



The Cambridge Primary School

Newsletter – Summer 1

Issued 23rd May 2025



A message from Mrs Kennedy

This newsletter may look a little different to our previous, and we hope you will find it an improvement. We have taken on board feedback from our communication survey last term and the general consensus was that the newsletter can be a little long, and sometimes overwhelming. We are hoping to streamline our communication, so please bear with us whilst we put this in place.

The half-termly newsletter will have this format. We will no longer be adding year group updates to each newsletter, but instead, from September, updating a gallery on our website.

There are a number of teachers who will be leaving us at the end of the school year. As always, it is sad to say goodbye to part of our team but we wish them all the best for their future. Mr Collins is relocating to Kent with his young family to work in a specialist SEND school, Miss Faul will be leaving to work at a local school to continue to develop as an experienced early years teacher, Mrs Craven will be moving to work in secondary education and Miss Hales, who won't be moving far, will be joining the new YR teaching team at Stanhope Primary School on the Wellesley development, which is opening in September. Miss Baker from the admin team will also be joining Miss Hales at Stanhope from September. These are exciting next steps for all our team and we wish them all the best. We have successfully recruited a number of new staff ready for September and we will share with you the new teachers and their classes just before our transition day in July.

As many of you know, I will be Executive Head Teacher across both The Cambridge and Stanhope from September and as I step into that role, Miss Tancock will be stepping up to Head of School at The Cambridge. Despite the new role, I am looking forward to being both visible and active in both school communities, keeping the connections with the children and families in both schools.

I wish you all a sunny half-term and am looking forward to all the fun, excitement and events that the second half of summer term brings. See you on Monday 9th June.



Dates



Last day of half-term – Friday 23rd May

Half Term – Monday 26th May – Friday 6th June

First Day back – Monday 9th June

Year R stay and play – Thursday 12th June 14:30-15:00

Tough Runner – Thursday 12th & Friday 13th June

Year 3 Sleepover – Friday 13th June

Sports Week – Monday 16th – Friday 20th June

Hawk Conservancy Trip (Holly Class) – Tuesday 1st July

Year 2 Hook day – 3rd July

Hawk Conservancy Trip (Birch Class) – Thursday 3rd July

Sports day (Military Stadium) – Friday 4th July

Friends of Cambridge Summer Festival – Saturday 5th July

Bocketts Trip (Willow Class) – Monday 7th July

Bocketts Trip (Oak Class) Tuesday 8th July

Wicked Trip (year 6) – Wednesday 9th July

Year R Stay and Play – Thursday 10th July 14:30 - 15:00

Year 5 Big Sleep – Friday 11th July

Reports sent home – Monday 14th July

Last week of clubs – Monday 14th July

Teddy Bears Picnic (New Reception children Only) – Wednesday 16th July 15:30-16:30

Last day of term – Tuesday 22nd July

Inset days Tuesday 2nd & Wednesday 3rd September

First day back – Thursday 4th September

PE Days – Summer 2

YR – Wednesday

Y1 – Monday & Tuesday (**Mon & Fri for week beginning 9th & 16th June**)

Y2 – Monday & Friday (**Mon & Tues for week beginning 9th & 16th June**)

Y3 – Tuesday & Wednesday

Y4 – Monday & Thursday

Y5 – Monday & Wednesday

Y6 – Tuesday & Thursday

Vacancies

We have the following vacancies, click on the school name for more information!

[Stanhope Primary School - Office Receptionist & Learning Support Assistants](#)

[The Cambridge Primary School – Finance Assistant & Part-time Class Teacher](#)



Sports Update

From Mr Payne



This half term we have been blessed with some unseasonably warm weather and it has been a pleasure to be teaching PE outside in the sunshine! The children have been playing cricket, hockey and tennis in their lessons as well as yoga for the first time this year!

After half term, we will be getting the children ready for Sports Day by practising the various events. Fingers crossed for some more dry weather!! Year 1 enjoyed their balance ride lessons back in April and the instructors were really impressed with the progress they made in a short space of time.

We also squeezed in a Year 5/6 netball tournament at Wavell School. Competing against 4 other schools, we managed to come away with a silver medal! A fantastic achievement by the team and a big thank you to Mrs Wilson and Miss Goodchild who have worked wonders with the children during netball club this year!

Finally, we held our first inter-house competition on Friday May 16th. Every year group completed the cross-country course and it was great to see the children displaying resilience, respect, determination and of course some competitiveness! Innovation house were victorious but there were only 5 points in it at the end of the event! There was a great buzz around the school and we look forward to the houses competing again at Sports Day in July!



Forthcoming Events

Thursday 3rd July – Boys Year 5/6 Football Tournament @ Calthorpe School

Friday 4th July – Whole school Sports Day @ Aldershot Military Stadium

Tuesday 8th July – Girls Year 5/6 Football Tournament @ Calthorpe School

🎵 Music Update 🎵

From Mrs Critchley



It has been lovely starting as the new music teacher here this term! There's been a wonderful sense of excitement as students grow in confidence and enthusiasm, especially with singing. Years one and two have enjoyed learning new songs and taking part in circle games, especially with Jessie Cat the puppet who likes to hide in our games! Classes in key stage 2 have been listening to a range of orchestral music, helping students discover new sounds and understand how different instruments work together. I have brought in some woodwind instruments to show the children, sparking lots of curiosity and great questions. Looking ahead, we're thrilled to share plans are underway for a brand-new music space from September. This exciting development will include a range of instruments and creative resources to support even more hands-on musical learning. I can't wait to see (and hear!) what we'll create together.

☁ Pupil Update ☁

The residential was an incredible experience. We learnt far more than we ever expected – from lighting fires using flint and steel to learning how to communicate as a team while blindfolded. It wasn't just about the activities; it was about building friendships, facing challenges, and realising what we're capable of when we push ourselves. Every day brought something new, and by the end of the trip, we all felt a little braver and a lot more confident. My favourite activity was the giant swing because it really tested my fear of heights and falling. At first, I was absolutely terrified—I wasn't even sure I could do it. But with my friends cheering me on, I went right up to the top. As I dropped, my heart raced, but then I started laughing! It turned out to be one of the best feelings I've ever had. I felt proud of myself for facing my fear and actually enjoying it. **By Ben Frost**

My favourite activity was abseiling. To begin with, I had to put on a special harness and helmet, and then step backwards off a high platform to walk down a vertical wall. I was really nervous—I'd never done anything like it before. But once I started, I realised I could trust the ropes and the instructors. Step by step, I made my way down, and by the time I reached the bottom, I felt amazing. I don't think I've felt that proud of myself in ages. It showed me that even when something seems scary, I can still do it. **By Jenson Jeatt**





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Governor Update



Well, that was a short half term! I do hope that you all had a good break over the Easter holidays and are enjoying the sunshine we are having. As this may continue, please do remember to ensure that the children have had sunscreen applied before school and also for them to bring a bottle of sunscreen with their name on should it be required at playtimes.

The last day before the Easter holidays was designated an INSET day (In Service Education and Training day). The staff and governors attended a full day meeting with staff and governors from the other 5 schools in the EEEa Trust. This was an invaluable opportunity, not only to hear from the CEO about future plans for the trust, listen to a very motivated and motivating speaker, but also to collaborate with teams from the other schools to exchange thoughts and ideas. Listening to others and growing our knowledge is a great way to learn new ideas!!

This half term saw Year 6 go on a one-week residential trip to the Little Canada PGL activity centre on the Isle of Wight. I have heard from staff and pupils that it was a GREAT success! It gave the children the chance to go on a ferry, some for their first time which I understand from their faces was a treat in itself before they even got to the PGL centre!! They had the opportunity to try out new activities, learned teamwork, to support and motivate each other and learn new outdoor skills. I would like to thank those staff that went on this trip for giving your children such a wonderful experience.

I and some of the governors also were present during the Y6 SATs tests to ensure that everything was carried out in line with strict government guidelines and procedures to ensure the smooth running and integrity of the test process. During my, and other governor visits into the school, we continue to see the pride that the children have in their work and their achievements. They are so keen and willing to share with us what they have done! It is a pleasure to see and is testament to all the staff at The Cambridge for their professionalism and teamwork in growing today's children into tomorrow's adults.

Do enjoy the upcoming half term holiday and here's looking forward to a great last half term of this academic year.

Keith Greatbatch, Co-Chair of Governors



School Update



In line with our School Development Plan ([available on our website](#)), this term has seen an embedded change in the way we teach reading across the school, with even more engaging, focused activities in Y2-Y6, which give the children the opportunity to practice and strengthen their fluency and comprehension skills. In Y1, small focused reading groups take place 3 times a week across the school. Both the children and adults leading these love this time of the day, where reading confidence can grow and a love for reading can deepen.

Our writing curriculum continues to be reviewed ensuring that the texts which are used to model good writing are engaging and exciting for all. The children have responded well to this and are producing some wonderful written pieces, showcasing strong knowledge of grammar and punctuation throughout. Our governors recently carried out a monitoring visit to see these things in place, and spoke with the children about 'life at the Cambridge' to understand better from their perspective.

the nest Update

The children at the Nest have had a busy half term. They used their creative skills decorating cookies with icing and lots of sprinkles. Best part was eating them at the end.

On a Friday afternoon, the children at the Nest, worked together to create a wall mural, each adding their own personal contribution.

Children enjoy playing on the floor mats with Lego, Waffle Blocks and Cars, while others enjoy the variety of tabletop games, such as card games and puzzles.

New activities were added to the Nest this half term (kinetic sand and air hockey) which the children have been excited to use.

Mrs Aldridge and the Nest team.

