

Thursday 18th September 2025 — Number 3 — Autumn Term



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Headteacher Update

- Well done to our youngest pupils who are now in school full time. It has been lovely to see them settling into routines and enjoying their learning. Thank you to our amazing year 6 buddies who are supporting our Reception pupils to enjoy the field during break and lunch times.
- Last week, children from Yew & Rowan classes took part in a team-building training day. They wrote the following review for you. Team building training was lots of fun because there were lots of different things to try. Our favourite activity was when we had to transport a ball along pieces of guttering which were being held by different people. We did an activity called 'Charlotte's Web' where we had to go through a network of ropes without touching the ropes and we had to choose different parts of the web to enter. We also played a game called 'Dragon's Egg', where we had to pick up an 'egg' using just rope and our teamwork skills. This training has developed our team-working and communication skills because we had to communicate with each other. It also gave us the opportunity to show and develop our leadership skills.
- Thank you to those that attended our safeguarding annual volunteer refresher this week. IF you have not already done so, please do come to the volunteer session listed on Diary Dates - 30th September - as an annual refresher is required before volunteering this year.



Census day - Thursday 2nd October - Menu change and Free School Meals

This term, the school 'Census' day is Thursday 2nd October.

Our funding for the school is based on the pupils in our school, on the 2nd October, who have a school meal.

As you may be aware, funding for Cambridgeshire schools has been poor for many years so we rely on every penny we receive.

For children in Ash and Elm class and for children in receipt of Free School Meals and the Pupil Premium, if your child does not have a lunch on 2nd October, we lose out on funding for meals for the rest of the school year.

We have amended the menu on the 2nd October to the ever popular :

- Cheese Roll
- Beef Burger
- Pizza
- Jacket potato with Beans, cheese or tuna

How can you help?

1. **If your child is in Ash or Elm class**, please do ensure your child has a school meal on Census Day (Thursday 2nd October).

This means we will get funding for all their meals. Any questions or concerns about the food choices that day, please do speak to your child's class teacher as we can help.

2. **If your child may be entitled to Free School Meals** as you are in receipt of certain benefits, please do look online and apply for Free School Meals immediately.

You can apply here: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>.

If you apply after this date, school will not get funding for the Pupil Premium until the next academic year (2026-2027).

3. **If your child is in Pine, Hazel, Rowan or Yew and is entitled to Free School Meals**, please do ensure your child has a school meal on Census Day (Thursday 2nd October). This means we will get funding for all their meals. Any questions or concerns about the food choices on that day, please do ask.

Collective Worship

In Collective Worship this week, we continue to sing Harvest Hymns.

Our Harvest Festival at the church is on Wednesday 1st October. You are invited to join us at St Andrew's when we will get to church as soon as we can after registration – usually about 9:30am. Please note, our EYFS children will remain in school and will join the service virtually. Children are invited to bring a monetary donation or a donation of non perishable food or toiletries for the church food bank. Please bring this to school on the 1st and ensure that it is something your child can carry to church with them.

Rev Felicity considers how we can demonstrate love through generosity, patience and kindness. We also consider 1 Corinthians 13 v 4-8 – a Bible passage which we may hear at a wedding - and reflect on how our attitudes impact others.

Secondary School Applications

Click [here](#) to find out more about the application process and 31st October 2025 deadline.

Flu vaccinations

Please click [here](#) for a leaflet about the vaccinations.

Please click [here](#) to consent.

Puffins Booking Fee & Sibling Discount

A reminder, the annual Puffins booking fee is now due from each family of all regular Puffins users.

- Please pay one fee per family by selecting the payment which can be found under the 'Products' menu on MCAS.
- Please note, the payment appears on all children's accounts as Puffins is open to all pupils.

Staff Car Park

A gentle reminder that the staff car park is for staff use only. Please do not use the staff car park at any time. The community car park - next door - is available for parent use.

Before and After School Clubs

There are still some places in our Before and After School Clubs for this term.



DANCE CLUB

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Petersfield Primary School

Day: Friday
Club: After School Club
Activity: Football Club KS1&KS2
Time: 15:15 - 16:15
Start Date: 12th September

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Diary Dates

September

22nd Sept - Open Classroom - 3:15-3:45. Please do watch the 'Welcome to our Class' video which will be circulated in advance of this session and visit the classroom, speak to your child's class teacher and ask any questions you may have.

30th Sept - Volunteer Induction - 2:45pm

30th Sept - Yew and Rowan Cake Sale - 3:15pm

October

2nd - Census Day

8th - 2026 EYFS New Parent Tour

15th - Provisional Data for the Flu Vaccination

15th - Open Classroom - 3:15-3:45. Come and share your child's books with them in advance of Parent-Teacher Consultations

15th - FOPS AGM - all welcome!

21st - Parent - Teacher Consultations

23rd - Parent -Teacher Consultations

27th - 31st - Half term holiday

31st - Secondary School Application Deadline

Community News

Mother Goose are advertising for a Pre-School Assistant. Please contact them for more information if you are interested.

Read all about it!

Thanks to our local authors Richard and Ute Maria, this term, we are again adding a chapter a week to our website as we continue the next exciting instalment of their story. You can find the next chapter on our [Reading is Fun](#) page

YOUnited

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



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

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Communication

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.

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 for 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 class teacher, at another time, usually after school.

Speaking to Class teachers

- The class teacher is the first point of contact for any concerns about a child.
- Teachers welcome informal communication from parents/carers when they are collecting their child at the end of the school day. Please wait until all the children have been dismissed before approaching the class teacher.
- For parents/carers in Ash and Elm classes, please wait outside the fenced area for the staff member to approach you. For all classes, parents should wait on the field, away from the patio area
- If you are waiting to speak to a member of staff, please ensure that you respect the privacy of others and allow space for messages and questions to be asked in confidence.
- Teachers are not usually available between 8.45am and 3.20am, but mutually agreed appointments can be arranged outside of these times. These appointments can be arranged either through the office or, ideally, directly with class teachers. Class teachers are usually available at the end of the school day once all pupils have been dismissed.
- If you speak to a member of staff after school, the school gate will be locked by 3:30pm at the very latest (earlier if clubs and meetings require this) so you may be asked to come into the classroom and exit via the main entrance.

Puffins Communication

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.

Working Together

We are really proud of our staff team, who are dedicated professionals, experienced in seeing the bigger picture and meeting the needs of all children. Our staff work so hard to make school

the best it can be for your child. As nothing in life is ever perfect, if you have a concern or a mistake is made, please do speak to the member of staff to enable us to address the matter – making mistakes is a central part of the learning process whatever age we are. Please do take a moment to read our Code of Communication which has been updated as all members of our school community, including staff in their workplace and other parents, are entitled to be treated with respect and courtesy at all times.

