



NOTLEY GREEN  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Weekly Update

We have had a fun filled half term at Notley Green and the children are ready for a well-earned rest over the next week.

Year 1 have had an exciting end to their first half term with a History of Toys day. They absolutely loved interacting with all the artefacts and being creative as a year group. We would like to say a big thank you to all the staff and parents who enabled this to happen, your support is invaluable.

Across the school, we have been updating our subject leader displays to celebrate the children's learning and the progress they make over the year groups. It has been a great opportunity to reflect on the high standard of our curriculum.

We hope you have the best half term break!



## Pictures: Year 1 enjoyed their history off the page session this week.





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## School Notices

Office opening times 8.30am-3.45pm or email: [notleygreen@compassps.uk](mailto:notleygreen@compassps.uk)

### Correspondence sent home this week



- Year 2 Nature Walk
- Flu Vaccination Consent
- Bikeability Communication
- Year 4 Communication

### General Messages



#### Autumn Winter Menus

These are now on our website for you to view.

#### Pre-Christmas clear outs!

We would greatly appreciate some small world donations for our new playground zones. If you have any cars, dinosaurs or people spare after any clear outs, please bring them to the school office. Thank you!

#### Fidget Toys

We have noticed that more fidget toys are being brought into school recently. Whilst they can be helpful for some students, they often become a distraction during lesson. We kindly ask that fidget toys be kept at home, unless their use has been specifically discussed with Mrs Christian and the class teacher.

#### Disco!

We would like to say a big thank you to our FONGs team for organising this week's discos. It is a busy evening but brings such joy for the children!

#### Vacancies

We are looking to recruit two permanent Midday Assistants at Notley Green Primary School. If you or someone you know would be interested, please take a look: <https://mynewterm.com/jobs/138901/EDV-2025-NGPS-15034>

### Enrichments Clubs




Please find below the links from Superstar Sports to enable you to book for next half term.

#### Clubs

- Monday:** Gymnastics (Yr 3-6)  
**Tuesday:** Tag Rugby (Yr 2-6)  
**Thursday:** Tennis Club (Yr 2-6)  
**Friday:** Benchball (Yr 2-6)

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	<p><b>(Gymnastics):</b> <a href="https://activities.bookpebble.co.uk/activity/super-star-sport-head-office-north-london-east-london-essex-herts-notley-green-gymnastics-yr-3-6-braintree-73498fe6-074a-4f14-9933-7b92e9403cf0">https://activities.bookpebble.co.uk/activity/super-star-sport-head-office-north-london-east-london-essex-herts-notley-green-gymnastics-yr-3-6-braintree-73498fe6-074a-4f14-9933-7b92e9403cf0</a></p> <p><b>(Tag Rugby):</b> <a href="https://activities.bookpebble.co.uk/activity/super-star-sport-head-office-north-london-east-london-essex-herts-notley-green-tag-rugby-yr-2-6-braintree-40d2c48f-62f8-41a7-8fb2-1bc695cabd97">https://activities.bookpebble.co.uk/activity/super-star-sport-head-office-north-london-east-london-essex-herts-notley-green-tag-rugby-yr-2-6-braintree-40d2c48f-62f8-41a7-8fb2-1bc695cabd97</a></p> <p><b>(Tennis Club):</b> <a href="https://activities.bookpebble.co.uk/activity/super-star-sport-head-office-north-london-east-london-essex-herts-notley-green-tennis-club-braintree-0dbe404f-bfa5-4512-a7b3-8be0439337b0">https://activities.bookpebble.co.uk/activity/super-star-sport-head-office-north-london-east-london-essex-herts-notley-green-tennis-club-braintree-0dbe404f-bfa5-4512-a7b3-8be0439337b0</a></p> <p><b>(Benchball):</b> <a href="https://activities.bookpebble.co.uk/activity/super-star-sport-head-office-north-london-east-london-essex-herts-notley-green-benchball-yr-2-6-braintree-56c1d30f-0f9d-4d3a-80a0-139a39a17672">https://activities.bookpebble.co.uk/activity/super-star-sport-head-office-north-london-east-london-essex-herts-notley-green-benchball-yr-2-6-braintree-56c1d30f-0f9d-4d3a-80a0-139a39a17672</a></p>
<p><b>Upcoming School Events</b></p> 	<p><u>Children in Need – 14<sup>th</sup> November</u> For Children in need on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November this year, we would like the children to dress in PJs and bring a SMALL teddy (should they wish). There will be QR codes displayed on classroom windows for donations to be made.</p> <p><u>English Open Morning – 18<sup>th</sup> November</u> We will be holding our first open morning of the year with a focus on English and how we can help children to become confident readers and writers.</p> <p>All visitors will be asked to sign in at 8:45am via the main school office. The session will then start at 9:00am with a talk in the main hall by Mrs Chisnall (our writing lead) who will outline our approach in school. Parents will then have the opportunity to spend time in classrooms from 9:30-10:15am when the open morning will finish.</p> <p>Due to space in classrooms, we can only invite one adult per child and cannot invite younger siblings who are walking.</p> <p>We look forward to spending time with you at this event and sharing a little of life in school.</p>
<p><b>October Half Term Club</b></p>	<p><u>Half Term - Superstar Sport Club</u></p>

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There are still some spaces available on the half term club. To book, follow this link:

<https://activities.bookpebble.co.uk/activity/super-star-sport-head-office-north-london-east-london-essex-herts-notley-green-october-camp-braintree-ad167f85-73bd-44bf-a012-afb6438c7df0> More info on the flyer attached.

## Boccia Competition



On Tuesday, 12 enthusiastic children went to Notley High School to compete in a Boccia tournament. We proudly entered four teams from Notley Green, each competing in their own mini tournament. After a series of intense matches, two of our teams emerged victorious, earning their place in the finals!

In a dramatic twist, our two finalist teams drew 2-2, leading to a rematch. They drew once more, 3-3! This led to a nail-biting sudden death round, where each team had just one shot to get closest to the Jack.

The result? Gold and silver medals for Notley Green! 🏆 🥈

A huge congratulations to all the children who took part — their teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship were outstanding. It was a truly amazing day, and we're already counting down to the finals on January 14th!

## Poppy Appeal



### Royal British Legion - Poppy Appeal 2025

We will be selling poppies and related items at the school gates from Monday next week. Thank you for donating to this worthy cause.




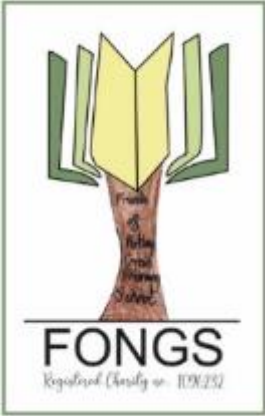
## Sweetie Appeal



### Year 6 Sweetie Appeal

The Year 6 pupils are running two areas at the Christmas Fayre and the money they raise goes towards their Year 6 Leavers event. We are asking for donations of sweets for the sweet tombola. If you have any sweets to donate (particularly after Halloween), please could you give them to a member of FONGs or a member of the Year 6 Team. Please ensure that the sweets are packaged and do not contain any nuts. All sweet donations will need to be handed in by the 14<sup>th</sup> November to ensure that there is enough time for the sweet cones to be made up in time for the Fayre.

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	<p>Thank you to everyone who volunteered to be part of next term's parent forum phone calls. We will call a selection of parents from across the school over the coming weeks to talk about the following questions:</p> <p>How easy do you find communication with school? What form of communication do you find most useful? How do you feel about our current home learning approach?</p>
<p>Attendance </p> <p><b>97.1%</b></p> <p>-0.2% Last 7 Days</p>	<p><b>Holidays</b></p> <p>There are 190 statutory school days. That means there are 175 days available for holidays!</p> <p>The law states that you must request permission for your child to miss school. Leave during term time will only be considered where the Headteacher feels there are exceptional circumstances. Exceptional circumstances do not include holidays, birthdays or other special occasions.</p> <p>Any leave without the agreement of the school will be classed as unauthorised. Ensure you arrange family holidays to coincide with school holidays</p>
<p><b>Trip Payment Dates</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Year 4 – Colchester Castle – 31<sup>st</sup> October</li></ul>
<p><b>FONGS News</b></p>  <p><b>FONGS</b> Registered Charity no. 1198252</p>	<p>The entire 25/26 calendar is now live on pts events so please do go and have a look and hold your dates. For ticketed events we will have a minimum of 8-10 weeks to purchase....</p> <p>Xmas Prep is well underway so if you do have any Christmas Wish List donations, we would welcome any items for our Parent Shop - please do pop them into our new FONGs bin.....</p> <p><u>Christmas Fayre &amp; Grotto Prep</u> - 11th November This is always a fun night with nibbles and refreshments to get your elf head on .... All welcome.</p> <p>Have a very happy Spooky half term!</p>

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## Stars of the week! Well done everybody!

Rabbits	Reception will celebrate their successes in class and begin joining us for Celebration Assembly after half term.
Ducks	
1M	Edie is an excellent role model in class and works hard in all lessons.  Zadie showed excellent enthusiasm and engagement during the toys history day.
1S	Oscar has made fantastic progress with his writing and handwriting.  Lexiana has shown an excellent understanding of number, using part whole models.
2MA	Marina has written a fantastic recount of the trip to Duxford.  Louie has shown growing confidence in his learning.
2M	Darcie has demonstrated resilience and patience during kite making in DT.  Lily has shown great care and focus when creating her kite. By carefully following her template and making instructions, she demonstrated great attention to detail.
3H	Riley has been focussed and shown attention to detail when writing and publishing his story and dialogue.  Lottie has persevered and demonstrated a positive attitude in maths when faced with challenging calculations.
3S	Jessica has been challenging herself to read a wide range of books. She has been able to answer tricky comprehension questions.  Piper wrote an excellent dialogue between two character descriptions. Her speech was thoughtful and developed a clear plot.
4C	Noah has been Dr Know, writing a stunning essay on the Romans during history.  Benjamin has been Captain Teamwork by helping to keep the classroom tidy and being focussed during lessons.
4FD	Nancy has written a fantastic descriptive paragraph using similes and personification.  Harry has been a fantastic learning partner and has written a wonderful descriptive setting using a range of adjectives.
5E	Penny has been thoughtful when using figurative language in her description.



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5CV	Solomiia used a range of techniques to create a beautiful clay tile inspired by Islamic art.  Kimmy used a range of techniques to create a beautiful clay tile inspired by Islamic art.
6FD	Faye wrote an excellent letter to Mersea Outdoors, showing strength in using the year 6 writing criteria.  Lucas has tried his utmost best in science and history to showcase his learning from this half term.
6G	Ruby-Lou has written a beautifully detailed fact file about our topic of light in science.  Jesse has been working incredibly hard in maths and has successfully been able to add and subtract fractions.

## MENU

AUTUMN/WINTER  
2025 MENU

WEEK 1

W/C: 03/11/2025, 24/11/2025, 15/12/2025, 05/01/2026, 26/01/2026, 16/02/2026, 09/03/2026, 30/03/2026

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Garlic Bread or Pasta Salad  🌱	Beef Bolognese with Wholewheat Pasta 🌱🐟	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chinese Sticky Lemon Chicken with Wholegrain Rice 🌱🐟	Fish Fingers with Chips
	OPTION 2	BBQ Vegetable Wrap with Potato Wedges 🌱🐟	Vegetarian Bolognese with Wholewheat Pasta 🌱🐟🌱	Roast Quorn with Roast Potatoes and Gravy 🌱	Cheesy Vegetable Hotpot  🌱	Quorn Dippers with Chips 🌱
	OPTION 3	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta 🌱🐟	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta 🌱🐟	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta 🌱🐟	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta 🌱🐟	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta 🌱🐟
HOT DISHES ARE SERVED WITH TWO VEGETABLES AND FRESHLY BAKED BREAD						
DELI	OPTION 4	Cheese or Ham Wrap	Cheese or Ham Wrap	Cheese or Ham Wrap	Cheese or Ham Wrap	Cheese or Ham Wrap
	DELI DISHES ARE SERVED WITH MIXED SALAD					
DESSERT	Crunchy Apple Slice  🌱	Strawberry Shortcake Mousse	Oat Cookie  🌱	Chocolate Brownie  🌱	Chocolate Ice Cream	

BAKED POTATOES SERVED DAILY

With a choice of toppings 🌱🐟

AVAILABLE DAILY

Fresh fruit, salad, yoghurt and water

🌱 Vegetarian   🥬 Vegan   🐟 Oily Fish   🍌 Fruity!   🌾 Wholegrain   🍷 Nutritionist's Choice  
 Our menu is subject to change. Please be assured that all notified medical diets and allergy requirements will be safely catered for.

All menus and allergy Aware Menus are on our website, please click [here](#)

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## DIARY DATES

	LOCATION/EVENT/TIME
<b>24 October</b>	<b>Last Day of Term</b>
<b>3 November</b>	<b>Return to School</b>
5 November	2026 Residential Meeting for Year 5 3:30pm in the main hall
7 November	Year Colchester Castle Trip
10 November	Anti-Bullying Week
14 November	Children in Need
17 November	Usborne Book Fair Week
18 November	English Open Morning 8:45-10:15
28 November	SEND Cuppa and Chat
5 December	FoNGS Christmas Fair
10 December	Reception Nativity Performance
11 December	Reception Nativity Performance
15 December	Pantomime
16 December	Parent Gift Shop
16 December	Reception & Year 1 Christmas Dinner
17 December	Years 2, 3 & 4 Christmas Dinner
18 December	Years 5 & 6 Christmas Dinner
18 December	Choir Visit to The Hawthorns
<b>19 December</b>	<b>Last Day of Term (Christmas Jumpers)</b>