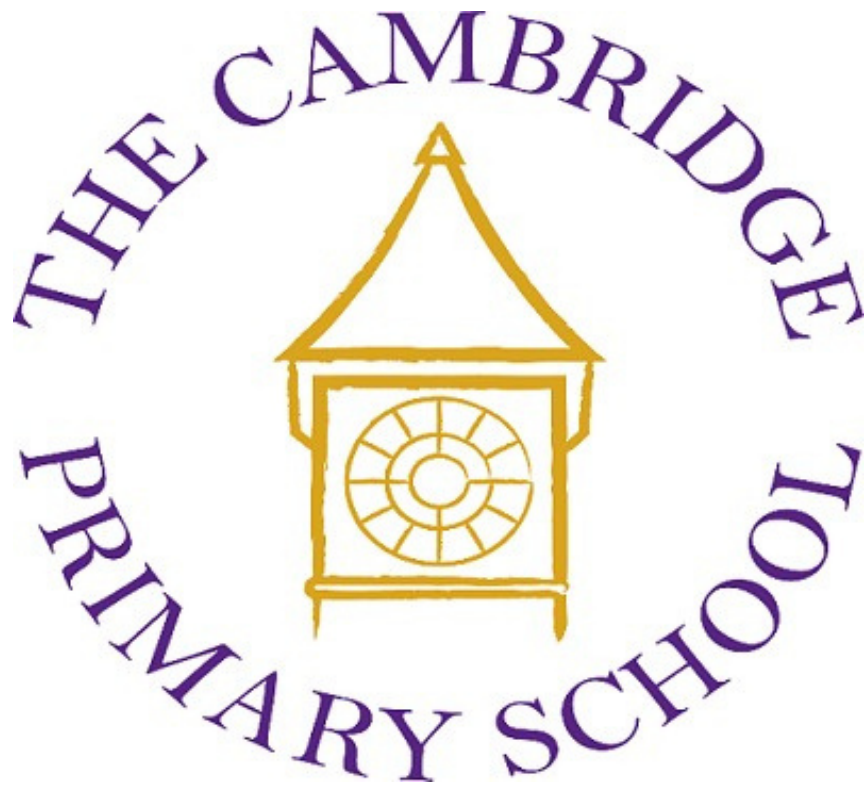
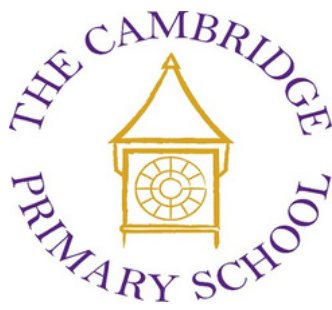


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School Updates

Meet the Teacher Meetings September 2026-changes to dates

Please be advised some of the Meet the Teacher sessions in September have changed days. See the table below.

Monday 7 th September	Tuesday 8 th September	Thursday 10 th September
Year 5 and Year 6	Year 3 and Year 4	Year 1 and Year 2

These meetings will take place in your child's classroom straight after school. They will last no longer than 20 minutes. Information about the year will be shared.

Further information will follow in September.

Free School Meals

upcoming changes to the eligibility criteria for Free School Meals will come into effect from September 2026.

You may now be eligible please use the link below to check

[Free school meals checker](#)

School reports

Please complete the form to confirm you have received and read your child's end of year school report. Comments are welcome.

[End of Year Report Confirmation 2026](#)

Parking Permits

The Cambridge will be implementing a parking permit system starting in September. Access to our car parks will require a valid permit. If you wish to apply for a permit, please do so using the following link.

[Parking permit request form](#)

A message from Our Headteachers

As we reach the end of another academic year, I find it hard to believe that this is our final newsletter before the summer holidays. What a remarkable year it has been. From residential visits, hook days, sports days, educational trips, Year 5 show and our whole-school trip to the pantomime, the children have enjoyed a wealth of opportunities that have enriched their learning and created lasting memories.

This year has been particularly significant for our school, and I am delighted to share that The Cambridge has recently been recognised as a Lead School for Music. This achievement is a testament to the dedication, passion and expertise of Mrs Critchley, whose leadership of our music curriculum continues to provide exceptional learning experiences and enrichment opportunities for our children.

Beyond the classroom, our pupils have benefited from an extensive range of sporting opportunities. Through partnerships with external coaches, organisations and local clubs, children have developed new skills, competed in tournaments and represented our school with pride. Thank you Mr Payne for your commitment to providing these opportunities for the children. We have also welcomed a variety of visitors who have helped bring learning to life, from the police and fire service to inspirational speakers who have shared their experiences and motivated our children to aim high.

When I look back to September, it is incredible to reflect on everything we have achieved together. The year has been packed with memorable experiences, challenges and successes, and throughout it all our children have continued to grow, develop and shine.

Alongside these achievements, we have spent time this year reflecting on our school's vision and values. As part of this work, we will be launching a refreshed school identity in September. Our children have already begun exploring what this means through assemblies and class discussions, and we are excited to share more with families in the new academic year. At the heart of this work is a simple belief: **At The Cambridge, we show that we care.** We demonstrate this through our values, our high expectations and the way we support one another as a community. We look forward to bringing this vision to life even further in September.

This time of year always brings mixed emotions as we say farewell to one cohort and prepare to welcome new families into our school community.

Our current Year 6 cohort perfectly reflects the unique nature of our school community. Over 100 children have been part of this year group during their time at The Cambridge, with only 29 having been with us continuously since Reception. This highlights the highly mobile nature of the community we serve, but it also demonstrates one of the greatest strengths of our children: their resilience, kindness and ability to welcome others.

No matter when they joined us, every child who has been part of this cohort has contributed something special. They have embraced new friendships, welcomed new classmates and shown tremendous pride in being part of The Cambridge family. As they move on to the next stage of their education, we celebrate the unique journey each child has taken and the contribution they have made to our school.

The final weeks of term have provided many opportunities for Year 6 to celebrate their time with us. Highlights have included an unforgettable trip to London's West End to watch *Wicked*, organising and running their own World War II-themed summer fete for the school community, and taking part in our end-of-year celebration assembly. These events have been a fitting reflection of the creativity, leadership and spirit they have shown throughout their time at The Cambridge.

To all of our Year 6 pupils: thank you for the memories, the laughter and the example you have set for younger children. We are incredibly proud of you and wish you every success and happiness as you begin your next adventure.

At the end of each school year, we also take the opportunity to thank staff who are moving on to new opportunities.

This year we say goodbye to **Mr Grant, Mrs Cody, Miss Skeet, Mrs May and Mrs Soane.** Each of them has made a valuable contribution to our school community and has supported countless children and families throughout their time with us.

On behalf of everyone at The Cambridge, thank you for your dedication, hard work and commitment. You will be greatly missed, and we wish you the very best for the future.

As another successful school year draws to a close, I would like to thank all of our parents and carers for your continued support. The partnership we share between home and school plays such an important role in helping our children thrive, and we truly appreciate everything you do.

I hope you all enjoy a safe, happy and restful summer break, filled with opportunities to make special memories with family and friends. Thank you for being part of our school community and for working with us throughout the year.

We look forward to welcoming both familiar and new faces back in September for another exciting chapter at The Cambridge.

With very best wishes,
Mrs Kennedy and Miss Tancock

A message from Our School Governors

Dear All

It hardly seems possible that we are in the throes of another 'sprint finish'. Soon, The Cambridge will welcome a new cohort and new arrivals. For now, however, this is the time for reflection and celebration with the anticipation of rest and relaxation.

As we close the current chapter at The Cambridge, we are already preparing for the new academic year. Recently, teachers had the opportunity to reflect, give feedback and to spotlight their ideas for exciting times ahead. Their presentations to Governors were innovative, creative, informative, and forward thinking. It was evident that children's learning and progress were at the very heart of their proposals and vision.

Our recent Safeguarding Review is a testament to the commitment and dedication of all at The Cambridge. Highlights from the report include "...the school not only meets the statutory requirements but consistently exceeds them, creating an environment where every child is empowered to thrive".

The glowing report continues to shine with children declaring the school as a "great and safe environment..." with "enjoyable learning and loads of things to do". Children stated their "lovely teachers... speak to you and help whenever you need it". As a school, we are so very proud. Well done to Miss Tancock and her Safeguarding team.

A recent Governor visit to observe initiatives and approaches to pupil writing has shown how the changes put in place last year are paying off in terms of improving progress across the school and Mrs Hislop is to be commended for her hard work in this area.

There is however, a bittersweet end to this year as we say 'goodbye' to Year 6 who have worked extremely hard and have made 'Team Cambridge' forever proud. They have shown immense spirit as they negotiated SATs with remarkable resilience, maturity and determination. Super results! They will be missed.

Farewell treats included an overnight camp with Year 5. It was no surprise that it rained overnight but we hear this only added to the earlier water activities and excited drenching. Year 6 will have a magical time when they travel to see 'Wicked'; a perfect ending to their time here with us. We wish our Class of 2025/26, every success.

Moving on to more school news as we hurtle forward in our 'sprint finish'. We want to highlight a mere snippet of memorable moments. 'Mini Warriors' found the whole school competing in physical challenges. A nail biting 'Tug o' War' contest between teachers and Year 6 concluded the event. Dare I mention who won? Therefore, swiftly moving on...

We also, throw the spotlight on to our amazing Year 3. After an array of fun activities and a visit to the ice cream van, children enjoyed their classroom sleepover. Last but certainly not the least, we hear that children and teaching staff are looking forward to their 'meet and greet' during Transition Day coming up very soon. Exciting!

Too many end of year activities and successes to mention. We hope children and staff have fun in these closing moments. We truly acknowledge the dedication, commitment and drive shown by Staff for our inspirational and happy school.

A big 'thank you' goes out to our Friends of The Cambridge for their wonderful fundraising initiatives and tireless efforts and to our parents and carers; your continued support motivates us all and is invaluable.

To all in 'Team The Cambridge', an enormous heartfelt thank you. When the clock strikes for 'Schools Out!', relax, enjoy time with family and friends and indulge in a well-deserved rest.

Dawn Cooper.
School Governor.



Sports Update

Mr. Payne, P.E Specialist

Summer is always a busy term for PE and this year we also had the heat to contend with! Although we have had to adapt a lot of lessons, we were still able to attend some events and have some fun in the sun! In PE lessons, the children practised hard for Sports Day, and all took part brilliantly on the day at Aldershot Military Stadium. It is always great to see the children representing their houses with such pride and passion! We were blessed with another hot day but this did not seem to affect the children's enthusiasm! Well done to yellow house for coming out on top this year! The Year 3&4 boys and girls both attended football tournaments at Samuel Cody school in June. They were all fantastic, with the boys earning the bronze medal, and the girls earning the silver! To celebrate Sports Week, we had a visit from Mini Warriors. The children showed great resilience, teamwork and determination and there was even time for a Year 6 v teachers tug of war!





Active Travel

As a school, we continue to promote active travel and have had several initiatives in place over the past couple of years to encourage more families to scoot, walk and cycle to school. Last year we achieved the bronze Modeshift award and this year we are hoping to achieve silver! This award recognises our commitment to active travel and promoting it throughout the school. This year we once again appointed Junior Road Safety Officers, took part in Walk to School Week, held a Bling Your Bike day and continued monitoring journeys to school using Travel Tracker. Thanks to everyone's continued support with this we have achieved the following:



58% of our pupils now walk, cycle or scoot to school

90% of children who live less than 1 mile from school are walking or scooting to school

97% of children wear a helmet when cycling to school





MUSIC UPDATE

from Mrs Critchley



We recently took our Years 3 and 4 Choir to sing in the Rushmoor Choir Festival hosted at The Wavell School. Our choir performed two songs in a concert to parents at the end of the day and everyone enjoyed a whole day of singing! A big well done to Lacie (4S) who sang a beautiful solo.

Well done to our Rocksteady bands who performed in the end of term concert and thank you to James Hutchinson, our Rocksteady teacher for preparing the children so well. We say farewell to many of our Rocksteady students as they move on to Secondary schools and hope they continue making music at their new schools. If anyone would like to sign up to play in a rock band, please visit <https://booking.rocksteadymusicschool.com/>



Our new guitar teacher from The Rock and Pop Foundation visited the school last week and led an assembly to the whole school. We had lots of enthusiastic children who were keen to begin lessons which was lovely. Please visit <https://www.rockandpopfoundation.com/enrol> to sign up. Any questions please contact Mrs Critchley via the school office.





AN UPDATE FROM MRS ALDRIDGE

As we head to the end of the school year, I am privileged and grateful to have been part of it from the very beginning in September 2021.

Watching the children grow has been a wonderful experience (the children who were in Reception in September 2021 are going into Year 5 in September 2026).

Our children love being outside in the lovely summer mornings and afternoons.

Art creations and dolls remain a firm favourite, whilst they enjoyed a visit from Mr Jones's millipedes.

We wish all our children and their families a relaxing summer holiday.

Mrs Aldridge and the Nest team.

Mrs Aldridge and The Nest Team



Friends of Cambridge Preloved Uniforms

Welcome to The Cambridge Primary School's
online Preloved Uniform Shop.

Run by a team of FOC volunteers.

We have good quality affordable preloved uniform
items.

Orders will be given to children at school.

Individual arrangements will be made for
delivery/collection during the school holidays.

Funds raised go towards the school's chosen
charity,
'Friends of Cambridge'.



10-4pm
Saturday 25th July

FAMILY FUN DAY



COME AND JOIN US FOR A DAY OF FUN
BOUNCY CASTLES, SLIDES, LASER TAG
AND MORE...

Saturday 25th July
10-4pm - £10 for a day of unlimited fun on
all of the equipment

Robert Mays School, West Street, Odiham

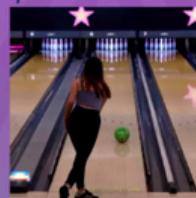
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Discounted Activities Summer Holidays



26th July | Lagoon Waterpark Reading | 2pm | £6.50
| Bucklebury Farm | 10am | £10
3rd Aug | Bowling Reading | 6pm | £3.50
| Paddleboarding Wokingham | 1pm | 1:30pm | £7.50
7th Aug | Paddleboarding Pangbourne
10am | 11am | 12pm | £6.50
8th Aug | Lagoon Waterpark Reading | 2pm | £6.50
20th Aug | Paddleboarding Pangbourne
10am | 11am | 12pm | £6.50

All discounted prices are subsidised by Spotlight UK



For more details please email activities@spotlightuk.org

Discounted Activities Summer Holidays

21st July | Bowling Camberley | 6pm | £3.50
22nd July | Atmosphere Basingstoke | 6pm | £4
27th July | High Score Farnborough | 1pm | 2pm | 3pm | £5
28th July | High Score Andover | 1pm | 2pm | 3pm | £5
29th July | Flipout Basingstoke | 1pm | £6.50
31st July | Ice Skating Basingstoke | 11:30am | £6.50
| 360 Play Farnborough | 6:30pm | £3 - £4.50
4th Aug | Bowling Basingstoke | 6pm | £3.50
6th Aug | Donutting Aldershot | 1:30pm | £6.50
7th Aug | Glo Golf & Laser Tag Andover | 6pm | £6.50
| Bowling & Laser Tag Andover | 6:30pm | £6.50
11th Aug | Bowling & Laser Tag Camberley | 6:30pm | £6.50
18th Aug | Family Swim Basingstoke | 2pm | £4 - £7
21st Aug | Donutting Aldershot | 1:30pm | £6.50
24th Aug | Ice Skating Basingstoke | 11:30am | £6.50
28th Aug | 360 Play Farnborough | 6:30pm | £3 - £4.50

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DISCOUNTED BIG DAYS OUT

Disclaimer - these are the price for non members



19th July & 9th Aug | Thorpe Park | £25
1st Aug | Paultons Park | £37
2nd Aug | Legoland | £25
3rd Aug | Cadbury's World | £22
4th Aug | Marwell Zoo | £19 - £22
5th & 13th Aug | 4 Kingdoms | £9.50
6th & 27th Aug | Finkley Down Farm | £12
10th Aug | Butlins Bognor Regis | £20
15th Aug | Alton Towers | £25
16th Aug | Chessington | £27

To book, please email
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