School Newsletter 449 4th September 2026

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 – Miss McKee (3M class teacher) and Mrs White and Mrs Joyce who have joined our support staff team.

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 delight on their faces, the excitement at seeing their friends again, the feeling of being bigger and moving up to the next year group – is so joyful. It also always amuses me to see the relief on parents' faces, as the children are back to school and they get to catch up at the school gates with their parent friends too.

Next week we celebrate the start of the new academic year with our Start of Term and Founder's Day Service on Thursday morning. As always, parents are very welcome to join us at Church. Our lovely school will be 184 years old on Sunday 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.

Our **Meet the Teacher 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).

Our Termly Calendar Dates will be sent home next week with children and will also be on the School website calendar.

We are still looking for a Chair or Co-Chairs to lead our PTA. We have an amazing team of PTA parents on the committee and many parent volunteers but without the important legal Chair role filled, the PTA would have to cease to exist. Our annual PTA AGM takes place on Tuesday 22nd September.

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

With my very best wishes,
Miss Lambe
Head Teacher

Meet the Teachers Dates	
Reception	6.30pm 22nd September
Year 1	6.30pm 15th September
Year 2	6.30pm 15th September
Year 3	6.30pm 22nd September
Year 4	6.30pm 22nd September
Year 5	6.30pm 15th September
Year 6	6.30pm 15th September

Term Dates 2026/27	
Autumn Term 2026	
Inset Day	Weds 2nd Sept
Term Dates	Thurs 3rd Sept—Fri 18th Dec
Half Term	26th—30th Oct
Inset Day	Fri 20th Nov
Spring Term 2027	
Inset Day	Mon 4th Jan
Term Dates	Tues 5th Jan—Thurs 25th March
Half Term	15th—19th February
Summer Term 2027	
Term Dates	Mon 12th April—Weds 21st July
Bank Holiday	Mon 3rd May
Half Term	31st May —4th June
Inset Day	Mon 7th June
Inset Day	Thurs 22nd July
Easter Weekend 2027 is 26th—29th March	



Dates for the Diary

Thurs 10th Sept	**9.10am**	Start of Term & Founder's Day Service
Fri 11th Sept	**9am**	Coffee Morning for Reception Parents at Holy Trinity Church
	3pm	PTA Second Hand Uniform Sale
Tues 15th Sept	**6.30pm**	Meet the Teachers (Yrs 1 & 2, 5 & 6)
Weds 16th Sept	**9am**	School Nurse Drop in for Parents
Tues 22nd Sept	**6.30pm**	Meet the Teachers (Rec, Years 3 & 4)
	8pm	PTA AGM
Thurs 24th Sept	**All Day**	School Photos (Not Nursery)
Fri 25th Sept	**AM**	School Photos (Not Nursery)

'Meet the Teachers' Evenings & Year 6 Secondary School Mtg

During the 'Meet the Teachers Evening, parents will be able to hear information about the year ahead and ask questions, see their child's classroom and in some cases their child's work books.

Following the Year 6 meeting, Miss Lambe and Ms van den Broek will talk to parents about the process for applying to secondary schools. The deadline for Secondary School applications is Saturday 31st October.

Swimming (Years 1-6)

Swimming will commence for Years 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 week beginning Monday 14th 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). <u>All children must also wear a swimming hat and bring goggles:</u>

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



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—24th & 25th September

School Photographs for children in Years **Reception—Year 6** will take place all day on Thursday 25th and in the morning of Friday 26th September. **All children should wear formal school uniform on both days and there will be no swimming or PE on these days.**

From now on we will be taking individual photographs of **all** children and these photographs will also be uploaded to individual student profiles on Arbor. Only school staff and parents of the child will be able to see these photographs. **We will only take sibling group photographs of children in Reception—Year 6 <u>if parents request this photograph</u>.** Parents who wish a family group photograph should fill in the following form by Monday 21st Sept: Sibling Photograph Request - September 2026 – Fill in form

Nursery individual, class and sibling group photographs will take place on Thursday 5th November.

Parent Teacher Consultation Dates Nursery, Reception & Year 6

Date	Time
Tuesday 20th October	4pm—7pm
Thursday 22nd October	4pm—7pm

Parent Teacher Consultation Dates Years 1-5

Date	Time
Thursday 19th November	4pm- 7pm
Tuesday 24th November	4.30pm—7.30pm

Coffee Welcome Morning for Reception Parents Friday 11th September, 9am Holy Trinity



Reception Parents are warmly invited to attend our Coffee Morning on Friday 11th September after drop off (9am) in The Green Room at Holy Trinity Church. Miss Lambe & Ms van den Broek of the Senior Team and the PTA as well as Rev Simon will join parents to circulate and chat.

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. We will be checking lunch time arrangements with children next week. Many thanks.

Arbor

We are very pleased that over 80% of parents have now registered with Arbor and downloaded the app. Many thanks for your patience and understanding as we move over fully to this platform. We are all learning how it works.

We will now be using Arbor for emails, trips and activity payments and booking Parent Teacher Consultations. We will no longer be using Parentmail or Scopay.

Please note that some emails we send may be sent to only one parent at the same address (Parent Contact #1 in a household).
Parents should be able to easily access newsletters, year group weekly letters and emails through their Arbor App and it should not necessary for class reps to re-send school information through WhatsApp.

Please speak to the School Office if you are experiencing any difficulties with Arbor.

Wildlife Area Thank you & Autumn Dig Day



Theresa Page writes-

As we begin a whole new school year, I wanted to take a moment to say a massive **'Thank You'** to all the children and parents who gave their time and energy to the continued rejuvenation of the school Wildlife Area last year. We had a really productive year and it was a joy to meet such a lovely bunch of enthusiastic people. I hope you all had as much fun as I did!

We will start again this month and have the first 'Dig Day' of the new year booked for **Saturday 26th September**. Parents and children are invited to come along between 9.30am—2pm and we have lots of jobs to do in the Wildlife Area following a very hot summer and in preparation for the Autumn & Winter months. No gardening experience necessary and we have gloves and tools. We also have refreshments and cake and it's a great way to meet other Archdeacon Families. See you there!

Flu Vaccination Date—Wednesday 21st October

The School Vaccination Team will be visiting Archdeacon Cambridge's on **Wednesday 21st October** for the Flu Vaccination programme for Nursery—Year 6 children. Further information and permission forms will be sent to parents .

School Nurse Drop In Session for Parents Wednesday 16th September, 9am

Our School Nurse will be holding a drop in session for parents on Wednesday 16th September. Natasha will be at the school from 9am to see parents who have medical concerns for their child for a confidential chat. There is no sign up necessary, please just come to the School Office.

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.**

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 KS2 children carefully as many also contain traces of nuts.

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.

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 clearly named.

Extra Curricular School Clubs and Training Clubs

Our Extra Curricular School Clubs & Training all start next week (Week Commencing Monday 7th September) Please see the Extra Curricular Clubs list attached with the newsletter and note the various finish dates for the term. We have been advised that a number of our clubs still have spaces including Jam Coding, Years 4 - 6 Judo Club, Mandarin Club and Basketball.

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 - Private Schools (2027/28 Admission) – Fill in form

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.

Zippos Circus Visit and Discount Code

Zippos Circus will be visiting Archdeacon Cambridge's on Wednesday 9th September in the afternoon. Years 1-3 will enjoy a performance from two performers. Zippos Circus have given us a half price discount code that can be used on all performances except the Opening Night for any ringside or grand stand seats. Parents should use the **code DL50** to access this discount when booking.

NEWS FROM THE PTA

WOOHOO—A NEW SCHOOL YEAR!!

We hope you all had a great break over the summer and extend 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!

We are especially looking for a new Chair. **This is a role that must be legally filled in order for the PTA to continue.** Without a PTA Chair, there will be no events, no fundraising, no Class Reps or Classlist so please consider coming forward to co-ordinate our amazing team.

Please come along to our **Annual General Meeting at 8pm Tuesday 22nd September (after the Reception, Years 3 & 4 Meet the Teachers).** During this meeting the committee (and new Chair hopefully!) will be voted in and you can hear all about last year's fundraising and exciting plans for this year.

COMING UP SOON

Fri 11th 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 16th Oct: Autumn School Disco! As the dark nights draw in, get ready for some more disco fun - tickets on sale soon!

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 from Stikins or My NameTags.

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 3M and Years 1 & 2 Lost Property Box can be found outside Classroom 2B. 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)



OPEN DAY

Twickenham Fire Station

Sunday, 6 September 2026 12pm–4pm

- Your chance to meet your Twickenham firefighters and get fire safety advice.
- See our latest fire and rescue service equipment.
- Plus lots of fun activities for children and families!

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