



WHAT'S ON?

AUTUMN TERM DATES 2026

14th September
Individual & Sibling Photographs

16th September
Flu Vaccinations

w/c 21st September
Life Bus Week
Y6 Testing Week

w/c 28th September
NFER Testing Week (Y3-Y5)

24th September
Macmillan Coffee Morning

23rd October
School Closed: Staff Training Day

26th October
October Half Term Week

MESSAGE FROM OUR HEADTEACHER

Dear Parent/Carer,

We've now completed our first full week of the school year. Our focus value remains **Ambition**. On Monday, our Whole School Assembly launched our **Future Me programme** for this year. Between now and July, pupils can work on completing pledges, attending Future Me Talks, developing finance knowledge, skills & attitudes and achieving various badges along the way.

You'll find in this week's Letter Day email the Autumn Term Curriculum Overviews for Year 3/4 and Y5/6. We hope this provide a useful overview of the learning that is scheduled to take place over the coming weeks. Each term, we aim to provide this information within the first fortnight both by email and on our website.

During the summer break, we received news that we achieved the **School Games PLATINUM Mark Award** for the 2025/26 academic year. We were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded. It is our Ambition that each pupil represents CJS at some point during their four years at our school.

Year Three parents/carers, the pupils have made a very positive start to their time at the junior school. We'd like to invite you to join your child for lunch one day as part of their settling in. Adult visitor lunches are charged at £5.50 and can be booked via the school office.

In this week's Close Up, there are a number of notices and reminders. I hope you find them helpful.

Enjoy the weekend!

Mr Liam Murphy | Headteacher

Happy Days Creative

On Monday, Happy Days Creative will be in school to take individual and (CJS) sibling photographs. One of our reasons for using Happy Days Creative is the subscription offer that they provide. For £4 per month, receive one 5x7 inch print of every portrait photo and any sibling shots taken and access to the digital copies. Details of how to subscribe to this offer can be found attached to today's email. To include the photos that will be taken on Monday, a subscription needs to have begun before 20th September. Anyone who previously subscribed, your subscription will continue as long as the monthly payment is made.



Reminders

Please ensure that PE Kit is in school every day.

While we provide the majority of the equipment pupils need to take part in lessons, we request that they bring into school the following items:

- glue stick
- headphones (3.5mm jack cable)
- art apron/shirt

Where items (uniform, PE Kit, coat, snack pot, water bottle etc) are named, we can return these to pupils. Please may this be checked.

Scooters / Bikes

Scooters and bicycles are not to be ridden on the school site for safety reasons: at the beginning and end of the school day, the playground and walkways are busy with people of various ages and mobilities. Everyone **must** adhere to this. Pupils have been reminded in school; we ask that parents/carers reiterate this message.



[WHOLE SCHOOL LETTERS CLICK HERE](#)





BROMCOM Parent Portal MCAS App: All parents/ carers must register for MCAS App.
See original letter with details on how to setup, activate account and pay for school meals.

LEARNING ACHIEVEMENTS



On both Times Table Rock Stars and NumBots, pupils should now have rolled over to their new classes. Next week, we shall begin sharing again the notable achievements on these platforms.

Pre-Loved Uniform Sale

On Wednesday, we held our first Pre-Loved Uniform Sale of the year. This takes place every second Wednesday of the month and can be found on the playground outside Year Five. This week, the PTA raised over £70, which they will put to good use, and many families were able to access uniform at a pound an item. If anyone requires access to pre-loved uniform at other times, please contact the school office.

Pupil Mobile Devices

Our policy regards mobile phones and devices (such as wearables) that can connect to the internet, make calls, send messages and/or take photographs are not to be brought onto the school site. We thank you for your continued support with this.

ONLINE SAFETY SUPPORT



NCA Guidance to Parents: Children's Images Online

The National Crime Agency and Internet Watch Foundation have issued new guidance to help parents make informed choices about sharing images of their children online. It covers reviewing privacy settings, revisiting consent with your child as they grow, and what to do if you're worried.

The guidance can be [accessed here](#).

LEARNING & WELLBEING SUPPORT



Keep Your Head – Mental health and wellbeing information for children, young people, adults, professionals, and schools across Cambridgeshire & Peterborough

This resource provides reliable information on mental health and wellbeing for children, young people, adults, professionals and schools across Cambridgeshire & Peterborough.

The information can be [accessed here](#).

PTA ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

The staff and pupils thank the entire PTA for their support last year.

Lots of events are being planned for the coming months!



Dinner Money



Pupils are charged £3 per day for a school meal. The cost for the whole of this first half term is £108. We require dinners to be paid for in advance.



COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

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Our Amazon Wish List:
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Term Dates



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2026-2027 & future dates

Pupil Achievements

Mia P took part for Witchford in the Norwich Champions Cup. The group all got a medal for the first set of the competition and they came 2nd overall.



Volunteers Wanted!

We benefit from a large number of volunteers: PTA, Academy Council, readers, trip help.

We would welcome any volunteers who would be interested in giving some of their time to carry out some admin tasks (photocopying, tidying, filing and the like). If you are interested, please contact the school office.

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If you have some spare time or would like to join our committee team please do get in touch via the school office or our Facebook page to find out more details.



The PTA need you!