School Newsletter 428 5th September 2025

Archdeacon Cambridge's

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"Be happy, love learning, confident in our faith and do everything in love"

Dear Parents

Welcome back to school and to the new academic year. I would like to extend a very warm welcome to families who have just joined us and to our new members of staff – Mrs Scott (Y5), Mr Bell (Y4) and Ms Borkowska (Y2).

I hope you all had an enjoyable summer break and are glad to be back into the school routine. I always love seeing the children return in their new shiny shoes and smart uniforms. Seeing the sheer joy on their faces, the excitement at seeing their friends again, the feeling of being bigger and moving up to the next year group – is delightful. It also always amuses me to see the relief on parents faces, as the children are back to school and everyone can return to routine again.

Next week we celebrate the start of the new academic year with our Start of Term and Founder's Day Service on Wednesday morning. As always, parents are very welcome to join us at Church. Our lovely school will be 183 years old on Saturday 13th September – which is officially our Founder's Day. My Collective Worship assembly on Monday will be all about George Archdeacon Cambridge and the history of how our school started. As an extra treat, Rev. Simon has organised for The Ven Richard Frank, Archdeacon of Middlesex, to come into school in November when we will find out what a real Archdeacon does.

Our **Curriculum Evenings** take place over the coming weeks. These sessions which provide the opportunity for you to meet the teachers and see the classrooms, are helpful and informative for you as parents, and will support a smooth start to the new year ahead. Please note these sessions are for parents only. **Parents Teacher Consultations** this term will take place in October (for Nursery, Reception and Year 6) and November (for Years 1-5). See the diary below for details.

I look forward to seeing you all over the coming weeks at the Curriculum evenings. I hope this academic year will be a happy and successful one for everyone.

With my very best wishes,
Miss Lambe, Head Teacher

Term Dates 2025/26	
Autumn Term 2025 Inset Day **Term Dates** Half Term Inset Day	 Tues 2nd Sept Weds 3rd Sept—Fri 19th Dec 27th—31st Oct Fri 21st Nov
Spring Term 2026 Inset Day **Term Dates** Half Term	 Mon 5th Jan Tues 6th Jan—Fri 27th March 16th—20th February
Summer Term 2026 Inset Day **Term Dates** Bank Holiday Half Term Inset Day	 Mon 13th April Tues 14th April—Tues 21st July Mon 4th May 25th—29th May Mon 1st June
Easter Weekend 2026 is 3rd –6th April	

Curriculum Evening Dates	
Year Group	**Curriculum Evening Date**
Nursery	6.30pm 25th September
Reception	6.30pm 23rd September
Year 1	6.30pm 16th September
Year 2	6.30pm 16th September
Year 3	6.30pm 23rd September
Year 4	6.30pm 23rd September
Year 5	6.30pm 16th September
Year 6	6.30pm 16th September

Curriculum Evenings
Please note Curriculum dates and times above. The Reception Evening will take place in the Large Hall and Nursery and Year 1-6 Evenings will take place in the Year Group classrooms. Please attend these meetings if you wish to meet your child's teacher before the Curriculum meetings in October and November.



Dates for the Diary

Weds 10th Sept	**9.10am**	Start of Term & Founder's Day Service
Fri 12th Sept	**9am**	Coffee Morning for Reception Parents at Holy Trinity Church
	3pm	PTA Second Hand Uniform Sale
Tues 16th Sept	**6.30pm**	Curriculum Evenings (Yrs 1 & 2, 5 & 6)
Mon 22nd Sept	**PM**	Year 6 Junior Citizen
Tues 23rd Sept	**6.30pm**	Curriculum Evening (Rec, Years 3 & 4)
Thurs 25th Sept	**All Day**	School Photos
	6.30pm	Nursery Curriculum Evening

Swimming (Years 1-6)

Swimming will commence for Years 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 next week (Week beginning Monday 8th September) on the days allocated below. In total throughout the year, your child will be offered 12 sessions of swimming. We will advise when Year 5 will start their swimming sessions.

Please make sure that that children bring in their swimming kit on their allocated day and that their swimming costume is appropriate (a plain one piece swimsuit or plain swim trunks). All children must also wear a swimming hat and bring goggles:

Year 6	**Monday**
Year 4	**Monday**
Year 3	**Wednesday**
Year 2	**Friday**
Year 1	**Thursday**



Year 1 parents may like to help their child practise changing in and out of swimming clothes before their first swimming session as staff will only be able to offer limited help.

School Photographs—25th & 26th September

Individual, class and sibling group photographs for children in Years **Reception—Year 6** will take place all day on Thursday 25th and in the morning of Friday 26th September. Those children with siblings in school will be photographed as a **family group.** Those without siblings will be photographed on their own. **Nursery** individual, class and sibling group photographs will take place on Thursday 6th November. **All children should wear formal school uniform on both days and there will be no swimming for Year 1 on Thursday 25th.**

Flu Vaccination Date—Monday 3rd November

The School Vaccination Team will be visiting Archdeacon Cambridge's on **Monday 3rd November** for the Flu Vaccination programme for Nursery—Year 6. This is the first Monday after half term.

Archdeacon Cambridge's is a Nut-Free Zone

Please can we remind parents not to include nut based products (including pesto sauce, Nutella and peanut butter spread) in snacks or packed lunches as there are a number of children in school who are severely allergic to nuts. Please also check the packets of snacks for Juniors carefully as many also contain traces of nuts.

Extra Curricular School Clubs and Training

Our Extra Curricular School Clubs & Training are now up and running. Please see the Extra Curricular list attached with the newsletter and note finish dates for the term.

Parent Teacher Consultation Dates Nursery, Reception & Year 6

Date	Time
Tuesday 21st October	4pm—7pm
Thursday 23rd October	4pm—7pm

Parent Teacher Consultation Dates Years 1-5

Date	Time
Tuesday 25th November	4.30pm—7.30pm
Thursday 27th November	4pm—7pm

Coffee Welcome Morning for Reception Parents Friday 12th September, 9am Holy Trinity



Reception Parents are warmly invited to attend our Coffee Morning on Friday 12th September after drop off (9am) in The Green Room at Holy Trinity Church. Members of the Senior Team and the PTA as well as Rev Simon will join parents to circulate and chat.

Medical Appointments

Missing school for any reason, including medical appointments is disruptive to classes and children's education. Please ensure that medical appointments are made outside of school hours wherever possible.

Please note that if your child is removed for a medical appointment that occurs during school hours, we will ask for proof of appointment upon collection.

Reporting medical or other absences

All daily absences or late arrivals due to illness, medical appointments examinations, or any other reason **must be reported daily by phone before 9am**. Request forms for leave of absence for religious observance or other exceptional circumstances can be found on the school website and should be returned to the School Office by email or in hard copy for consideration by Miss Lambe.

School Meals

The School Meal menu is attached to this newsletter and remains the same as the Summer Term. The menu will change for the Winter and Spring after October Half Term. If there are any changes to your child's lunch time arrangements, please let the School Office know as soon as possible. Many thanks.

Private Secondary School Pupil References

At this time of year, a small proportion of parents, usually in Upper KS2, approach the school for references supporting their child's application to private schools, each requiring a separate unique reference. In order to allow for the costs incurred releasing class teachers to prepare these reports, parents requesting references for private secondary schools will be charged at the following rates:

- Copy of previous year's school report - £5 *(parents will already have a copy of this)*
- Pro-forma reference (ACS Template) - £50 for first school
- Pro-forma reference (ACS Template) - £25 for subsequent schools

In order to request a reference for a private school, please complete the form at this link: Request for Pupil References for Private Schools - 2026/27

A separate form will need to be completed for each reference requested.

Please submit payment to the school at the time you request a reference or a copy of a previous year's school report. References will not be processed unless you have made payment to the school in advance. Payment can be made by direct transfer to the school's bank account, or by cash or cheque. The School's Bank Details are included in the request form.

Request for Old Adult-Size Workshirts for Art in Juniors

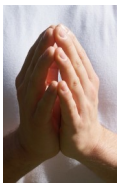
We have had a big clear out of the workshirts that Juniors use for Art and would be grateful for some donations of old adult size shirts which we can replace these with. Please bring donations to the School Office. Many thanks

Bike & Scooter Parking

Children's bikes may be stored at the blue cycle racks at the front of the school and are left at the owner's risk. Scooters should be parked in the designated year group scooter areas in the Infant or Junior playgrounds. Please ensure all bikes and scooters are named.

Praying Parents

We have a wonderful Praying Parents Group who meet monthly to pray for the school and the school community. They will meet at **2pm on the first Friday of each month at the vicarage of Holy Trinity on Vicarage Road on the dates below:**



Friday 5th September	**2pm**
Friday 3rd October	**2pm**
Friday 7th November	**2pm**
Friday 5th December	**2pm**

If you would like to be part of our Praying Parents group, please email Mrs Purves (Year 4 parent) at prayingparents@mail.com .

Labels, Labels, Labels.....

Please ensure that **all** items of school uniform, water bottles, lunch boxes, coats and **anything worn or brought to school** is **clearly** named with **both** first and last name of your child and class if possible. You can also raise money for our PTA by purchasing name labels We only have a very limited lost property area and unnamed items will not be kept for long. **However, named items can be easily and quickly returned to their owner. All other items will be donated to the PTA Second Hand Uniform Collection or disposed of.**

The Junior Lost Property Box is located outside classroom 3CB and Years 1 & 2 Lost Property Box can be found outside Classroom 2BS. Reception have their own Lost Property Box. Please encourage children to check these boxes if they have mislaid their belongings.

Please see below for details of label companies which are also fundraisers for our school PTA..

Stikins: Stikins.co.uk use school fundraising number: 715 (30% commission)
My Name Tags: mynametags.com use school ID: 28564 (24% commission)

NEWS FROM THE PTA



WOOHOO—A NEW SCHOOL YEAR!!

We hope you all had a great break over the summer and a very warm welcome to all the new families joining our school community! There are already some exciting plans in the works for the year ahead, and we're looking for fresh faces and new energy to make it all happen!
Whether you'd like to support a specific event or take on a more regular role, there's something for everyone. Volunteering is a great way to get involved and make a real difference.

Please come along to our **Annual General Meeting on Thursday 25th September from 8pm** to hear all about our plans, how you can get involved and to share your ideas.

COMING UP SOON

Fri 12th Sept: Preloved uniform sale - taking place at pick up from 2.45pm, we will be taking card payments only. If you have old uniform to donate, please ensure it is clean and there are no holes/rips. Donations can be placed inside a bag and left in the IKEA storage unit inside the Small Hall.

Fri 10th Oct: Autumn School Disco! As the dark nights draw in, get ready for some more disco fun - tickets on sale soon!