

MESSAGE FROM OUR HEADTEACHER

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have the Lifebus (Life Education Centre) with us next week. When visiting, pupils will learn how amazing their bodies are and how the human body can be affected by drugs. Through a 'life skills' approach, children are enabled to practice the skills that will help them make good decisions. The visit is being part-funded by our PTA and St Neots St Mary's Rotary Club. This reduced the contribution for parents and we thank them for their support.

Over the next fortnight, all children will undertake their first 'Testing Weeks' of the school year. We undertake these assessments (previous SATs papers in Year Six and NFER papers in other year groups) so that pupils become familiar with working in test conditions and to a set time, but also, and more importantly, to identify gaps in pupil's knowledge so that we may adapt future lessons.

As the new school year has gotten off to a start, many members of school staff have been looking for enrichment opportunities both within and beyond the curriculum. Some dates and details have already been shared and more will follow in due course. Today, we are able to share the 'Clubs Booklet' for this term.

Macmillan Cancer Support is a charity that has supported many members of our community. This coming Thursday, we will host our annual Macmillan Coffee Morning. An opportunity to join your child in school, have some light refreshments and raise some valuable funds. Cake donations via the office, support on the day and/or attending are all welcome. See the information attached to today's email, [and sign up here if you plan to attend](#).

Enjoy the weekend!

Mr Liam Murphy | Headteacher



WHAT'S ON?

AUTUMN TERM DATES 2026

w/c 21st September

Life Bus Week

Y6 Testing Week

w/c 28th September

NFER Testing Week (Y3-Y5)

24th September

Macmillan Coffee Morning

19th October

Parent Consultation Week

TBC

PTA Halloween Disco

23rd October

School Closed: Staff Training Day

26th October

October Half Term Week

Happy Days Creative



On Monday, Happy Days Creative were 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 were shared with last week's Friday email.



Reminders

As some may know, we have children in school with latex allergies. To help us maintain a safe environment for all pupils, we ask that balloons are not brought into school, including for crafting, pupil's work or celebrations. Thank you for your understanding and support in helping us keep our school community safe.



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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.

Term Dates



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2026-2027 &

future dates

amazon

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[YEAR FIVE](#)

[YEAR SIX](#)





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



COINS

Rory H 3CH

IMPROVED

Evie C 3CH

COINS

Harriet 6CB

IMPROVED

Mia T 6KW

Pupil Achievements



On Saturday, Joseph took part in the JFL (Junior Fenland League) Final with his swimming club. The final was held in Wisbech, and Joseph had an amazing night of swimming, showing fantastic teamwork and giving it his all. His team went on to win the final!

Rebecca entered the Little Paxton Autumn Show and achieved best in show silver for her fantastic entries which included 4 brownies, a teddy bears picnic, a decorated rock and a painting of an enchanted forest.



Good luck to Oscar, Freddie, Robert, Vincent and Hugo as they begin a new season with St. Neots Town Under 9s.



Sasha, Ivy, Annabelle, Lois and Robyn held a craft sale earlier this week. They raised £53.14 and have asked that the school put this towards repairing the Adventure Playground. Thank you! 🙌🙌

ONLINE SAFETY SUPPORT



We know how hard it can be for parents to guide their children through an ever-changing online world. Find here expert guidance and comprehensive resources for parents and professionals to help keep children safe online. Download the guides on how to have effective conversations and implement parental controls.

[Available here.](#)

Staff Achievements

Over the past two years, a few members of staff have been undertaking National Professional Qualifications (NPQs). These are accredited qualifications for teachers and school leaders. Well done to Mrs Clee who has recently passed the NPQSENDCO (SENDCo qualification) and to both Mr Ainscow & Mr Murphy who recently passed the NPQH (Headship qualification).

Dinner Money



Pupils are charged £3 per day for a school meal. **Visitors are welcome to join their children for a lunch most days and these are charged at £5.50 per adult visitor.**

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.

LEARNING & WELLBEING SUPPORT



A new school year can see friendships change and this can be difficult. There are many ways you can support your child as they navigate this challenging but exciting time. Parenting Smart has some wonderful resources to help and a link to this can be found below.

[Access the resources 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!

Follow us on Facebook
[@crosshalljuniorschoolpta](#)

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.



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