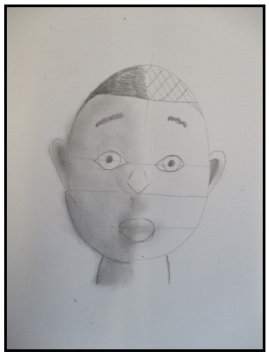


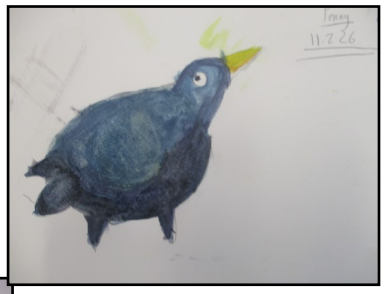


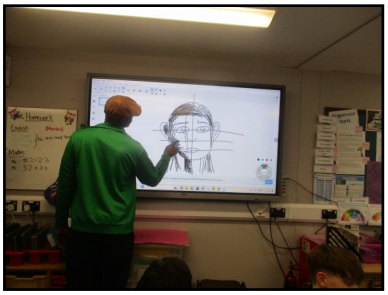
Eddie Kagimu artist visit to Eagle Owls











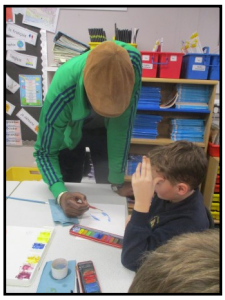






























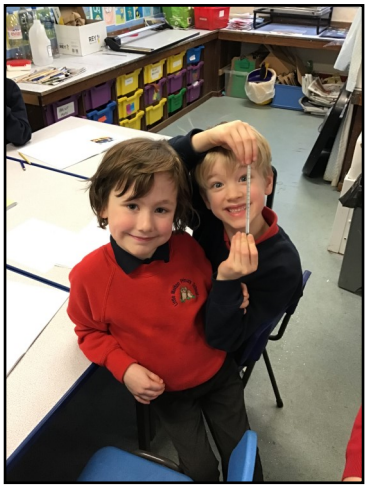








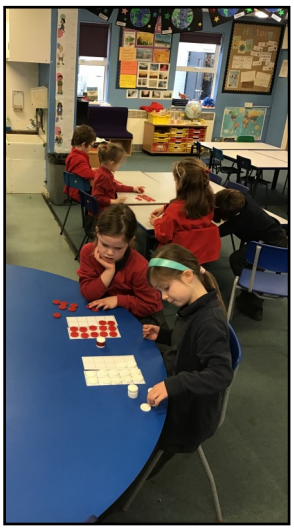
Barn Owls art in style of George Seurat







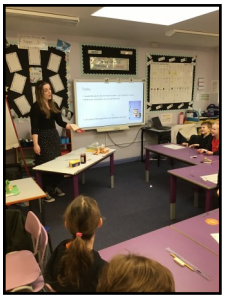










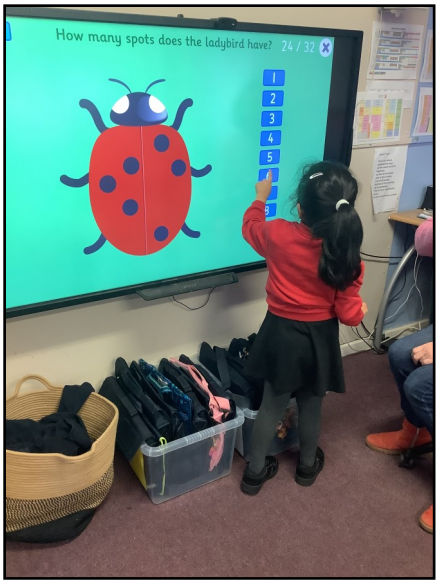



Snowy Owls– Weather

Owlets





























February 2026

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY CHALLENGE SHEET

Welcome to our first challenge sheet of the year!

February might be a short month, but it's packed with exciting things to explore. From staying safe online for Internet Safety Day, celebrating Children's Mental Health Week, taking part in Winter Olympic-inspired challenges, to flipping pancakes for Shrove Tuesday, there are lots of ways to learn, create, and have fun during half term.

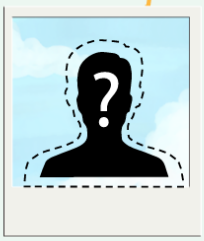
Some of you may also have taken part in the CUSP Art Festival, so keep an eye out for activities you might recognise or feel inspired by.

Try one challenge or try them all — we can't wait to see what you do!

Could it be you? Feature in our Spotlight!

Share your fantastic creations! You might be featured in our next Spotlight. Ask an adult to send a photo of your challenge to: childrensuni@unityspe.co.uk

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Let's be safe online

Safer Internet Day 2026 will take place on 10th February 2026. You can find out more about it here; https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2026

The internet is full of fun games, videos, and ways to talk to friends — but it's important to stay safe while online. This is the perfect time to think about how we can use technology responsibly and protect ourselves.

2 x Learning Hour

blue 7 4 3 4



Your Challenge:

1. Make a list of 5 top tips for staying safe online (like keeping passwords secret, asking an adult before downloading, or being kind in messages).
2. Turn your tips into a poster, comic strip, or short video to show others how to be safe online.
3. Share your creation with your family or class — being online safely helps everyone have fun!



Let's Capture February - Photo Scavenger Hunt



Half-term is the perfect time to get outside and explore the world around you. Grab a camera, phone, or ask an adult to help you take photos of interesting things you notice in nature.

Some of you might have taken part in the CUSP Art Festival. How can you use the skills you learned there for this photo challenge? Think about how you position the camera, what is in focus, and what you want people to notice in your picture.



Your Challenge:
Here is a list of things to find and photograph during half-term:

- Something red or pink
- A heart shape in nature
- A winter sky
- A sign of spring

Share your favourite photos and write a few sentences explaining what you found and why you liked it.

2 x Learning Hours

red 5 6 8 4

Let's become Winter Olympians

The Winter Olympics start this February! Athletes from around the world compete in sports like skiing, ice skating, and snowboarding — all about focus, practice, and doing your best.

Your Challenge:

Imagine you're part of the Olympic team and create your very own Winter Olympic design! You could:

- Design a flag for your team
- Create a medal for your event
- Invent a team logo that shows your Winter Olympic spirit

Be creative and think about what makes your team special.

purple 8 6 7 0







1 x Learning Hour

Lets get moving

Want to go further? Try these Winter Olympics-inspired physical challenges to get moving, test your skills, and have fun like real Olympians!

Physical Winter Olympics Challenges:

1. Speed Skater Steps – Step side to side as quickly as you can for 30 seconds, just like you're skating across the ice.
2. Snowboard Balance – Stand on one leg and hold your balance for as long as possible, then switch legs.
3. Ski Jumps – Jump forward from two feet to two feet and see how far you can go safely.
4. Curling Sweep – Pretend you're sweeping a curling stone: take a small towel or cloth and "sweep" the floor as fast as you can in a straight line.
5. Biathlon Run & Aim – Run to one end of a room or garden, then throw a soft ball or beanbag at a target. Repeat several times and see if you can hit the target each time!



1 x Learning Hour

green 8 2 9 8

1 x Learning Hour

yellow 5 0 5 9

Let's be mindful

Children's Mental Health Week 2026 runs from Monday 9th to Sunday 15th February, with the theme "This is My Place". The week is all about feeling connected, valued, and calm.

Your Challenge:

Take some time to explore your home, garden, or local area and really notice the little things around you. Try to find or observe:

- Something that makes a sound you like
- Something soft or smooth to touch
- Something bright or colorful
- Something that makes you smile or feel curious
- Something that smells nice

Take your time to look closely, listen carefully, and notice details. You can draw, photograph, or write about each thing you find and how it makes you feel.







Lets get cooking

Shrove Tuesday falls on 17th February 2026, a day when people traditionally make pancakes before Lent, so your challenge is to make some pancakes at home with an adult, try fun toppings or decorations, and see how many you can make or safely flip!

Ingredients (makes 6–8 pancakes):

- 100 g plain flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 pinch of salt

- 1 tablespoon sugar (optional)
- 1 egg
- 150 ml milk
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil or melted butter



Instructions:

1. Mix the dry ingredients – Flour, baking powder, salt, and sugar in a large bowl.
2. Add the wet ingredients – Crack in the egg, then pour in the milk and oil/butter. Stir until smooth.
3. Heat a pan – Ask an adult to help. Lightly oil a frying pan and warm it over medium heat.
4. Cook the pancakes – Pour a small ladle of batter into the pan. Cook for 1–2 minutes until bubbles appear on top. Flip with a spatula and cook for another 1–2 minutes.
5. Serve and decorate – Put your pancakes on a plate and add toppings! Try fruit, syrup, or fun shapes with chocolate spread.

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1 x Learning Hour





Contact Details

Email: childrensuni@unityspe.co.uk

Read more on:

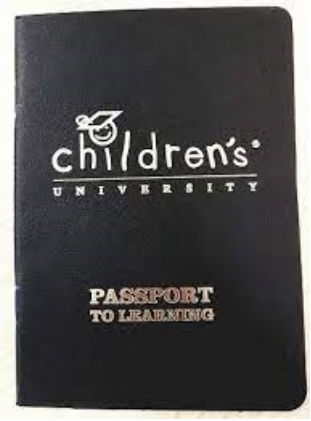
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Some useful codes:

Pensthorpe	purple	6889
Gressenhall	green	9146
Castle Museum	yellow	1113
Strumpshaw Fen	red	7914
Blickling	yellow	2594
Trowse Netball Club	red	1289
Swimming	red	2383
Hethersett Rainbows	blue	3822
Hethersett Brownies	purple	zero298
Hethersett Athletic FC	blue	8020
Perfect Performers Dance	yellow	2961
Norwich Swans	green	4508
Norwich Brownies	purple	4276
Central School of Dance	green	9584
LM Karate lessons	purple	8169
Wymondham rugby club	red	7304
Heigham Park FC	red	5207
Triple Threat Drama	purple	7564
Easton Tennis Club	green	7,946
Wham Drama Club	red	9237
Woodside Cubs Group	orange	5659
Hethersett 3rd Guides	purple	5181
Crusaders Rugby	red	7263
Easton Gymnastics	purple	7862
Wymondham Beavers	orange	1073
All Stars/Dynamos Cricket	yellow	6957
LMPS Tennis Club	red	3640
Hethersett Cubs	yellow	6218
Limelight Drama	yellow	2584
Star Dance	green	7236
LMPS Uke	blue	3072

Last date for pre-graduation points is July 5th

Norfolk Ski Centre	red	4435
Norfolk Hoopstars	yellow	2799
Norfolk swim school	blue	1554
East Anglia Tennis & squash club	blue	1085
Gain Fitness Club	yellow	8531
Eska Karate	purple	2944
Norwich Penguins	orange	6120
LMPS Singing	purple	5431
LMPS Chess	yellow	9886
LMPS Boardgames	green	7340
LMPS Mindfulness	green	7814
LMPS TTRS	red	1732
FITC football	purple	6720
Hethersett Beavers	red	6963
Norwich Ballet	purple	4331
UEA Gymnastics	green	7663
David Lloyd Swimming/Let's Play	orange	1923



Please continue to email me for any regular clubs that need a code.

Some useful codes:

<u>Support with emotional wellbeing.</u>

Mrs Plant, our mental health lead, has curated a selection of free and paid for online resources and contacts for children and adults.

These can be found on our school website at:

http://www.littlemeltonprimaryschool.co.uk/school-information/support-with-emotional-wellbeing/



Recent or Upcoming Birthdays:

George W 6, May 6, Jasper 7, Freddie 8, Hattie 8, Ollie 11, Oscar 11

ATTENDANCE MATTERS
every school day counts.

Attendance year to date is: 94.8%



(L Love of Learning, M Make it Your Best , P Persevere S Skills for Life)

Owlets: Ronin, Alice, Beatrice, Mirha, Bella, Amalia, Henry, Jaxon (L)

Snowy: Edith (MS), Gianna (LM), Theo (MP), Flo (LP), Hallie, Poppy (S)

Barn: Elliot E (L), Jack (S), Elsie, Evie, Beth, Lenny (M)

Eagle: Jacob, Ethan, Lucas C, Thomas, Grace, Summer, Penny, Hannah (S) Charlotte, Flora, Hallie, Lucas M (M) Alfie (P)

Housepoints: Oscar 1400, Toby 900, Lewys 800, Lucas M 800Arthur 700. Charlie 700, Sienna 700Thomas 500, Tabi 500, Flo 100

House-points		2024-25		
This Term:	1056	1137	1087	1113

Yours faithfully,

Alex Pritchard, Headteacher.



Monday February 16th-Friday February 20th – Half-term
Tuesday February 24th – Open Trays after school
Wednesday March 18th– Y1 Tennis at Easton
Friday March 20th– School Disco
Tuesday March 24th– Friday March 27th– Eagle Owls PGL Residential
Friday March 27th– End of Spring Term
Parents Evenings– Summer Term
Tuesday April 21st, Wednesday April 22nd, Thursday April 30th(Eagle Owls only)
Tuesday June 16th– Money Matters Day
Wednesday 15th July– Leavers Performance (6pm) @ Hethersett Village Hall
Friday 17th July– Last Day of Academic Year

Uniform

Any parents wanting to buy uniform can purchase it direct from this website:



https://www.superstitch86.co.uk/product-category/schoolwear/primary-schools-academies/little-melton-primary-school/

Nut Free School



A general reminder that we operate a nut-free policy in school for all food. Please be particularly careful with any food provided to celebrate birthdays as some chocolate can include traces of nuts. We do have some children with severe allergies in our school and we obviously want to look after them to the very best of our ability.

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Alzheimer's Society
DementiaFriends

Become a Dementia Friend

Join us for a free Dementia Friends Session delivered by one of our volunteer Dementia Friends Ambassadors. During this friendly and interactive session, you'll learn more about dementia, how it affects a person and what you can do to help people affected by dementia in your community.

Date 13th March 2026

Start time 15.00

Duration 1hr

Venue Hethersett Hall
Care Home
Norwich Road
Hethersett
NR9 3AP

Wheelchair accessible? Yes No

Other information
The session is suitable for all members of the community (aged 16 or over) who are interested in finding in finding out more about dementia.

How to book onto the session:

Please contact
Anne - 07368 582151 or Lesley - 01603 813420
Or
Email Sandra.Hughes@volunteers-alzheimers.org.uk

dementiafriends.org.uk
dementiafriends@alzheimers.org.uk
/DementiaFriends
@DementiaFriends

NATIONAL
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JUNIOR
TENNIS CAMP



Eaton Park
Heigham Park
East Anglia Tennis Club
Cringleford Tennis Club
Waterloo Park

17th - 20th February 2026
9:00-11:30am / 12:00-2:30pm
5-15 years

Action packed holiday camps with team challenges, tennis skills, games and prizes.

LTA YOUTH

SCAN THE QR CODE TO BOOK OR CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW

HTTP://NATIONALTENNIS.ORG.UK/CAMPS/NORFOLK

CONTACT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION-
HELLO@NATIONALTENNIS.ORG.UK

Just be you

A safe space for disabled children aged 5 - 11 to kickstart their football journey



Scan here to see Comets in action!

Time and Date:	09:00 - 10:00 - 07/02/2026
Location:	Cringleford Junior Football Club, Oakfields Road, NR4 6XF
Contact:	Dan Brown
Phone:	07590619922
Email:	info@cringlefordjfc.co.uk

ENGLAND FOOTBALL

Get in touch to book your first session



http://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/t2t

JOIN OUR U8S GIRLS FOOTBALL TEAM



Costessey U8s girls football team are looking year 3 girls to add to their squad for the current season.

No experience necessary.

The team train at the FDC Bowthorpe on a Wednesday evening.

Interested?

Contact Rhianna (07443895250) or Richard (07557447231) to find out more.