School Newsletter 431 17th October 2025

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"Be happy and love learning, confident in our faith. Do everything in love." 1 Corinthians 16:13-14

Dear Parents and Carers,

My thanks to Mrs Mulberry & Mrs Simes who ran an informative Reading Information Evening last night and this afternoon for parents. I hope you found it helpful. We have Parent Consultations for **Nursery, Reception and Year 6 parents** on Tuesday and Thursday evenings next week. Please note – children do not attend these meetings. Parent Consultations for Years 1 – 5 will be held on Tuesday 25th & Thursday 27th November.

Our Year 3 and 4 girls had a taster cricket session this morning. This is all part of a National drive to get more girls/ woman interested in playing cricket. It looked like a successful morning and I saw lots of activity and fun being had.

Next Friday 24th Oct we have a Mufti Day (when children wear their own clothes in return for a charitable donation) Our Year 6 pupils have chosen the charities – see below - thank you in advance for your support and donations. I would also like to thank you for your generous Harvest Donations.

My thanks to the PTA team for the successful Disco and for coordinating Parent volunteers for the forthcoming Autumn Internationals rugby match parking. Please do help out if you can – many helpers will spread the load and these events raise significant funds which enhance the school experience for Archdeacon children.

It has been a busy half-term! We are all looking forward to the half-term break and look forward to seeing the children returning to school refreshed and ready for the second half of the Autumn term. Congratulations to Miss Samiec and her fiancé who are getting married in half-term and will become Mr & Mrs Wilder! We hope they have a wonderful day.

Finally our Wildlife Area Team are running a **Dig Day tomorrow morning,** if any of you fancy helping out from 9.30am – 2pm. All help is much appreciated and it is a great way to get to know other families in our community.

Best wishes and have a lovely half-term.

Miss Lambe
Headteacher

Forthcoming Dates for the Diary

Mon 20th Oct	**9am**	Deadline to return Xmas card designs
Tues 21st Oct	**4pm—7pm**	Nursery, Reception & Year 6 Parent/Teacher Consultations
Weds 22nd Oct	**PM**	Years 3-5 David Walliams Author Talk at St Richard Reynolds
Thurs 23rd Oct	**4pm—7pm**	Nursery, Reception & Year 6 Parent/Teacher Consultations
Friday 24th Oct	**All Day**	Charity Mufti Day for Charities
Mon 27th- Fri 31st Oct		**HALF TERM**
Sat 1st Nov		**PTA Rugby Parking—Volunteers Needed**
Mon 3rd Nov	**All Day**	Nursery—Year 6 Flu Vaccinations
Thurs 6th Nov	**AM**	Nursery Class & Individual Photos
Fri 7th Nov	**9am**	Year 4 Assembly for Parents
	2pm	Praying Parents—The Vicarage
	3pm	PTA Stall Sale
Sat 8th Nov		**PTA Rugby Parking—Volunteers Needed**

Wildlife Area Dig Day—Saturday 18th October

Our Autumn Wildlife Area Dig Day for 2025 is taking place tomorrow, Saturday 18th October. There will be plenty of jobs to prepare the Wildlife Area for the winter months. Do come along for an hour or more between 9.30am and 2pm and we will have cake and refreshments available! No gardening experience necessary and we have tools and gloves. There will be a Foundation Stage Outside Area Dig Day in November, so please look out for that!

Secondary School Admissions

A final reminder to Year 6 parents that the closing date for receipt of online and paper applications, including supplementary forms, to local secondary schools in September 2025 is **Friday 31st October** which is during Half term.

Charity Mufti Day—Friday 24th October

Traditionally Year 6 choose the charities we support on our October Mufti Day and this year our Year 6 have chosen **BBC Children in Need and Cancer Research UK.** Children are able to come into school in their own clothes on this day in return for a donation to these charities. Please no football kit or sports team tops, onesies, cropped tops or very short skirts. Please also ensure clothing is appropriate for the weather on the day.



Nursery Photographs—Thursday 6th November



A reminder to **Nursery Parents** that their class and individual photographs will be taken on the morning of **Thursday 6th November**. Children who only attend in the afternoon session will be invited to bring their child to school for 10.30am for the photograph. Children in other year groups who were absent for their individual photographs for the session in September will also have their photographs taken on this day.

Class Attendance

Congratulations to the following classes for the highest attendance so far this term:

Class 2PS—98.73%
Class 4B—98.57%
Class 1F—98.39

Heights and Weights Measurement— Rec and Year 6

Reception and Year 6 are scheduled to take part in the NCMP Heights and Weights Programme on **Tuesday 11th November**. Parents have received a letter from the Richmond School Nursing Team and are reminded to register on the NCMP Parent Portal Link as soon as possible.

Winter Uniform after Half Term

After half term, all children should be wearing their Winter uniform (**no summer dresses).** Tights and socks should be grey. All children should also bring a warm, waterproof coat with a hood into school.

Please ensure that all items of outdoor wear including scarves, hats and gloves are clearly named with a child's full name so that they can be easily returned to their owner if they are found in lost property or around the school.

Many children have the same colour or same brand of winter coat and we have had some confusion this week with identical unnamed coats.

Volunteering in School

Would you be able to hear readers, play phonics and number games or share a skill or language? Do you have a weekly regular block of time to offer to the school? If so, we would love to hear from you!

We are looking for family members or family friends to volunteer at school during the school day. In order to ensure that all children have a fair level of support, we assign volunteers based on the level of need in each year group and would place volunteers in year groups that are not their children's own.

Volunteers will need to apply for DBS clearance, arranged and funded by the school, and attend a short training session before starting. Please email info@archdeaconcambridges.richmond.sch.uk if you are interested in volunteering in school.

Nursery, Rec & Yr 6 Parent Teacher Consultations

Appointments for Parent Teacher Consultations for Nursery, Reception and Year 6 on **Tuesday 21st October (4pm—7pm)** and **Thursday 23rd October (4pm—7pm)** are booked via your Scopay account. Please note that bookings will close at 9am on Monday 20th October.

Christmas Card Design Deadline



Please note that all Christmas Card Designs should be returned to the School Office by **Monday 20th October.** We will then send the cards to APFS for scanning and they will be returned to you after half term when cards/wrapping paper etc can be ordered.

Wedding Bells



Staff, children and parents all wish Miss Samiec well for her forthcoming wedding in the October Half Term. We look forward to hearing all about her special day and seeing the photographs. After Half Term, Miss Samiec will be known as Mrs Wilder and 1S will become 1W.

School Meals after Half Term

The new School Meals Menu for 2nd half Autumn Term until end of Spring Term will be been sent out to parents next week. Please inform the School Office of any changes to your child's lunch time arrangements with this new menu.

Reading and Phonics Evening Presentation

Powerpoint presentations from this week's EYFS and KS1 Reading and Phonics Information sessions can now be found on the school website Reading Evening | Archdeacon Cambridge's Church of England Primary School

School Crossing Patrol

John, our School Crossing Patrol , helps children cross the road safely on their way to and from school but even when he is there, parents remain responsible for their children's safety. John would like to remind everyone to follow some simple rules when crossing with a Patrol:

- Stand well back
- Wait
- Listen to the Patrol's instruction
- Cross in front of the Patrol
- Never play or run near a Patrol



Car drivers are reminded that it is an offence under the Road Traffic Act 1984 if they do not stop when signalled to do so by a School Crossing Patrol. Possible penalties include a fine of up to £1000, three penalty points or disqualification. Drivers should also wait until the Patrol has returned to the pavement before moving off. Many thanks for your support in keeping everyone safe.

ADHD Embrace Coffee Morning

Tuesday 11th November 2025 9.00am



ADHD Embrace are running a Coffee Morning for Parents – come along and learn about ADHD and the services on offer from ADHD Embrace.

Archdeacon Cambridge's CE Primary School
Tuesday 11th November 2025
9.00 – 10.00am

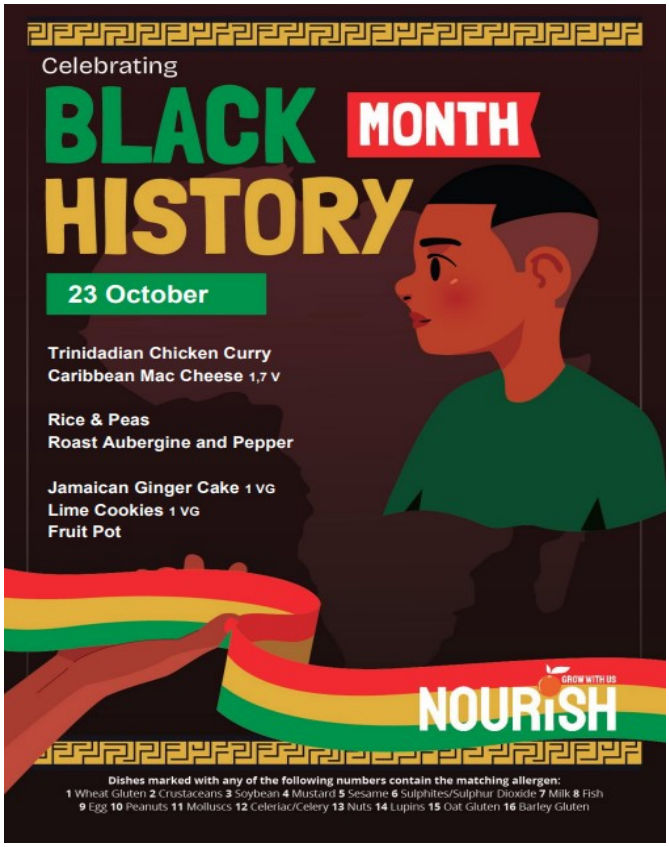
Sign up here:
https://forms.office.com/e/XfdehDw38for
scan the QR code



ADHD Embrace
Supporting families and professionals

Celebrating Black History Month School Lunch Thursday 23rd October

On Thursday 23rd October, we will be marking Black History Month with a special themed menu. Children will be able to choose from the belowmenu:



Harvest Thank you!



Holy Trinity Church have informed us that together, Archdeacon Cambridge's School and the Church have collected 200 kgs of food and raised **£580.28 and 2 Euros** through the 'coin on a can' Harvest fundraising. This amount will be donated to Spear Homeless Charity and International Tearfund charities. The wonderful collection of food and toiletries has also been combined with Holy Trinity Church and has been sent to the local



NEWS FROM THE PTA

If you would like to make a one-off donation to the PTA visit https://www.paypal.com/gb/fundraiser/charity/2398856

NEWS FROM THE PTA

October Disco - Fundraising Total!!

We hope you enjoyed the Autumn Disco as much as we did. It was lovely to have so many children and families there, and a big thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who made it happen - you are all amazing!! We raised a whopping **£3,458!!** which will be going towards the fundraising for many PTA projects this year.

November Dates

Rugby Parking

Thank you to everyone who has signed up for this so far. We're still in need of a few more volunteers to allow this to go ahead. It is one of the biggest revenue streams for the PTA throughout the year and we can make around £1000 for each date. If you can sign up to any of them, we would be hugely grateful. No previous experience necessary - It's very straightforward and you will be shown everything you need to know.

Saturday 1st November - ENG vs AUS **Saturday 8th November - ENG vs FIJI**
Saturday 15th November - ENG vs NZ **Sunday 23rd November - ENG vs ARG**

Please go to the calendar section on Class list to volunteer. You are welcome to bring your children along too - fun for all the family!!

Save the Date:

Bags2School Collection at 9am on Thursday 6th November
PTA After School Stall at 3pm on Friday 7th November
Second Hand Uniform Sale at 3pm on Friday 14th November
Christmas PTA drinks on Friday 28th November at The Alexander Pope from 8pm

CHRISTMAS IS COMING...

After Half Term we'll be getting ready for Christmas fun and we'd love you to be involved. Help us make this wonderful time of year special for all our children!

Easyfundraising

All you have to do is download the Easyfundraising app and sign up. Then whenever you want to buy anything online, you go via the app rather than directly through the shop website.
You can even choose your favourite websites so that when you go to that website, it will prompt you to use Easyfundraising.
When you're thinking about buying clothes, shoes, birthday presents and Christmas presents this year please do it through Easyfundraising. You can shop with over 8,000 online retailers, including M&S, Amazon, Clarks, Sainsburys, ASDA. Each time you purchase something, we'll get a free donation towards the school PTA with no extra cost to you. It's really simple and is such a good source of revenue for the school without having to do anything!
https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/

Christmas Family Present Stall—Friday 5th December

Our Christmas Elves need your help! On the 5th December we offer all the children a chance to 'shop' for a special family member in our Christmas store. For this to be successful we need donations now. So if you have hidden away any new gifts, smellies that were never used, or that pair of socks or toy that is just sitting gathering dust, we would love to put them to good use on our stall. They especially need men's gifts please. Please bring your contributions to the school office after half term and put them in the 'Family Presents' box.
Have a lovely Half Term break.
Your PTA Team
If you would like to make a one-off donation to the PTA visit https://www.paypal.com/gb/fundraiser/charity/2398856

Premiership Women's Rugby—Free Tickets

Harlequins are offering free tickets to Primary Schools for the opening of their Premiership Women's Rugby campaign on Friday 24th October at the Stoop (7:30pm kick off)!

Here's what you need to know:

- **Date:** Friday 24th October – The Stoop – 19:30PM Kick off
- **Who's eligible:** Parents & Staff at your school

How to claim: Simply send the below link to all parents for them to claim 4 free tickets each to our opening women's fixture.
https://www.eticketing.co.uk/harlequins/EDP/Event/Index/2078?spell=58bb5bd7-d8cc-4448-b28f-a24adba682ed