



The Cambridge Primary School

Newsletter – Autumn 1

Issued 3rd October 2025

A message from Mrs Kennedy



It has been fantastic to see how well all our pupils have settled into their classes this term. The children have shown remarkable resilience and enthusiasm for learning, and it's been a pleasure to watch them grow in confidence and develop positive relationships with their peers and teachers.

Meet the Teacher Events Thank you to all the parents who attended our meet the teacher events this term. The turnout was excellent, and it was lovely to see so many of you taking the time to connect with your child's class teacher and learn more about what your children will be experiencing this year. These partnerships between home and school are vital to your child's success.

Our School Development Priorities This year, we are focusing on several key priorities to ensure the very best outcomes for all our children:

- **Reading Excellence.** We are continuing to raise attainment and standards in early reading and reading outcomes across the school.
- **Writing Development.** We are enhancing our writing curriculum across the school to ensure increased attainment and standards for writing.
- **Consistency Across the School.** We are working to ensure overall consistency in our approaches across the school in teaching and learning, behaviour, and safeguarding. While these systems are already in place and working well, we are committed to refining and strengthening them further to provide the very best experience for every child.

Staff Training and Development Our staff team has been engaged in important professional development this term to support these priorities and keep our children safe:

- All staff have attended whole school safeguarding training
- Staff have completed focused training on Prevent, equipping them to identify and support children vulnerable to radicalisation and exposure to extremist views
- Staff have completed health and safety training
- Our governors have also attended separate safeguarding training

This training ensures that all staff and leaders are confident in our systems and processes for safeguarding, and that we maintain the highest standards of care for your children.

New Playground Markings A huge thank you to our wonderful Friends of The Cambridge (PTA) for funding our new playground markings! These have been incredibly well used at playtimes, bringing fresh energy and creativity to break times. The children have thoroughly enjoyed exploring the new games and activities, and it's wonderful to see them so engaged and active during their outdoor time.

A Gentle Reminder If you ever have any concerns or worries about your child, please remember that the best first step is to speak with your child's class teacher. They know your child well and are best placed to address any issues promptly. If needed, concerns can then be raised with Miss Holmes (Upper School Assistant Headteacher) or Mrs Edwards (Lower School Assistant Headteacher), who are always happy to support.

Your continued support and communication with the school is invaluable. We truly appreciate the positive partnership we have with our families, and the way you engage with your children's learning and development.

Vacancies

We have no vacancies currently, however keep an eye on our website for any updates!

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Sports Update

From Mr Payne



We have been making the most of the warm autumnal weather this half term and the children have enjoyed taking part in a variety of outdoor activities. Year 5 have been lucky enough to receive some professional hockey coaching and Year 6 have been receiving professional football coaching from Aldershot Town FC. Key stage 2 children have also been playing rounders and basketball, Year 1 have taken part in balance ride sessions and the new Reception children have been working together in their house teams and learning how to use the PE equipment safely and sensibly. We have lots of exciting extra-curricular opportunities for the children this year so please keep an eye on emails and this newsletter for information!

PE Uniform Reminders

There are still a large number of children coming to school on their PE days wearing jewellery/earrings. A reminder that all jewellery should be left at home on your child's PE day and earrings **MUST** be taped at home before children come to school if they are unable to be removed. Only stud earrings are permitted. Long hair must also be tied up and correct PE uniform should be worn. Many thanks for your cooperation.

Active Travel

We promote active travel at The Cambridge and monitor children's journeys to school each morning. Please remember we offer 2 park and stride locations at St. Andrew's Garrison Church and Fox Lines car park. We also have ample bike and scooter storage on site. If children make 2 active journeys to school each week for a month, they will receive a badge.

Mr Payne

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PE Days:

Reception: Thursday
Year 1: Monday and Friday
Year 2: Monday and Tuesday
Year 3: Tuesday and Wednesday
Year 4: Monday and Thursday
Year 5: Tuesday and Wednesday
Year 6: Monday and Thursday



🎵 Music Update 🎵

From Mrs Critchley

Our new Music classroom is very much up and running! Each class now comes to the music classroom for their weekly music lesson. Reception and Year 1 are having lots of fun singing, dancing and playing circle games whilst Years 2 and 3 are learning the ukulele as a whole class. Years 4 to 6 are learning the keyboard and all classes have been showing me great determination with the new challenge. I have also begun our lunchtime clubs; I encourage all children to come along and get involved! There are spaces available for piano lessons with Miss Elliott and drum lessons with Mr Bryant if anyone would like to sign up for lessons, please contact the school office!

Monday lunchtimes - Y5 and Y6 Choir

Tuesday lunchtimes - Y5 and Y6 Orchestra

Wednesday lunchtimes - Y3 and Y4 Choir

Thursday lunchtimes - Y1 and Y2 Choir

Friday lunchtimes - Y3 and Y4 Orchestra



School Update



For those who didn't catch it, next year's teaching teams and classes are as follows:

Year R	Oak Class Mrs Neumann	Willow Class Miss Boyer
Year 1	Birch Class (Previously Oak) Miss Davis	Holly Class (Previously Willow) Miss Rees
Year 2	Chestnut Class (Previously Holly) Mrs Hislop	Beech Class (Previously Birch) Miss Begum
Year 3	Turner Class (Previously Beech) Miss Goodchild	McCarthy Class (Previously Chestnut) Mr Barrios
Year 4	Scarlett Class (Previously Turner) Mrs Tack	Hope Grant Class (Previously McCarthy) Miss Hayer
Year 5	Alexander Class (Previously Hope Grant) Mrs Beeson (W,Th,F) and Mrs Douglas (M&T)	Peirce Class (Previously Scarlett) Mr McCormack
Year 6	Arnhem Class (Previously Peirce) Mrs Soane	Montgomery Class (Previously Alexander) Mr Irvine



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Governor Update



Here we are again at the start of another school year, and a warm welcome to all newcomers - pupils, parents and staff - I hope that your time at the Cambridge is a positive and enjoyable experience for you.

Also, of course, welcome back to everybody else; all those who have helped to make this school the happy and thriving community it is today.

By the time you read this, the children will be well settled into their classes and routines, exploring the curriculum for their new year group and, as always, learning something new every day. Year 5 have already taken part in an Egyptian workshop and I know that much more is planned for the coming weeks.

We are very fortunate at the Cambridge to have such a highly skilled, enthusiastic and talented team of teachers. I know that they have all given much time and thought to what and how they will teach each subject and that they will be hoping the pleasure they take in sharing their knowledge and love of learning will transfer itself to their pupils.

We also have a team of dedicated and talented support staff, working throughout the school. Without all these people the Cambridge would not be able to function.

But of course, they could not fulfil their roles without the strength, support and guidance of our wonderful Leadership team, with Mrs Kennedy and Miss Tancock at the helm. Their ambitious plans for the progress and development of every pupil are at the forefront of the many, often difficult, decisions that they make every day. I believe that your children couldn't be in safer hands.

I know I speak for all the governors in saying that we are proud to be a part of the Cambridge community, and in wishing everybody here a happy and fruitful year, with plenty to celebrate along the way.

Theresa Pitfield

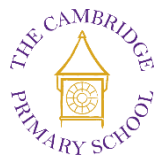
Chair of Governors

the nest Update

From Mrs Aldridge

I am privileged to be taking The Nest Wrap Around Care into its 5th year with our fantastic Nest team. We welcome our reception children, who have settled in well and getting to know the routine and our children who have been with us for a number of years but we miss last year's Yr. 6 children who are now at secondary school. Breakfast and snack are social events, with the children independently serving their breakfast and buttering their toast. The children enjoy free-style arts and crafts, where they make their own creations, on their own or with friends. Events such as Halloween, mothers and father's days are celebrated with organised craft. Some of our children like to play football, which they do with a foam ball in the hall, forming their own teams and rules. The children love spending time outside (in all weather) with space hoppers, large cones, footballs and the new activities painted on the ground. If the weather is good, the children have their snack outside.





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Dates



Year 6 PGL Liddington Residential – 29th September– 3rd October

Windsor Trip (Chestnut Class) – Thursday 2nd

October America Theme Lunch Day (Whole School) - 2nd October

Windsor Trip (Beech Class) – 3rd October

Year 5 and Year 6 Cross Country - 7th and 14th October

Year R Stay n' Play – 9th October 14:30-15:00

WW1 Year 6 Hook Day – 10th October

Alexander Class Assembly – 10th October 14:30-15:00

Prospective Parent Tours - 13th & 14th October

Sports Leader Training – 15th October (Year 6 Sports Leaders)

Year 2 Hook Day – Dress as anything related to castles 17th October

Year 1 Hook Day – Mini Beasts 17th October

Last day of term – 17th October

First day back for pupils – 3rd November

Y2 Hook Day – Dress as someone in the community 3rd November

School Nurse Visit – 5th November

FOTC Firework Evening (Whole School) - 5th November