

Thursday 2nd October 2025 — Number 5 — Autumn Term



PETERSFIELD PRESS

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Headteacher Update

Well done Yew and Rowan class! The cakes were delicious and raised lots of money at the FOPS cake sale on Tuesday. Thanks to everyone for your ongoing support with our cake sales.

Thank you to Rev Felicity and our organist for their contributions to our Harvest Service yesterday. Thank you also for the wonderful donations that were made by our school community. These kind donations will be used to support local people via the food bank. Rev Felicity will be donating any monetary contributions to the Machemba school and the church food bank.

At church, we were delighted to present Rev Felicity with a card and flowers to say thank you as she steps back from her school governor role. This is a role which she has held at Petersfield for many years. Rev Felicity will continue to see us regularly in school as our local vicar.

Our E4L programme continues in school with further staff training last week. E4L helps children to better understand and identify their emotions; develop empathy, increase emotional regulation and manage stress. You can find out more on the welfare page of our website.

Our second volunteer induction session took place this week. Thank you for all the volunteers who have now completed this annual safeguarding refresher. If you are yet to do so, please do contact school if you would like to volunteer. We are very grateful for everyone who gives of their time and skills to help our school.

Many thanks to the former Petersfield family who donated some sports equipment to school this week. It was so kind and our pupils will really appreciate using this.



Collective Worship

Thank you to Rev Felicity for leading our Collective Worship and Harvest festival.

As a rural church school, Harvest is very important to our community.

Thank you also for the generous donations.

We also reflect, this week, on the people we love and where they are in the world.



Parent - Teacher Consultations

On Monday 6th October, bookings for Parent-Teacher Consultations will open. This will enable all parents to make a booking via MCAS.

Parents will be able to book their own time slot on either Tuesday 21st (in school) or Thursday 23rd (online).

Parents should select one appointment on one of the evenings per child. If additional slots are booked in error, we will cancel the additional sessions.

Bookings will close on 14th October and, until this time, you will be able to change your slot if there is any availability.

This is the first time we have used the MCAS so please do let us know if there are any issues with the booking.

Links for the online (Thursday) session will be shared in the Learning Link the week of Parent-Teacher Consultations. Please do speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions regarding the online consultations.

Puffins

A gentle reminder: if your child is booked into Puffins, please do let Puffins staff know if you collect your child from school. This is to ensure that Puffins staff know not to expect your child to the session that day.

Please note, sessions booked but not attended will still be charged.

If the annual registration fee has not been paid, please pay this via MCAS.

Data Sheets, Emergency Contacts and Policy Updates

Please send any outstanding forms 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.

Year 5 & 6 Residential

Please be advised that the next payment for the year 5 & 6 residential will appear on MCAS next week. More information will follow in Monday's Learning Link.

Diary Dates

Please see below the provisional dates for events this academic year. Occasionally, an event outside our control forces a change, however, we do our best to adhere to the planned dates so you have notice in advance for the academic year.

The list of Diary Dates has been added to the Website and the online calendar will be updated in the coming week.

October

2nd	Census Day
8th	2026 EYFS New Parent Tour
15th	Provisional Date 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

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)

December

3rd	Governor Meeting – FGB
5th	Rocksteady Concert - tbc
9th	EYFS & KS1 Christmas production 1:30pm
10th	EYFS & KS1 Christmas production 10am
12th	National Santa Dash – Christmas jumpers can be worn (optional)
15-17th	Yew and Rowan residential visit
19th	EYFS Nativity (with year 6 readers) at church – 9:30am
19th	School Christmas dinner 12pm-1pm (Children can wear a Christmas jumper)
19th	3:15pm School Closed for Christmas Holidays

January

5th	INSET - school closed to pupils for staff training
6th	First day of the spring term
7th	Headteachers Awards & Hollands Cup and Trophy 2:45pm
15th	Census

21st Governor Meeting – Standards
27th Governor Meeting – Foundation

February

2nd 3:15-3:45 Parent Drop in to share school books and the learning environment with pupils
4th Elm Class assembly – 9am
4th Governor Meeting – Resources
10th Safer Internet Day
10th Parent – Teacher Consultations (in school)
12th Parent – Teacher Consultations (virtual)
16th-20th Half-Term school closed
24th Vision Screening EYFS provisional date
25th Headteachers Awards & Hollands Cup and Trophy 2:45pm
25th Deadline for half-term homework projects

March

4th FOPS Cake Sale Pine Class - 3:15-3:30pm, 50p per cake
5th World Book Day
11th Governor Meeting – FGB
20th Red Nose Day
20th *Rocksteady concert tbc*
25th Lent Church Service

30th -10th April School Closed for Easter Holidays

April

13th First day of the summer term
15th Headteachers Awards & Hollands Cup and Trophy - 2:45pm
29th Ash Class Assembly - 9am

29th Governor Meeting – Resources & FGB

May

4th Spring Bank Holiday – School closed

6th FOPS Cake Sale Hazel Class - 3:15-3:30pm, 50p per cake

11th – 14th KS2 SATs week

13th Governor Meeting – Standards

14th Census

25th – 29th Half-Term school closed

June

1st-12th Yr 4 Multiplication Check weeks

3rd Headteachers Awards & Hollands Cup and Trophy - 2:45pm

8th-19th Yr 1 & 2 Phonics Check weeks

10th Deadline for half-term homework projects

15th & 16th Provisional School Photos date (*change*)

17th Governor Meeting – Resources

22nd INSET school closed to pupils for staff training - *Please note an error has been corrected. This date now matches the Term Dates published on the website.*

24th Pine Class Assembly - 9am

July

July dates are dependent on secondary school transition dates and will be confirmed when we have this information.

2nd FOPS Cake Sale Ash Class - 3:15-3:30pm, 50p per cake

15th Governor Meeting – FGB

20th INSET day School closed to pupils, parents and visitors for staff training

21st Summer Holidays - school closed to pupils, parents and visitors

Reminders

Apply now



for a Reception school place for September 2026

If your child
will be aged 4
by **31st August**

You need to
apply **NOW**
for a School
place



SCAN ME

**Apply by
15th January
2026**

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

Contact the Admissions Team by telephone 0345 045 1370

School Admissions ALC2605, PO Box 761, Huntingdon, PE29 9 QR or
email admissions@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk



HOT STEPS
Dance Academy

DANCE CLUB

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS 8:00am - 8:40am

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



Dear parent/guardian,

As you may be aware your child's school has a milk scheme, administered by Cool Milk. Mid-morning milk provides a much-needed nutritional boost and keeps children hydrated between breakfast and lunch. Children receive free milk until the age of 5. After that, they can continue to reap the benefits of fresh mid-morning milk at a subsidised* cost.

If you'd like to opt in and have not already done so, simply register your child at www.coolmilk.com/register. Your child(ren) will continue to receive free milk whilst under the age of 5 and Cool Milk will get in touch with further information by email shortly before their 5th birthday.

For children who are already over 5, it's not too late – our scheme is flexible! As well as being able to register and make payment straight away, you can join and cancel the scheme at any time. We offer yearly, termly and half termly payment periods and a recurring payment option to give you one less thing to remember.

If you already have an online Cool Milk account for a sibling, you can manage your account, make payment and add extra children by logging in at www.coolmilk.com/parents.

Should you have any questions or need any help, send us a message at www.coolmilk.com/contact or give us a call on the number listed below – we're here to help! Kind regards,

Cool Milk

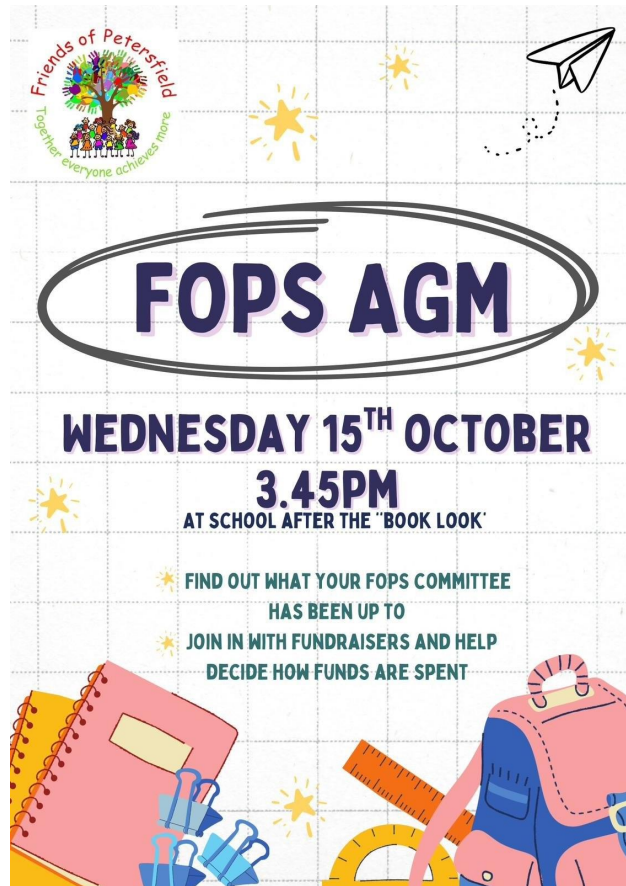
☐ : 0800 321 3248
☐ : www.coolmilk.com



SCAN TO REGISTER

*Milk for under-5s is fully funded by DHSC via the Nursery Milk Scheme. Milk for over-5s is subsidised by Defra via the School Milk Scheme.

Community News



Please do join us for the FOPS AGM.





Parents Information Evening

Followed by AGM

Tuesday 7th October 2025

7:30pm

At Wimpole Village Hall

71 CAMBRIDGE ROAD WIMPOLE ROYSTON SG8 5QE

(AGM to start at 8:30)

Please come and join us to meet other parents and hear about what your child will be doing at preschool, including our curriculum and the Early Years Foundation Stage.

Drinks and nibbles will be available.

AGM – any volunteers to join committee or help with fundraising would be greatly appreciated. Without the help and support of parents the preschool cannot survive.

Please email committee@mothergoosepreschool.co.uk to confirm attendance.

Cambridge City Council

ACTIVE FAMILIES

Affordable activities for families this October Half-Term

Family Swimming
28 October
Tuesday, 10-11am
At Abbey Leisure Complex

Family Ice Skating
29 October
Wednesday, 10:15am OR 12:15pm
At Cambridge Ice Arena

Family Racket Sports
31 October
Friday, 1-2pm
At Cherry Hinton Village Centre



SCAN HERE



CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

 sport@cambridge.gov.uk  [@cambridge.gov.uk](https://www.cambridge.gov.uk)

Grassroots activity grant

Funding of up to £250 to support local families to access community sport and dance opportunities

APPLY ON OUR WEBSITE UNTIL THE 14th NOV 2025 OR
EMAIL SPORT@CAMBRIDGE.GOV.UK FOR A PAPER COPY



www.cambridge.gov.uk/grassrootsgrants



Do you live in Cambridge City?



Are you in receipt of income support / universal credit?



Is your child/ren aged between 4 - 16 years?



Are you struggling to afford sport, dance and activity provision for your child/ren?

*Then you can apply for a grassroots activity grant between the 1st October until 5pm on the 14th November 2025.
The grant can be used towards joining fees and weekly session costs.
Please include code GR2025 in your application*



HOLIDAY LUNCHES



Free holiday lunch sessions this Half Term
Enjoy fun activities followed by a delicious lunch together

DATE	TIME	VENUE
Monday 27 October	11am-1pm	St. James' Church CB1 8QJ
Monday 27 October	11am-1pm	Meadows Community Centre CB4 2JL
Tuesday 28 October	10.30am-1pm	Brown's Field Community Centre CB4 1RU
Wednesday 29 October	11am-1pm	Church of the Good Shepherd CB4 2ET
Wednesday 29 October	12 noon-2pm	Darwin Green Community Rooms CB3 OUL
Wednesday 29 October	10.30am-1pm	Clay Farm Centre CB2 9FN
Thursday 30 October	11am-1pm	Storey's Field Centre CB3 1AA

Please note we will do our best to serve food for everyone, however if numbers exceed expectations, we may not be able to offer food to all



you can find details of all the holiday lunches taking place in Cambridge at
cambridgesustainablefood.org/events
 11am-1pm




 cooking together at
 CAMBRIDGE SUSTAINABLE FOOD

SCAN ME 

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/>

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

