

Thursday 17th July 2025 — Number 11 — Summer Term



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Headteacher Update

- Thank you Ash class for the tasty treats in the FOPS cake sale on Monday.
- On Monday, we welcomed the County English and Maths Advisors into school as we continue to develop our school curriculum and plan for next academic year.
- Well done to the Mother Goose children who came to watch the dress rehearsal on Tuesday - you clearly enjoyed the performance and watched beautifully!
- We are so very proud of the year 5 & 6 pupils for their performances of 'What a Knight'. They were absolutely fantastic and all shone! The staff all agree that as you sang and acted, being kind, brave and adventurous is a wonderful way to be and having a supportive dragon for a best friend sounds amazing!
- Well done to our EYFS pupils who joined us for their last transition session and welcomed mums and dads into the classroom to share with them the learning environment. Have a lovely summer and we very much look forward to when you join our school in September.
- It is a busy time of year so there is lots to update you on. Thank you for reading this. More information to follow in Monday's Learning Link.



Collective Worship

- This week, we have a variety of celebrations to enjoy thanks to our music and Upper KS2 performances. We draw our theme of trust, for the half term, to a conclusion as we are encouraged to reflect on being brave and trusting as we take our next step this week and at the end of this academic year.
- Next week, we end our school year with our church service and events celebrating success and transition. We particularly focus on our wonderful year 6 and their journey throughout their time at our school. We very much trust that they have the skills, knowledge and personalities which will enable them to thrive as they move on to their new schools.

Sports Day

Friday 18th July – 9:15am

Pupils and staff are really looking forward to our annual sports day tomorrow.

Please ensure that pupils have a sun hat, are wearing sun cream and have a named water bottle.

Parents and carers are welcome to attend the event.

Please arrive at the Rec gate for 9.15 am.

Please note, the gate will be locked at 9.20 am to ensure that staff can support pupils as they start the event.

After this, entry and exit during the event will be via the Sensory Garden gate. Please note, you may need to wait for staff to be available to open the gate.

As your child/children begin the carousel of activities, please remain on the outside of the running track as you support and encourage your child/children. Only staff and school pupils should be inside the running track at any time.

The school equipment and furniture is out of bounds at all times for everybody, especially young children. This includes the Trim Trail, tyres, EYFS area and patio resources.

In line with our E-safety policy, any photos or videos that you take must be of your own child and for personal use only and should not be shared on social media.

Rocksteady Concert

Friday 18th July – 2:30pm

We are excited to hear all the bands! Please come to the main entrance ready for a 2:30pm start.

Any photos or videos that you take must be of your own child and for personal use only and should not be shared on social media.

Headteacher & Hollands Awards

These awards will take place on Tuesday 22nd July 2025 and we look forward to welcoming the parents of award winners to watch alongside pupils in the school hall. Please come to the front office at 2:40pm for a prompt start at 2:45pm.

Ash— Jasper, Isaac, Ben

Elm— Penny, Elizabeth, Jessica, Orla

Pine— Harry, Felicity, Douglas, Jack

Hazel— Harry, Jacob, Rosie-Mae

Rowan— Alfie, Cece, Eddie, Michael

Yew— Hugo, Halle, Amber, Niklas

Hollands Cup— Evie

Hollands Trophy— Halle

If there is more than one pupil with a given name in a class, please talk to teachers to check the award winner.

Petersfield Pointers

Please read the reminders below from our Parent Information Pack in advance of attending any event.

We look to welcoming parents/carers to events in school. Your attendance is often a highlight for pupils and staff. When attending the school site at any time please remember:

- We will aim to run to time but the needs of our pupils come first so please ensure you arrive promptly for the start time but be prepared to wait for the pupils to all be ready.
- The school safeguarding policies apply at all times so you will be admitted for the event only. Therefore, please come prepared to wait outside for admission, whatever the weather, and be aware you may need to queue for busy events.
- Please do not wait in the entrance area – this is a fire exit and should be kept clear during events.
- If you are attending the school site, please do so to engage fully with the event you are joining us for.
- In line with our mobile phone policy, mobile phones should not be used at any time on the school site without the permission of school staff. If you would like to use your phone, please leave the school site and return when you have finished using your phone. The exception to this is when you are given permission to film your own child, only in line with our E-Safety policy.
- Ensure your devices are off or on silent so events are not disturbed.
- When on the school site, staff instructions must be followed at all times.
- The school equipment and furniture is out of bounds at all times for everybody, especially young children unless an adult invited you to use or access school equipment. This includes the Trim Trail and tyres.
- Our EYFS area is an outdoor classroom for our youngest pupils. Siblings and pupils not under staff instruction should not access this outdoor classroom at any time.

- Where younger children are permitted to attend an event, they do so on the condition that they do not detract from the event for the pupils and other visitors as these events are very special to our pupils. If young children are disturbing the event, please step outside to enable the event to continue uninterrupted. Please note, school has some preschool toys and books for emergencies.

Petersfield Picnic - 23rd July 2025

Thank you to everyone who completed the form for the whole school picnic. The kitchen have now ordered the food needed for these packed lunches. If you have not already booked your child a school packed lunch, your child will need to bring a home packed lunch on the last day of term – 23rd July.

New - Before School Dance Class

We are delighted to be offering a dance club before school in September.

This is being led by Hot Steps who have previously worked with our pupils in school.

Children will dance until 8:40am before going directly to their classrooms for the start for the school day.

Please see the booking information below.



DANCE CLUB

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS 8:00am to 8:40am

Starting Wednesday 10th September

Open to all pupils in Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6

**Sessions are £5.00 per pupil per week,
payable half termly**

**For more information or to book a space
please email Harriet Walmesley**

hotstepsdanceacademy@gmail.com



www.hotstepsdanceacademy.co.uk

After School Sports Sports Clubs



Get Active Clubs

Our Get Active Clubs are designed to promote a positive outlook and to help stimulate academic performance, classroom behaviour whilst increasing participation in sport and

physical activity and teaching children from an early age how important it is to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

Football Club

Our football sessions involve an engaging and fun warm up followed by skilled based activity, learning and improving on different areas of Football including, passing, dribbling and shooting, finishing with some fun matches, tournaments and a variation of Football related games.

Gymnastics Club

Our Gymnastics club will be an indoor club, this club is great for creative children, at the club, children will learn key principles of gymnastics, including rolls, balances, jumps, transitions and more. Children will be able to create their own routines and use apparatus safely, making the most of equipment available.

MultiSports Club

The multiport's club offers children the chance to try their hand at a host of different sports, every week is a session based on a different sport, including, Football, Tennis, Tag Rugby, Cricket and many many more. It is a great activity for children to be introduced to sports and learn the rules and techniques to play the game.

For JSSports you can log on as follows:

Existing Account Holders:

<https://jssports-education.magicbooking.co.uk/Identity/Account/Login>

New Accounts:

<https://www.jssports-education.co.uk/extra-curricular-clubs/>

After School Drama Club



The poster for Drama Kids Cambs-Herts features a large, stylized blue speech bubble in the background. At the top left is the 'DRAMA KIDS' logo in colorful, blocky letters, with a small tagline below it: 'Formerly Helen O'Grady Drama Academy. New name, new logo, same GREAT programme.' To the right of this is a 'DK YOUTH THEATRE' logo. Further right is a pink speech bubble that says 'BOOK YOUR TWO-WEEK TRIAL TODAY £20'. Below the main logo, the text 'DEVELOPING CONFIDENCE, COMMUNICATION AND CREATIVITY' is written in bold. This is followed by two paragraphs of text: 'Our innovative and imaginative curriculum incorporates role play, improvisation and structured performance.' and 'Our one-hour classes for young people from ages 4-18 encourage:'. To the right of this text is a green speech bubble that says 'ENROL NOW! FOR AGES 4-18'. Below the text is a list of five bullet points, each preceded by a blue star: 'Enthusiasm and energy', 'Ongoing confidence', 'Self-esteem', 'Communication skills', and 'Effective social interaction'. Below the list is the phrase 'Unlock your child's potential!' in bold. At the bottom left, under the heading 'Your local academy:', is contact information for Amy Hill, including a phone number, email, and social media handle. Below this is the location and time of the classes. At the bottom center is the website 'www.dramakids.co.uk'. On the right side of the poster, two young girls in black 'Drama Kids' t-shirts are posing with their arms outstretched.

DRAMA KIDS
Formerly Helen O'Grady Drama Academy.
New name, new logo, same GREAT programme.

DK YOUTH THEATRE

BOOK YOUR TWO-WEEK TRIAL TODAY £20

DEVELOPING CONFIDENCE, COMMUNICATION AND CREATIVITY

Our innovative and imaginative curriculum incorporates role play, improvisation and structured performance.

Our one-hour classes for young people from ages 4-18 encourage:

- * Enthusiasm and energy
- * Ongoing confidence
- * Self-esteem
- * Communication skills
- * Effective social interaction

Unlock your child's potential!

Your local academy:
Amy Hill - Principal, Drama Kids Cambs-Herts
07834 197816
cambs-herts@helenogrady.co.uk
@dkcambshts
Held at Petersfield Church of England Aided Primary School on a Wednesday, 3:15 – 4:15pm

ENROL NOW! FOR AGES 4-18

www.dramakids.co.uk

The parents and pupil feedback about this term's drama club has been a delight to hear.

Please see the poster for more information about our After School Drama club in the autumn term.

RockSteady

We look forward to our concert tomorrow.

Please see the poster for more information about lessons.



ROCK STEADY

ROCK AND POP BAND LESSONS!

A band for everyone

- Children learn to play an instrument in their very own band.
- Fun and inclusive in-school band lessons. No music theory involved.
- Follow their musical journey in your Backstage account.
- Exam-free, Ofqual-regulated Trinity Music qualification.
- Instruments provided and no experience necessary.

BOOK ONLINE TO START LESSONS IN SEPTEMBER



Grafham Residential Visit - current year 4 & 5 - 1st payment due

We very much look forward to our exciting visit to Grafham Water next academic year for our current year 4 & 5 pupils.

If you have not already done so, please log onto MCAS now and make the initial payment for the visit by 1st August 2025.

The final cost and subsequent instalments due will be confirmed in September once the cost of the coach is confirmed.

Free School Meal - could your child be eligible?



Information for Parents/Carers whose children are starting Year 3 in September.

My child has been receiving universal school meals during their Key Stage One, do I need to apply for Free School Meals (FSM) now they are moving into Year 3?

Yes, In order for your child to receive free school meals for Year 3 and beyond, you will need to meet the qualifying economic criteria (as shown below) and submit an application at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeal

What is the criteria for Free School Meals / Pupil Premium?

The economic criteria are:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (unless you're also entitled to Working Tax Credit, and earn no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop receiving Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400)

Even if you do not think you would qualify at this point, once you have completed the form, we will be able to continue to check eligibility throughout your child's school years using the ECS checking system. You will be notified if you become eligible in the future.

If you are unable to access the online form, a paper application will be available from your child's school or email ewb.fsm@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

If you have any queries regarding this information, please call the Education Welfare Benefits team on 01223 703200 or email ewb.fsm@cambridgeshire.gov.uk Or look at the website www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeal

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If you could be eligible, please do apply at: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeal

HAF Bookings

My ref: SummerHAF2025

Date: 3.6.25
Contact: Martin Purbrick
Telephone: 01223 715431
E Mail: Martin.Purbrick@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

For the attention of:
Parents and carers of pupils who receive benefits-related free school meals in Cambridgeshire.



Children, Education & Families
Executive Director: Martin Purbrick
Cambridgeshire County Council
New Shire Hall
Alconbury Weald Civic Hub
Emery Crescent
Alconbury Weald
Huntingdon
PE28 4YE

Dear Parent/Carer,

Summer HAF Programme: Booking Opens on 9.6.25

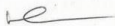
The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme offers funded holiday scheme places during the 2025 Easter, Summer and Christmas holiday periods. A range of fun and interesting experiences, a meal and snacks are on offer across Cambridgeshire. Primary and secondary school pupils who receive benefits-related free school meals are eligible. Each pupil has 64 funded hours to use at a HAF Programme holiday scheme, subject to availability at the time of booking. These hours can be split across more than one scheme.

A voucher including booking code will be sent by email and/or text to parents and carers, from hello@holidayactivities.com on 9.6.25. Booking open on this date also. This voucher includes a 'view activities' link to the [HAF Provider Directory](#) where all holiday schemes will be listed alongside booking details.

If your child has special educational needs and/or disabilities and may require additional support, please contact holiday schemes early to enable them to discuss this in detail with you.

Further HAF Programme information: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/haf
For questions, please email the HAF Team: HAF@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Yours sincerely



Martin Purbrick
Executive Director: Children, Education and Families
Cambridgeshire County Council

Could your child be eligible for the holiday and activity fund programme?

Governors and Headteachers Review and Update – July 2025

At our June Resources Governors' Committee meeting, we conducted our annual strategic review of the 2024-2025 financial year. As part of this, we celebrated the many successes of the past 12 months which included setting a balanced budget for 2025-2026, despite the significant pressures on education at a time of continually rising costs.

We are delighted that despite these challenges, thanks to the commitment of staff and governors, we:

- Have continued to provide high quality opportunities for our children resulting in good outcomes, which were recently validated by Ofsted. Please do check out our 'Events page' on the website - www.petersfield.cambs.sch.uk - to read all about the exciting things that have happened in school this year if you have not already done so.

- Are very pleased to have been awarded the Gold Sports Mark again for our sports provision.
- Are celebrating the impact of our phonics and early reading focus, resulting in strong results from the June 2025 Phonics Check results.

At the committee meeting, we reviewed the current financial position. You are likely aware of the national funding crisis for schools, especially around the funding to support pupils with SEND. You may also recall that this is on the back of Cambridgeshire being the lowest funded county in the country for many years. We are therefore writing to update you about how we are adapting to the current position.

The impact of the cost of living rises and our response

The cost of living rises, that we are all facing, continue to increase. The impact of this on schools is probably best illustrated by a recent quote we received to transport our eldest pupils to Melbourn (the local village!) and back – the quote for a return coach journey was £700.

As you will know, our school staff, governors and our school community go over and above to provide the best education for the children with the resources we have, for example by volunteering to work in the holidays to complete school improvement tasks, raising funds and taking on extra tasks.

Thank you to everyone who helps in any way, however small, it does make a difference. Should you want to volunteer or donate, please do speak to the Headteachers about volunteering and more information can be found here regarding making donations:

<https://www.petersfield.cambs.sch.uk/site/pages/pageReact.php?page=funding&t=1751276417>

Our thanks to the FOPS team who run events and raise money to buy resources we just can't afford. They organise events, with the support of school staff, such as film afternoons, discos and cake sales which bring much needed money in to school. Thank you for your support of these FOPS events, which are both fun and great fundraisers! Please do come along to the FOPS Summer event this Sunday.

Thanks to very careful management of money and to the Headteachers for taking on additional roles, such as caretaking and teaching over the last year, we have balanced our budget for this financial year. However, we do not have any spare funding to appoint additional staff.

We have only been able to balance our budget as some staff, including support staff and Ms Perkins, have already requested to reduce their working hours from September. Ms Perkins will be working 4 days a week from September, so will not usually be in school on a Tuesday in the autumn.

Thank you for feedback from the pupil and parent questionnaire. The summary of this will be shared with parents in September. Thank you for the suggestions that we were able to implement immediately. Any feedback is considered and whilst some suggestions are not possible, others we keep under review, taking in to account the financial restraints outlined above.

Given these budget constraints, we must work with the resources we have and there is very little room for manoeuvre. The deployment of staff and the purchase of resources have been very carefully costed and small variations can make a significant impact. Unfortunately, sometimes this means we have had to say 'no' to some requests and this will continue to be the case for the foreseeable future. Please be reassured that we will always put the needs of all our pupils first, when making any decision.

Code of Communication

Many of our staff hold multiple roles in school which therefore impacts when these staff are available to communicate with parents. An example of this is that, as well as the reduction in office staffing we have reported to you this year, office staff work as Midday Supervisor Assistants (MSA) and have also supported children's learning in class as Teaching Assistants (TAs). To help parents and visitors, our Code of Communication is being updated for September to clarify our response times.

The School Office Opening Times

As a result of our budget and in line with policy in other schools, the school office will be closed at times during the day.

From September 2025, the school office opening times will be:

- 8:30am - 8:45am
- 8:55am - 11am
- 1:30pm - 3:15pm

When the school office is closed, a phone message or email can be used for communication.

When the office is closed, please only come to the office in an emergency or if this has been prearranged with school staff.

Going forward, during the school day, the phone should also ring for a shorter time. If the phone is not answered, staff are dealing with another matter and cannot come to the phone so please do leave a message.

As you are aware, office staff are also at the entrance gate to support children coming into school in the morning. Therefore, please be aware that if you come to the office at 8:45am, you will need to wait until the school gate has closed and the returning member of staff to be available.

Messages at the gate

Staff are always available at the school gate before and after school should you need to pass on a quick message. Alternatively, you can email the school with more detailed information.

If speaking to staff at the school gate, please be mindful that:

- the members of staff are also there to welcome the children so the short message may need to wait until after all the children have entered.
- There are often a number of parent/carers who are waiting so the message should be short. If more information needs to be communicated, please
 - send the information to office@petersfield.cambs.sch.uk in advance of the gate.
 - briefly inform the staff member of the additional information to be emailed.
 - ask to speak to the appropriate staff member, usually the classteacher, at another time, usually after school.

Thank you

Thank you for all your feedback as we are learning to use MCAS and shape the system to facilitate better communication and information sharing. This will continue to evolve through the next academic year.

Thank you also for your patience as the internet and phones have frequently been unavailable in school recently. School staff and governors have raised concerns with the providers as this has had a significant impact on County schools this term.

Class Structure

Our class structure for the 2025-2026 academic year will remain broadly as it has been this academic year.

- We will have two classes in EYFS and Key Stage (KS) 1.
 - Our EYFS pupils and some year 1 pupils will be in Ash class.
 - Elm class will include some year 1 and all year 2 pupils.
- In KS2, we will continue to be taught in 4 straight year classes as much as possible:
 - Hazel (year 3*),
 - Pine (year 4*),
 - Rowan (year 5)
 - Yew (year 6)
- Lower Key Stage 2 (year 3 and 4) and Upper Key Stage 2 (year 5 and 6) will work together more next year as a lower or upper key stage for some curriculum subjects. The children are used to this this way of working.
- Due to the numbers of children in each year, the rooms and class names for KS2 classes * (Hazel – year 3; Pine – year 4) will revert back to being alphabetically in age order through the school.

SEND Provision

In the autumn, we will be updating our SEND policy to explicitly outline our processes and procedures for supporting pupils with the resources we have at a time of ever-increasing need. This Policy links to the Local Authority website which has a wealth of resources about how school staff support our pupils day to day. The Local Authority website also includes resources for parents to help you. Following a significant increase in requests, this policy will clarify our procedures so that everyone is clear of the expectations regarding response times, in particular, in relation to any request for completion of referral forms.

Puffins

Puffins continues to be full and we have expanded capacity for September. We will be reviewing Puffins costs and charges in the autumn term as Puffins costs have not increased for many years despite the rise in food, utilities and staffing costs. We will update parents ready for any price increases the following year.

Puffins staff are available to speak to when you drop off or collect your child from Puffins. Puffins staff can also answer the phone during Puffins opening hours. Please be aware, during Puffins opening hours, Puffins staff are also supervising the children so may only be able to take a short message.

All emails regarding Puffins should be directed to the Puffins email address in the first instance. Additional bookings should now be made online (over 3 days in advance). Only in an emergency, should the school office be contacted in the school day. All other matters will be responded to by Puffins staff in line with our Code of Communication response times.

School Priorities

Following the implementation of our new curriculum during this academic year, our priorities for next year are the further development of subject leadership and the quality of teaching and learning.

Our teachers will complete their yearlong National Professional Qualification in Literacy in the first half of the autumn term. This training has helped us further adapt our school development plans for reading and writing for September.

Looking forward

Although we are in the midst of the busy end of term and relish the opportunity to enjoy these July days and our summer events with the children – in particular our wonderful year 6 – we also very much look forward to the 2025-2026 academic year.

Central to all we do at Petersfield is working to ensure all members of our school community are supported, to the best of our ability to enable everyone to 'Live Life to the Full'.

Thank you to everyone - parents, volunteers, FOPS, external agencies, governors and our pupils and staff - for your continued positive actions to support us in this.

Linda Meredith, Jane Johnson, Colin Wilson, Laura Penrose & Lynsey Perkins

Chairs of Governor Committees

Co-Headteachers

Diary Dates

July

18th	Sports Day 9:15am-11:15am
18th	Rocksteady Music concert – 2.30pm
20th	FOPS Summer Event - 12 noon to 4pm
21st	Transition day
21st	Reports home to parents (including year 6 SATS results)
22nd	Transition day
22nd	Headteachers Awards & Hollands Cup and Trophy 2:45pm
22nd	3:15-3:45 Parent Drop In
23rd	Leavers' Service at church as soon as we can get there from 9:15am
23rd	Picnic lunch
23rd	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 1:15pm
23rd	3:15pm Summer Holidays school closed to pupils, parents and visitors

FOPS



YOUUnited

YOUUnited offers support to children and young people aged 5 to 17 with their emotional wellbeing and mental health.



1 - <https://www.cpft.nhs.uk/youunited/>

Love - Trust – Peace – Friendship – Creativity

	<p>Petersfield Church of England Aided Primary School</p> <p>God teaches us we are all equal, valued and unique</p> <p>We are a small rural school with deeply held Christian values which motivate and inspire us to provide a rich and diverse education</p> <p>"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." John 10:10</p>	
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