

Newsletter



Newsletter 11

6th February 2026

**Assembly themes - Next week: Lent
Week after Half Term: Forgiveness**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have enjoyed another busy, action-packed fortnight and I am sure that the children will be ready for the half term break in a week's time. Next week, we have Parent Teacher Consultations – if you need any help booking an appointment, please contact the school office. I will be available both evenings, if there is anything you would like to discuss with me. On Thursday morning, I will be with the children in the hall during the consultations but will be pleased to arrange an alternative time via the school office.



Great Athletes

We had a fantastic morning on Tuesday, when Sean Rose and Fred Afrifa from Great Athletes visited the school. Every class took part in a fitness circuit – hearing the children cheer each other on, and the enthusiasm they all showed was heartwarming. Next, Sean spoke to them about his life story, from his career in the military and the skiing competitions he had won, through his life changing injury to his subsequent incredible number of sporting achievements. His mantra was that he did not want to spend his life being miserable but wanted to be happy again, so he made the decision to use all the skills he had to achieve new dreams and goals. He was incredibly inspiring and motivational, and we were kept spellbound by his story.

[Sean Rose - Great Athletes](#)

[Frederick Afrifa - Great Athletes](#)

Thank you so much for supporting this event – it was a wonderful morning – and thank you to Mrs Mason for organising it. Sponsorship closes on Monday, so if you have any more money to send in, please do so by then.



Butterfly Poster Competition

Huge congratulations to Noah in Year 1, who won the Meadfleet Butterfly Poster competition. As well as winning an individual prize, he has also won £300 for the school to spend on the grounds. Meadfleet will be visiting the school to present the prizes after half term.



Wrap around Care

Our Wraparound care is very popular; we are delighted that these are working well for families, and that the earlier start of 7.30 a.m. for Breakfast Club is helpful. Due to our regular numbers, we are now at the point



Indoor Athletics

This week, we had two Indoor Athletics Teams competing – Upper and Lower KS2. The children from Years 5 and 6 had a very successful morning, winning a number of events and finishing 3rd in their heat. Years 3 and 4 continued this success; as well as winning several individual and team events, they also won their heat overall! We are now awaiting the final results – there were 16 other schools in the competition. Thank you to Mr Massey and Mrs Mason for taking the teams.



Basketball

The winning streak continued, with the Year 6 Basketball Team playing fantastically to win their 3v3 heat, which now means they progress to the next round! Thank you very much to Matt Eames for supporting the team – Matt’s experience as a coach and player has been absolutely invaluable – and Mrs Broad for taking the team!



Safer Internet Day

On Wednesday, it was National Safer Internet Day, and each class completed a range of activities and workshops based on the theme of *Smart Tech, Safe Choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI*. With the increasing amount of use of AI, it is important that our children have the skills and knowledge to make safe choices using smart technology. The range of activities covered were related to the age of the children and explored the impact of AI, how it can be used for good and guidance to empower them to use it safely and responsibly.

There are lots of ideas and resources for parents and carers on the following sites:

- [Parents and Carers - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)
- [Parents & carers | Childnet](#)
- [Keeping children safe online - Parent’s questions answered | Barnardo's](#)

Thank you very much to Mrs Pyle for organising the day.



Nursery Admissions

Thank you very much to everyone who has already made their application for siblings to join our Nursery in September 2026. If you need any information, advice or help, please contact the School Office. The link for applications is here: [Codicote C of E Primary School » Admissions](#). Visits to Nursery are always welcomed and can be arranged via the School Office.



Reception Reading Meeting

Thank you to everyone who came to the Reception Reading Meeting – we hope you found it useful – and to Mrs Ogle for leading it.



Outside Play Equipment

We appreciate all the hard work which has gone into raising the money for our play equipment by the PTFA and are pleased that children get maximum use out of it. I thought it would be helpful to remind everyone of how it can be used, as it is some time since I did so.

- The climbing frames can only be used by the children it is intended for: Nursery and Reception in the Foundation Stage area, Years 1 and 2 on the Year 1 & 2 climbing frame and Years 3 to 6 on the bottom play equipment. This applies at all times.
- Before school, no one is to play on the equipment.
- After school, children can play at their parent/carer's discretion, under their direct supervision, until the 326 Club children come outside.
- Other equipment is out of bounds, as it needs to be ready for the children to use in their learning. This includes the toys outside Nursery.

Please do not hesitate to contact us, if you have any questions regarding this.



Fire Service Inspection

We were pleased to welcome Herts Fire Service who visited the school as part of their inspection cycle. It was reassuring to know that we have all of the expected practice and protocols in place – we appreciate all of the work put in by Mr Loughman to ensure this. It was an unexpected bonus, that they were able to stay on for a while afterwards, so that the younger children could see the fire engine at close quarters and ask the firefighters some questions. It was very exciting!

Please remember that I am always happy to discuss any issues with you. Thank you for reading this newsletter.

Yours sincerely,
Liz Pollard
HEADTEACHER



Community News



News from St Giles - NEW - Cafe Church Extra - in the afternoon!

St Giles popular Cafe Church will be meeting on Sunday 15th February at 4pm in the PMH. All are welcome to come and enjoy pancakes with yummy toppings alongside a delicious hot chocolate or drink of your choice. There will be craft activities, a video clip, singing, a short talk and prayers linked to the theme: FLIPPIN' LENT. The cafe opens at 4pm.



Pre-School Easter Holiday Club

Codicote Preschool will be running an Easter Holiday Club this year, for children in Nursery, Reception and Year 1. Further details can be found on this link:

<https://codicotepreschool.co.uk/easter-holiday-club/>

Dance – Half term camps at Codicote School

WICKED FOR GOOD

DANCE WORKSHOP

Monday 16th & Tuesday 17th February 2026
9.30-3.30PM
Codicote Primary School SG4 8YL

AGES 5-11

DANCE ACRO
ACT GAMES
SING CRAFT

£28 PER DAY
£51 2 DAYS
SIBLING DISCOUNT AVAILABLE

TO BOOK:
DANCEDIMENSION.INFO@GMAIL.COM