

26th June 2026



Histon & Impington
Brook Primary School

HIBPS Newsletter



Dear Families,

Headteacher update

Well, that was a hot one!

Many thanks to all children, parents/carers and staff for working together to get through this extraordinarily hot week. We are sure this won't be the last time we experience such weather conditions and we will reflect on how we can use our buildings most effectively during times like this in the future.

Thank you to everyone who attended last week's Explorify – Start with Art Open Classrooms. It was wonderful to see so many of you visiting the classrooms and enjoying the fantastic creations from our very talented children. I was incredibly impressed by all of the entries and the time and effort that had clearly gone into them – well done to everyone involved – a special thank you to Miss Burns for organising not only this event but many Science workshops and experiences as part of our Science Week. Choosing just a few winners was extremely difficult for staff, but certificates have been awarded to those selected.

This week, many of our Year 6 children visited Impington Village College as part of their transition days. We were delighted to hear that they returned full of enthusiasm and excitement about the next step in their educational journey.

It is that time of year when we will soon be sending home end-of-year reports and informing you of classes for next year. Further details will be shared over the coming weeks.

We are looking forward to welcoming families to sports day this coming Monday 29th June. Details and reminders are below.

Thank you,

Richard Bakker
Headteacher



Meridian
Trust

School News – Sports Day – Monday 29th June

Our rescheduled Sports Day will take place on
Monday 29th June.

- Children should come to school **wearing their P.E. kit** in their **house colour** and bring a **water bottle, sun cream** (already applied) and a **sun hat**.
- Parents, carers and family members are very welcome to attend.
- Please enter via the main green gates.
- Timings are as follows:
 - **EYFS and Key Stage 1:** 9:30–11:00am
 - **Key Stage 2:** 1:30–3:00pm

We look forward to seeing you there!





School News – Dance at the Summer Fair



Histon and Impington Brook Primary **Summer Fair Dance Display 2026**

On Friday 12th June, the children of Histon and Impington Brook Primary School delighted parents and families with a magnificent dance display at our annual Summer Fair.

It was wonderful to watch the children perform the dances they have been working so hard on throughout the year. Their enthusiasm, confidence and enjoyment shone through in every performance. After each dance, parents and families showed their appreciation with enthusiastic applause, encouraging our young performers to smile, celebrate and take pride in all they have achieved.

We are incredibly proud of all our dancers for their hard work, commitment and outstanding performances. Thank you also to our parents and carers for your continued support and encouragement, both on the day and throughout the year.





School News – Dance at the Summer Fair





School News – Scholastic Book Fair

COME TO OUR BOOK FAIR

AND FIND YOUR NEXT FAVOURITE READ!

BOOKS for our school!

Books featured include:

- DOG MAN: BIG JIM BELIEVES
- DIARY of a Wimpy Kid: PARTYSPOON
- POKEMON MEGA EVOLUTION HANDBOOK
- Capubara Kingdom
- The Scarecrows' Wedding
- TOM GATES PESKY PETS PARTIES

DATE: 25-26 & 29-30 June

TIME: 3:15 - 4:00pm

LOCATION: The Studio KS2 playground

GO ALL IN.

National Year of Reading 2025

Help your child find their next great read this summer and support our school in raising funds for brand new books!

We're delighted to be hosting a Book Fair at the Studio (KS2 playground) between 3:15pm–4:00pm on:

- Monday 29th June
- Tuesday 30th June

Pop along with your child to browse a fantastic selection of books, with prices starting from just £2.99 – perfect for inspiring summer reading!

Every purchase helps us raise money to buy new books for the children to enjoy in school. Please note: card payments only (no cash).

We would love to see as many families as possible so come and enjoy choosing a book together while supporting our school community!



School News – Blue Smile – Big Give Appeal



Blue Smile: donations for children's mental health support will be doubled 22-29 June!

Local mental health charity Blue Smile works closely with our school to support children's mental health, providing 1-1 therapy and small-group support for children who are struggling with issues like anxiety, grief, anger or low self-esteem. The school contributes to the cost, but Blue Smile rely on fundraising to heavily subsidise their services and keep them affordable to us.

Over the years, many of our children have been helped by Blue Smile, and advice and support from their therapists has made a big difference for parents and teachers too.

From 22 -29 June, online donations to Blue Smile will be doubled as part of the Big Give's Small Charities Week appeal! So if you can, please donate at <https://donate.biggive.org/campaign/a05WS00000BqKZIYAN> - or you can support by looking up Blue Smile on social media (@BlueSmileCam) and sharing their posts to spread the word.

Every £1 donated will have twice the impact in building happier childhoods and brighter futures - in our school and across Cambridgeshire.

Follow us on social media: @BlueSmileCam | Fundraise or donate to us:
www.bluesmile.org.uk/donate.

Blue Smile is a registered charity: 1139279 | Registered company: 7411348 | Registered with the Fundraising Regulator.



The Big Future – National Survey from the Children’s Commissioner – Please complete if you can!

As Children’s Commissioner, I’m writing to ask for your support in helping children at your school or college take part in my national survey, **The Big Future**.

Students can take part here:

<http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>

As schools and colleges return for the final weeks of the academic year, this is a valuable opportunity for children and young people to reflect on their experiences, share what matters most to them, and tell us about their hopes and ambitions for the future in their own words.

*To encourage engagement, I am inviting schools and colleges to identify **student champions** who can help promote the survey among their peers. Student champions who generate particularly high levels of participation will receive a formal thank you from my office, recognising their contribution to amplifying young people’s voices. This is also an excellent example of leadership and participation that students may wish to reference in future personal statements, CVs and applications.*

I want to hear from children and young people aged 0–18 from every background, in every part of the country. The survey asks about the things they enjoy, the challenges they face, the changes they would like to see in their communities, and what they believe a good childhood should look like today.

Participation in The Big Future also provides schools with an opportunity to demonstrate their commitment to civic engagement. The findings will help inform national conversations and decision-making about children’s lives and futures at the highest levels.

Schools and colleges with the highest response levels will receive formal recognition and will be invited to attend my final Festival of Childhood, celebrating the voices and contributions of children and young people from across England.

I have created a pack of resources, including an introductory video, lesson materials and FAQs, all available on my **website**.

I will publish the findings next year, and they will help shape the conversations and decisions being made about children’s lives and futures for years to come.

Thank you so much for your support.

Dame Rachel de Souza

Children’s Commissioner for England



KS1 updates

Year 1 – acting out the Spanish Armada



Year 1 – making arrays



Year 2 – extracting DNA from strawberries



Year 2 – solving a crime through chromatography





KS2 updates

Year 3 – Science pipette workshop



Year 3 – sharing Cautionay Tales



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Year 3 – sharing Cautionay Tales





KS2 updates

Year 5 – first aid and practising the recovery position



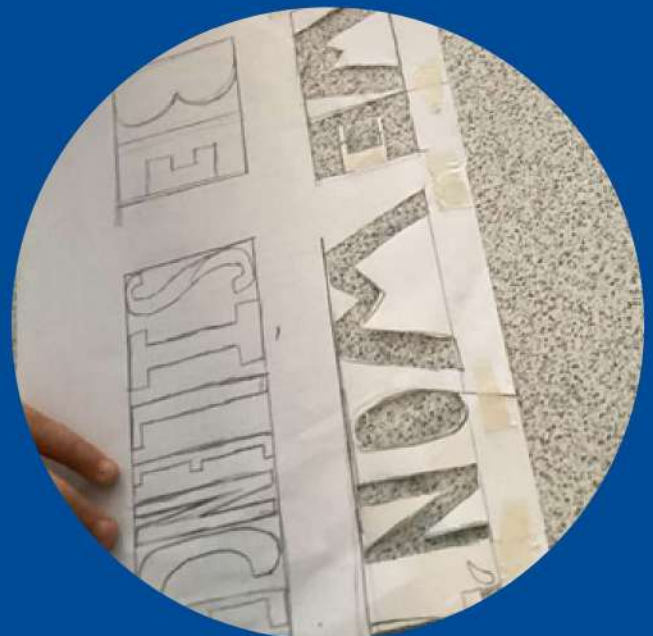
Year 5 – using watercolours



Year 6 – making activism posters whilst keeping cool



Year 6 – making stencils for posters





Key Dates : Summer Term

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>
Monday 29th June	9.30am - 11am	Sports Day - Reception and KS1
Monday 29th June	1.30pm - 3pm	Sports Day - KS2
Monday 29th June	3.15pm - 4pm	HIBPS Book Fair - In the Studio
Tuesday 30th June	3.15pm - 4pm	HIBPS Book Fair - In the Studio
Thursday 2nd July	TBC	Selected Students East Cambs Hub - Meridian Arts Showcase Event
Tuesday 7th July	9am - 11am	Year 6 - Watching Park School - Year 6 Performance.
Tuesday 7th July	All Day	Selected Students - Wimbledon day out
Wednesday 8th July	All morning	All Years - Move Up morning
Wednesday 8th July	9.15am - 10.15am / 10.30am - 11.30am	New Reception 2026 - Play sessions
Thursday 9th July	9.30am - 10.55am	Year 6 - Performance to KS1 and Reception
Thursday 9th July	1.45pm - 3.15pm	Year 6 - Performance to Parents
Thursday 9th July	6pm - 7pm	Year 6 - Performance to Parents
Thursday 16th July	4:30-6:30pm	Year 6 - Leavers Event
Friday 17th July	All Day	Last Day of Term

Summer

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Children who receive benefits-related free school meals are eligible and can join us for up to 64 hours of holiday fun this summer.

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Questions: HAF@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

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What Educators Need to Know about INVOICE FRAUD

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Invoice fraud, including payment diversion fraud, occurs when criminals deceive you into paying a fake invoice or redirect a genuine payment into their own bank account. Fraudsters may impersonate suppliers, intercept emails, or send convincing invoices to prompt urgent payment into fraudulent accounts. It is one of the most common and costly forms of financial crime affecting individuals, businesses, and schools.

COMMUNICATIONS CLAIMING URGENCY

Communications that claim to be urgent or highlight late payments may be a key sign. Fraudsters often apply pressure to rush decisions and stop checks. Take a moment to verify the request using trusted contacts before making any payment.

CHANGES TO BANK DETAILS

Receiving messages saying a regular supplier has changed their bank account details can be a warning sign. Fraudsters may impersonate contacts to redirect payments. Always verify changes first using known supplier contact details.

DISCREPANCIES AGAINST PREVIOUS INVOICES

Be wary of invoice details that don't match authentic, previously issued invoices, such as amounts, reference numbers or contact names. Fraudsters often alter small details to avoid detection. Always query any differences using your supplier's contact details.

MINOR EMAIL CHANGES

Look out for slight changes to a supplier's email address, such as extra characters or spelling differences. Fraudsters often use similar looking addresses to appear genuine. Always check the sender carefully and verify any concerns using known contact details before responding or making a payment.

UNEXPECTED PAYMENT REQUESTS

Invoices or payment requests for goods or services you do not recognise can be a warning sign. Fraudsters may send false invoices hoping they will be paid without question. Check records and confirm with the supplier before processing any unfamiliar request.

UNUSUAL LANGUAGE OR TONE

Messages with unusual wording, grammar or spelling compared to your usual supplier communications may indicate fraud. Criminals often copy legitimate messages but may not match the usual tone or style. The rise in artificial intelligence (AI) means errors are no longer as common or obvious. Be cautious and verify the request if anything seems out of place.

Advice for Parents & Educators

VERIFY BANK DETAILS

Always confirm any change to a supplier's bank details before making a payment. Use a trusted phone number or a long-standing contact you have used before, not the details provided in the request. This helps ensure you are dealing with a genuine supplier and prevents payments being redirected to fraudsters.

CROSS-CHECK INVOICES

Compare new invoices with those previously issued by the supplier in question. Check key details such as amounts, bank details, reference numbers and contact information. Differences may indicate fraud, so always investigate and verify anything that does not match before making a payment.

DUAL PAYMENT APPROVAL

Ask a trusted person to review and approve high-value payments. A second set of eyes can help spot unusual details or warning signs that might otherwise be missed. This adds an extra layer of control and reduces the risk of errors or fraudulent payments being processed.

REPORT FRAUD QUICKLY

If you suspect fraud, act immediately. Contact your bank using 159 or their official number and report it to Report Fraud online or by calling 0300 123 2040. Keep all emails and documents. For more guidance, or to register for counter fraud alerts, see DfE counter fraud guidance. You can find the invoice fraud leaflet on the National Crime Agency website.

Meet Our Expert

Evan Williams is a counter fraud manager at the Department for Education. Having led the function there for many years, he now focuses on continual improvement, communication, and innovation. He proudly oversaw the growth of the counter fraud team during the pandemic, having worked in counter fraud for 16 years since starting his civil service career with the National Crime Agency back in 2010.



The National College

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Your Outside School Achievements!

We love seeing your fabulous achievements outside of school!

Please e-mail the office at office@brookprimary.co.uk if you have any achievements you would like to celebrate with everyone!

Please say if you and your child are happy for it to go in the Newsletter, in the school Celebration Assembly or on the Celebration Wall, or any combination of these.

Big well done to Isla!



Big well done to Isla in Year 1! she entered the 'Go' tournament held at St Mary's this week. She was the youngest player there and won the 9x9 category!

Go is an ancient abstract strategy board game originating in China, played by two players on a grid of intersecting lines. Players take turns placing black and white stones to claim territory, connect their pieces, and surround the opponent's stones. While the standard board uses a 19×19 grid, a 9×9 board is a smaller version. Some say Go is even more complex than Chess.

Your Outside School Achievements!

Seren's first Live Gig! What a Superstar!

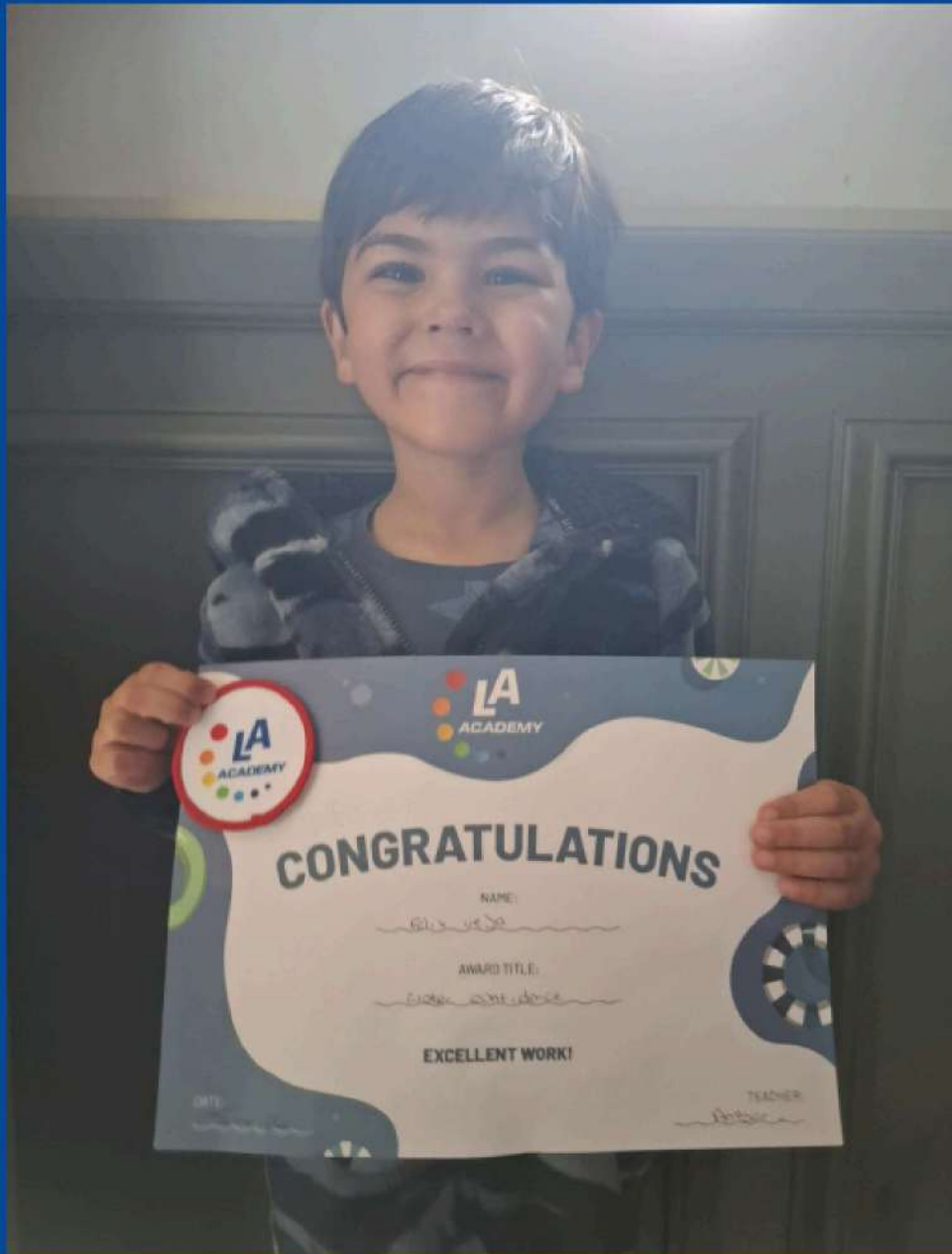


**Well done Seren!
She bravely
performed her
first live
performance at
the Open Gardens
last weekend in
the village!**

**She played the
Piano in front of of
a live audience
and did a
fantastic job!**

Your Outside School Achievements!

Go Felix!



Huge well done to Felix, who only started swimming a couple of weeks ago but has already achieved his first red award, swimming with real confidence.

Keep going Felix, great job!

Your Outside School Achievements!

Well Done Finlay for his 50th Parkrun!



**Last weekend, Finlay completed
his 50th Junior ParkRun to
achieve his ultramarathon
milestone!**

**Finlay loves running with his
Brook Primary friends, who have
kept him motivated every step of
the way.**





Histon & Impington
Brook Primary School

DC SPORTS Holiday Club



DC Sports

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Brook Primary School
9:00am - 15:30pm

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Mon 3rd Aug - Thurs 6th Aug

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School



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18th July





HIBPS PTFA

REGULAR GIVING

No time for bake sales?

Here's the thing- our PTFA helps fund a range of enriching activities and projects. From new books your kids love, to amazing playground equipment, subsidising school trips that create memories and more.

However, we can only do it with your help. The good news? If you're time-poor but still able to give, then a regular donation is an easy way to contribute.

£10/month = less than two fancy coffees. But 50 families doing it = £6,000/year for our kids. They'll benefit from it. Everyone wins.

PAYROLL GIVING

Tax-efficient: £10 a month costs you only £8 (just £6 for higher rate taxpayers)

Charity name: Histon and Impington Brook Primary School Parent-Teacher-Friends Association
Charity number: 268870

On board? Click this [link](#) to get started

STANDING ORDER

Set up a standing order to:

Account number: 43091589
Sort code: 20-17-20
Bank: Barclays
Account name: Histon and Impington Brook School PTA
Ref: Your name

Email hijspta@gmail.com a [Gift Aid form](#) so we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 donated.