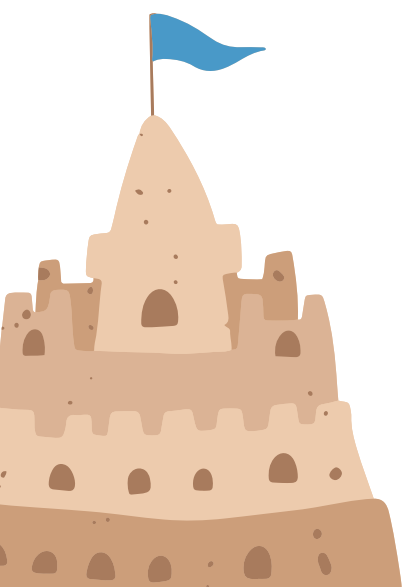
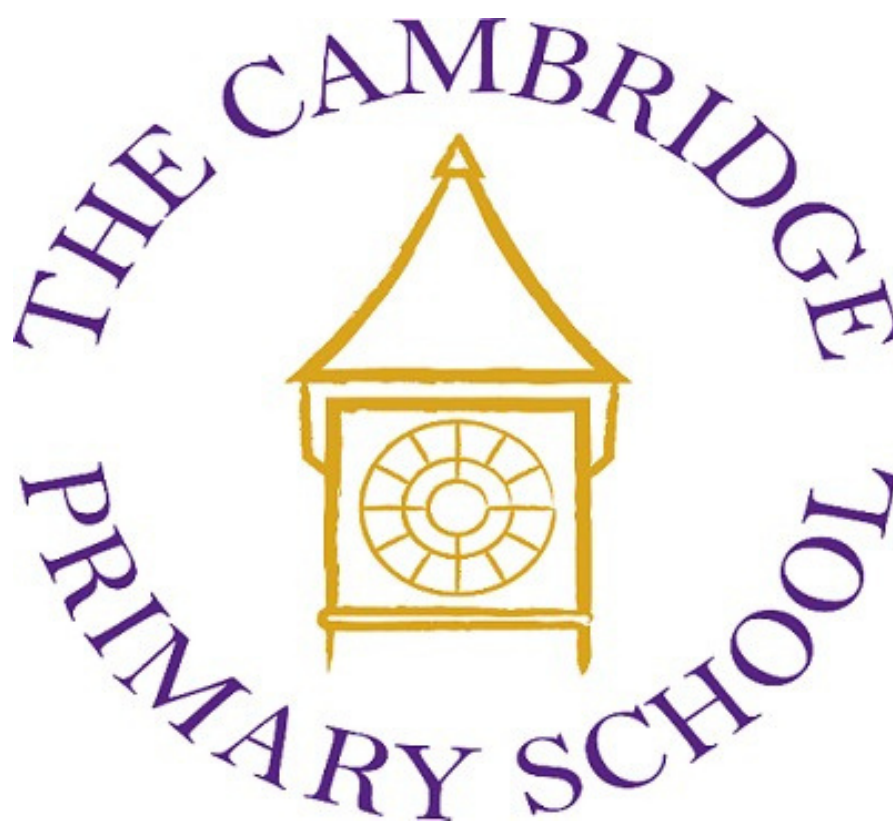


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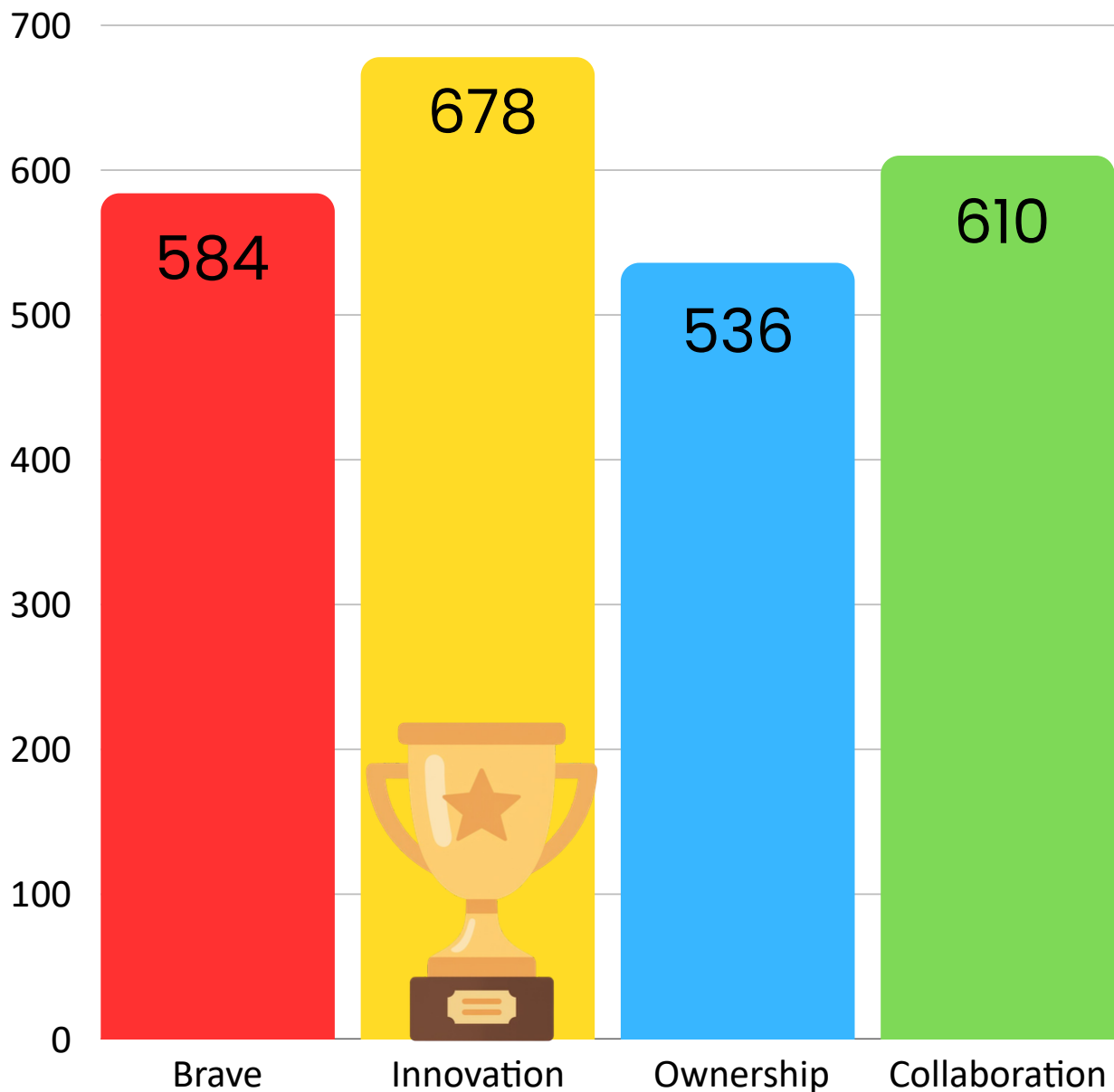
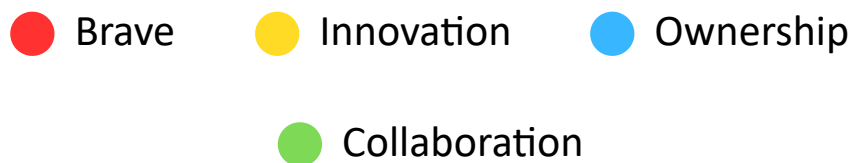
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A message from Our Governors

As we move into the Summer term, it has been lovely to see The Cambridge continue to grow as a safe, happy and inclusive learning community. As governors, we remain focused on supporting the school's vision of helping every child achieve their potential academically, personally, socially and emotionally.

This term is always a busy and exciting part of the school year, with children continuing to develop their confidence, curiosity and independence. The Cambridge curriculum places real importance on learning beyond the classroom, including enrichment, wellbeing, teamwork and the BICO learning characteristics of being Brave, Innovative, Collaborative and taking Ownership. These qualities are so important in helping pupils prepare not just for the next stage of school, but for life beyond The Cambridge.

A key part of our role as governors is to provide support and challenge to school leaders, ensuring that decisions remain focused on the best outcomes for all children. I continue to be impressed by the commitment of staff, the enthusiasm of pupils, and the support of families across the school community.

Thank you, as always, for the part you play in making The Cambridge such a positive and welcoming place.

Roger Harnden
Trust Governor

A message from Mrs Kennedy, Headteacher

The first half of the summer term is always a busy one, but I have been incredibly impressed with the focus and determination shown by both staff and children in making every minute count. Thank you also to those parents who have taken on board my request in the last newsletter to ensure children are in school by 8:40am and ready to begin learning at 8:45am—this strong start to the day really does make a difference.

Next week, our Year 6 pupils will be taking their statutory assessments (SATs). This is an important milestone as they prepare for the transition to secondary school, where they will encounter further assessments in the years ahead. We have spoken to the rest of the school about being mindful of the need for a calm and purposeful environment during this time.

While we always encourage children to do their very best, this should never come at the expense of their wellbeing. Media coverage can sometimes create unnecessary pressure around SATs, so we kindly ask parents to help minimise children's exposure to this. Our priority is that pupils approach the week with confidence and a positive mindset. To support this, we will be offering a breakfast provision each morning (which may be in addition to breakfast at home) to ensure they are well-fuelled and ready for the day. On behalf of the whole school community, we wish our Year 6 pupils the very best of luck—they have all the skills they need, and now it is about believing in themselves.

After the May half-term, Year 4 pupils will complete the statutory Multiplication Tables Check. In addition, Year 1, along with some Year 2 pupils, will take part in the Phonics Screening Check. Outcomes from all statutory assessments will be shared with parents in the end-of-year reports.

Since Easter, Mr Payne has been teaching in Year 3, while we have been working with an external provider to deliver PE lessons across the school. The children have thoroughly enjoyed these sessions—cricket has been a particular favourite! From September, Mr Payne will return to teaching PE across the school.

We have also been preparing for some changes within our senior leadership team from September 2026. Mrs Edwards will begin her maternity leave in July as she prepares to welcome her first child—we send her our very best wishes for this exciting new chapter. We are delighted to welcome Mr Cahill, who will be joining us as Assistant Headteacher in September. Alongside this, we have made several internal appointments, including Phase Leaders and a Digital Lead. These appointments are a wonderful celebration of the talent, commitment and expertise within our school community.





Mrs Kennedy – Executive Head Teacher of Cambridge Primary and Stanhope Primary			
Miss Tancock - Head of School (Cambridge Primary)		Mr Tomlinson – Head of Inclusion across Cambridge Primary and Stanhope Primary	
Mr Cahill – Assistant Head (Cambridge Primary)	Miss Holmes – Assistant Head (Cambridge Primary)	Mrs Abbot-Cole – SENCO (Cambridge Primary)	
Mrs Hislop – Phase Leader (Year 1 & Year 2)	Mr Barrios – Phase Leader (Year 3 & Year 4)	Mr Irvine – Phase Leader (Year 5 & Year 6)	Mr McCormack – Strategic Lead for Digital Learning



Come and relax, have a bite to eat, socialise and show off what you have learnt in your SATS.

8:30-8:55

SATS BREAKFAST

** All year 5's welcome **

📍 OUTSIDE OF YEAR 6 CLASSROOMS

A VARIETY OF BAKED GOODS AND JUICES WILL BE SERVED



MONDAY 11TH, TUESDAY 12TH, WEDNESDAY 13TH AND THURSDAY 14TH



MUSIC UPDATE

from Mrs Critchley

This term we have begun running our music assemblies on a weekly basis. It has been lovely to see children grow in confidence to perform in front of their peers and see their progress from their instrument lessons during solo performances. Congratulations to all our children who have taken piano exams recently and a big thank you to our piano teacher Rhian Elliott for all her hard work in preparing the children.

Piano Results

Adomas (Year 6) received a merit in Grade 2

Sophia (Year 4) received a distinction in her initial Grade

A (Year 4) received a Merit in her initial Grade

During class lessons Years 4 to 6 have been continuing to develop their keyboard skills. Year 4 are learning to play Bill Withers's Lean on Me, Year 5 are learning One Direction's What Makes You Beautiful, and Year 6 are learning Lewis Capaldi's Someone You Loved. Please encourage children to play to you at home!





The Cambridge Primary School

Mrs Aldridge and The Nest Team

AN UPDATE FROM MRS ALDRIDGE

The Nest children are spending more time outside with the lovely sunny days. They love the space hoppers and spinning cones. We have introduced music which they love to dance to.

They have made cress heads to celebrate the summer. The regular activities, animals, puzzles and dress up are still very popular.

During an afternoon when they couldn't go outside due to the weather, they made paper aeroplanes and had a competition to see which would fly the furthest.



Nest Text/Phone: 07761042020





What is the nest?

The Nest is the Wrap Around Care that is run by members of Cambridge Staff
(breakfast club and after school club)

Who can attend the nest?

Any pupil of the Cambridge School

What are the timings for the nest?

Breakfast club 07.30 to 08.30 – children go straight to class from The Nest

After School Club there are 3 timings for the afternoon

15.15 – 16.15 (short session)

15.15 – 18.00 (long session)

16.15 – 18.00 (medium session where the children attend career clubs and then come to the nest)

How do I book?

All bookings are done on Arbor 24 hours in advance

Can I use childcare vouchers?

Yes

Where do I drop off/collect from?

All drop off and collection is at The Nest gate which is located in the staff parking area)

How do I contact the nest directly?

The nest has its own mobile phone (07761 042 020)

How do I cancel the nest?

Email thenest@cambridgeschool.hants.sch.uk for any amendments to existing bookings.

Booking on the day

Bookings are not able to be made on the day

Requests can be emailed or a call to the school

These booking will be charged with an emergency cost.

Requests from the Nest

Please notify the Nest by text message or email if you have booked and your child is not attending

Mr. Payne, P.E Specialist

We've had a very busy start to the summer term with lots happening across PE and the whole school! Bling Your Bike day was a huge success with so many creative entries! Well done to all the winners! Year 5 have started their swimming lessons and also took part in 3 days of Bikeability training - feedback from all of the instructors has been very positive and it's been great to see the children making the most of these opportunities! On Saturday 25th April, 25 children from across the school took part in the London Mini Marathon and our very own Mrs Wilson completed the marathon on Sunday in a fantastic time of 4hours 37 minutes! Some of our Year 5 boys also took part in a tournament at Aldershot Town recently. They won all their group games and narrowly missed out on a place in the final, losing on penalties in the semi-final.

Upcoming events

June 16th - Year 3-6 girls football tournament
June 30th - Year 3-6 boys football tournament
July 10th - Sports Day at Aldershot Military Stadium

For information on after school football clubs and
easter football camp

