Thursday 23rd October 2025 — Number 8 — Autumn Term



Headteacher Update

- Thank you to everyone who joined us at Tuesday's Parent-Teacher consultations this
 week. Mrs Penrose and Mr Wilson, Co-Chair of Governors, appreciated the feedback on
 the new Parent-Teacher consultations booking and published reports. It is good to hear
 about parents' positive experiences of our new MCAS system.
- We wish you a wonderful autumnal half-term holiday next week and we look forward to seeing everyone after half term.



Headteachers' and Music Awards

Headteacher Awards will take place on **Wednesday 5th November 2025** and we look forward to welcoming the parents of award winners into school for the assembly.

Please come to the front office at 2:40pm for a prompt start at 2:45pm.

Ash— Leah, Otto, Ciaran, Drew, Freya

Elm— Isaac, Ellie, Jessica, Oscar, Toby

Hazel — George, Mila, Orla

Pine— Harrison, Felicja, Oliver, Douglas

Rowan & Yew — George, Rosie-Mae, Michael, Gillespie, Orla

Hollands Cup— Drew

Hollands Trophy— Felicity

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

Collective Worship

In our final week of our collective worship this half term, we reflect on how we can give our time, encouragement and support to others as we demonstrate our value of love.

Grafham Water Residential Visit - year 5 & 6

A final reminder that payment instalments 1 and 2 are now overdue. Please ensure you have paid both by half term.

More information about packing, paperwork and the final payment will follow after half term.

Parent - Teacher Consultations

We look forward to tonight's Parent-Teacher consultation. A link for tonight's online session was shared in the Learning Links on Monday. Please do visit our Parent Information Pack for information about online events.

You can now see this term's report on MCAS.

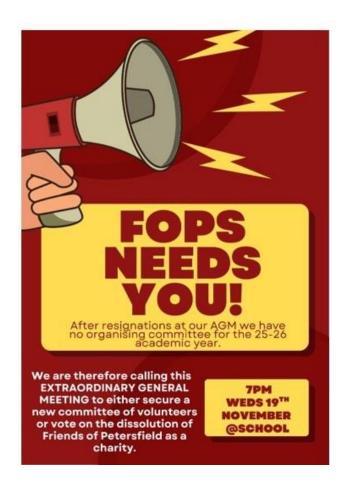
Data Sheets, Emergency Contacts and Policy Updates

We have a few outstanding data sheets, so please do send the signed form back to school as soon as possible.

Please make any edits and sign the form. This confirms that you have read and agree to the school policies and have checked the information on the data sheet.

Please particularly check the emergency contact details to ensure they are correct.

FOPS



Your PTA needs you!

The Friends of Petersfield School, known as FOPS has been running for many years and organising community events and fundraisers that enrich our children's time at school.

The EGM, on November 19th, will either nominate a new organising committee - or vote on the resolution to dissolve the Friends of Petersfield charity, formally.

In recent years FOPS have funded children's reading books in KS1, Mathletics subscriptions, White Rose Science subscriptions, Young 'Uns folk music workshops, a space VR Day, the Cambridge Community Arts Giraffe project, EYFS book bags, as well as subsidising parent costs

for class trips and leavers hoodies and maintaining a hardship fund to be sure that no child misses out on key school experiences regardless of family circumstances

This valuable work and funding is at risk as we currently have no organising committee for the current academic year, and therefore the charity is at risk of dissolution.

Please do consider if you can step up to help form and join an organising group to keep FOPS going and lead and define its initiatives.

Thank you so much,

Your outgoing FOPS committee

Puffins

We have now moved any balances remaining on this term's club bookings to the following term so you can now use these funds to book for next half term. If you would like anything other than a transfer to the matching club, please email the office with this information.

If the annual registration fee (one per family) has not been paid, please pay this via MCAS.

School Meals

The Lunch Menu for after half term can be found here.

Secondary School applications

Apply now



for a Secondary school place for September 2026

Contact the Admissions Team by telephone 0345 045 1370

If your child will be aged 11 by 31st August 2026



For further information please visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions or contact your local School



Apply by 31st October 2025

ALC2605, New Shire Hall, Emery Crescent, Enterprise Campus, Alconbury Weald, PE28 4YE or email admissions@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk

1 - A final reminder, the application deadline is 31st October.

Diary Dates

October

23rd Parent -Teacher Consultations (online)

27th - 31st Half term holiday

31st Secondary School Application Deadline

November

5th Headteacher Awards & Hollands Cup and Trophy 2:45pm

6th FOPS Christmas bauble creation completion launch

8th FOPS Film Afternoon (Village Hall)

11th Remembrance in Orwell

12th Hazel Class Assembly 9am

12th Deadline for half-term homework projects

12th Governor Meeting - Resources

12th FOPS Cake Sale Elm Class 3:15-3:30pm, 50p per cake

14th Children in Need Non-Uniform day for a donation

18th EYFS Parents' Lunch – 12 noon

19th Yew and Rowan Class Assembly - 9am

19th EYFS (Reception 2026) tour 9am – join us if your child is due to start school in

September 2026

19th EYFS Parents' Lunch – 12 noon

19th FOPS Disco 4:15-5:15pm

20th - 25th Book Fair

26th Christingle at church – 9:30am

26th FOPS Christmas Bauble competition deadline

28th FOPS Dress Down day for a donation (small hamper gift or £1)

Community News

Education Inclusion Family Advisor Team Countywide Online Workshop Offer

The EIFA team would like to present our newly updated workshops on a variety of parenting and family issues for <u>November and December</u>.

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Please ensure you book onto each workshop individually by clicking on the link or scanning the QR code and completing the registration form.

Digital Safety	Tuesday, 4 November 2025, 12:00-13:30	Book onto this workshop at: <u>Microsoft Virtual Events</u> <u>Powered by Teams or</u>	
Sibling Rivalry	Tuesday, 11 November 2025, 12:00-13:30	Book onto this workshop at: Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams or	
Understanding and Responding to Challenging Behaviours	Tuesday, 18 November 2025, 12:00-13:30	Book onto this workshop at: Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams or	
Supporting Your Child with Sleep	Tuesday, 25 November 2025, 12:00-13:30	Book onto this workshop at: Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams or	•
Supporting Your Child with Angry Feelings	Tuesday, 2 December 2025, 12:00-13:30	Book onto this workshop at: Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams or	
Supporting Your Child with Feelings of Worry	Tuesday 9 December 2025, 12:00-13:30	Book onto this workshop at: Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams or	

If you have any questions about our workshops, or the EIFA service in general, please contact earlyintervention@cambridgeshire.gov.uk



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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.



2 - https://www.cpft.nhs.uk/younited/

Communication

The Office Opening Hours are:

- 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.

Staff are always available at the school gate, before and after school, should you need to pass on a quick message.

Puffins staff are available to speak to when children are dropped off to or collected from Puffins. Puffins staff may also answer the phone and respond to emails during Puffins opening hours, if this is possible.

Code of Communication: We are really proud of our staff team who are dedicated professionals and 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.

Love - Trust - Peace - Friendship - Creativity

