



TRUMPINGTON PARK NEWS

20th March 2026

Hello wonderful TPPS families,

What a fantastic week it has been across the school. There has been so much learning, creativity and enthusiasm in every year group, and it has been lovely to see the children so engaged in their activities.

We are very much looking forward to the Reception Easter Spectacular. The children have been practising their songs beautifully, and we can't wait to welcome you to see their performance. In class, Reception have also been continuing their learning based on The Gingerbread Man, designing clever alternative ways for him to cross the river safely and avoid the fox altogether.

In Years 1 and 2, the children have been producing some truly wonderful writing inspired by The Diary of a Wombat. Their work has been humorous, detailed and full of imagination, and we have all learnt a great deal about the busy lives of wombats through their storytelling.

Year 4 have been exploring digital design in their DT lessons using Tinkercad. They have been creating their own desk tidies, and I must admit I am particularly excited to see their finished pieces—some of us could do with a little extra help keeping our desks organised!

Our Year 6 children have also been exceptionally busy, with 37 of them rehearsing for their upcoming dance competition next week. Their commitment and teamwork are extremely impressive and a wonderful example of our school value: Together we are proud, positive and strive for success. We wish them the very best of luck.

Year 3 have been carrying out hands-on science investigations to find out what plants need to thrive. Their curiosity and thoughtful observations have been brilliant to see. Meanwhile, Year 5 have been channelling their inner David Attenborough and writing their own animal narratives. These pieces are rich in vocabulary and imagination, and we hope to share some of this fantastic writing with you soon.

Thank you to all families who have been walking, scooting and biking to school, and to those who have been mindful of our neighbours when parking. You may have noticed new parking signs in the area outlining updated fines. In the past week alone, I have been made aware of three people receiving £100 fines, so please ensure you only park in designated areas to avoid being caught out. We kindly ask families to also avoid keeping engines running while waiting outside school. Idling produces unnecessary air pollution which gathers at children's height and can affect breathing, concentration and overall health. Turning engines off helps create cleaner air around our school and supports a healthier environment for everyone.

It has also been a busy week for sporting events across TPPS, and you can find more details of these activities inside the newsletter. There has been so much to celebrate, and we are proud of all the children who have represented the school with such enthusiasm and positivity.

A warm Happy Eid to all our families who have been celebrating this week. We hope you have enjoyed a joyful time with friends and loved ones.

Thank you to those parents who have been in touch regarding an interest in the Academy Council positions please do speak to me if you have any questions regarding these roles, as always, for your continued support and for being such an important part of our school community.

Have a wonderful weekend,

On Wednesday, Year 3 thoroughly enjoyed their online author visit from Chante Timothy. We had an excellent time creating our own blob monsters, using inspiration from her new book **Supa Nova!**

This Week's Learning




Year 4 have been writing setting descriptions inspired by the wonderful picture book, Journey by Aaron Becker. Look at this stunning example from Céleste!


Thursday 19th March 2026

L.P: To reflect and redraft.

★ Wonderful Céleste!



P. As I opened a ruby red door that I drew, I saw a lovely lake gleaming in the distance. When I looked up I noticed lanterns gently swaying in the breeze. Then I realised this forest was magical. I heard the sound of the river gracefully rocking back and forth. My feet sank into the delicate moss as I reached to close the door. The sun was slowly rising into the sky which made the forest air river glow.

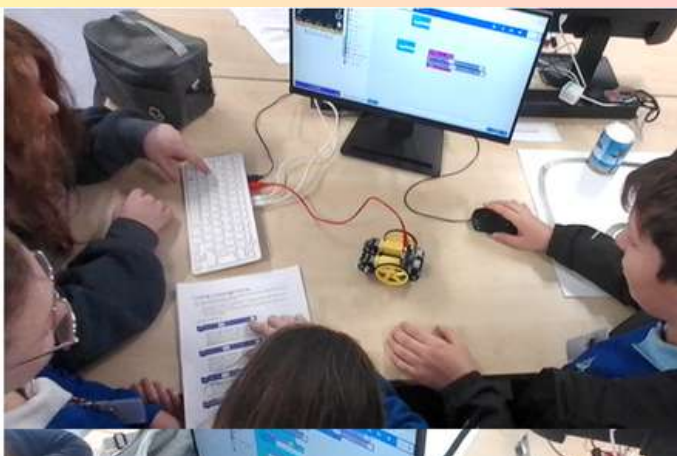


P. I stepped on the creaky wooden bridge, and looked down at the river it felt like it was telling me something. The leaves on trees rustled silently as the whistling wind passed by. The crayon I was holding started to glow with magic like this forest. I started to draw a boat it was red like the door.

I hopped inside the boat and sailed off to another

On Tuesday, a team of micro:bit coders from Year 6 went to test their skills at the third annual Schools Coding Competition at the Centre for Computing History. They were set the fiendish challenge of coding a micro:bit mini-computer, so that it could be plugged into a small buggy, which would then explore a desert island in search of treasure. Our intrepid four set about building the instructions for the robot that would allow it to act autonomously, sensing the edge of the island and turning back; avoiding palm trees; and finding the shiny treasure. They grappled with using sensors, audiovisual outputs, 'if statements', 'do loops', 'functions' and so much more in their pursuit of efficient, effective, robust code. Our team's final challenge was on an unseen island much bigger than the test environment. Their robot gave it a valiant effort, successfully collecting some of the treasure and let down only by their ambition to develop the code until the last minute, which meant that some actions were not as reliable as earlier in the day. A lesson in version control! The team showed fantastic determination, perseverance, teamwork and positivity through an enjoyable, challenging day.

After doing us all proud, the team were able to end the day with a crack at authentic 1980s Mario!



On Friday 13th March, Year 5 were very lucky to have a visitor in to school to work with us. Her name was Eiko and she taught us all about shodo (Japanese calligraphy). We used special paintbrushes and ink. Eiko taught us how to use and hold the brush and the correct order of how to do each stroke in a Japanese character in the correct order. We finished by writing the character meaning 'eternity' which uses each different type of stroke. We found it interesting that only calligraphy teachers are allowed to use orange ink- students have to use black ink. We were especially grateful when Eiko kindly gave us all bookmarks with our names written beautifully in Japanese. We'd like to thank Eiko and the Japan Society for visiting us and the Embassy of Japan in the UK for funding the workshop.



Sporting Success



TFFs at stacking competition

On Thursday, twelve pupils from TFFs went to the speed stacking competition at ~~metton~~ Melton village college. One taxi and two parents drove us there. ~~and take where~~ when we got there we saw ~~that~~ loads of activities that looked very fun and we got to try ~~out~~ all of them.

We tried speed stacking against ~~each other~~, giant cup stacking and we tried 3-3-3-3 stacks. The quickest group won.

Then we travelled back to school. It was really fun.

By Henry,





BEFORE-SCHOOL CLUB

JOIN TODAY TRIATHLON CLUB



TRUMPINGTON PARK PRIMARY TRIATHLON CLUB

EVERY WEDNESDAY BEFORE SCHOOL 7.40-8.40AM. (YEARS 3-6)

BUILD RUN FITNESS & BIKE SKILLS EACH WEEK WITH 2 PROFESSIONAL COACHES. TRY FOR FREE!




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Dear Parent/Carer,

19/03/2026

Trumpington Park Tri Club
Wednesday AM, 7:40am – 8:40am, Years 3 - 6

We are delighted to announce the return of the triathlon club before school on Wednesdays in the Summer term 2026 @ Trumpington Park . The club will run from Wednesday 22nd April 2026 until Wednesday 8th July 2026 for years 3 - 6 (excluding half term and any teacher training days).

The club will be led by two professional triathlon coaches from Today Triathlon who run the Triathlon and Running in Schools programme.

This term will consist of the **Bike** and **Run** element of the sport and will enable the children to build basic bike and run skills whilst increasing their fitness, and most importantly, having fun. We have found that many of the children who enjoy the sport at their school club go on to join one of our afterschool/evening swim sessions at Bottisham sports centre on Tuesday evening and Thursdays after school weekly.

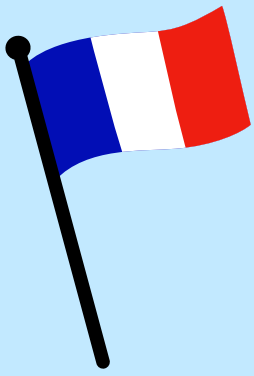
To participate in the club, pupils will need a working bicycle and helmet (compulsory), running clothes including trainers. We will send out a schedule prior to the start of the term to confirm what we're doing when and what they'll need for each session

If your child would like to take part in this club, please sign them up using the link [HERE](#). We have limited spaces and places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

As the club is being run by two professional coaches, the price for the term is: £77.00 (£7.00 per session for 11 weeks). Payment link [HERE](#)

I look forward to your child joining us this term. If you have any queries at all regarding the Triathlon Club, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,
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French Links



Year 3: Watch this video on YouTube to practise and learn some new animals:

[Pets in French: Les Animaux Familiers](#) |
[Blabber Beasts French for Kids](#)

Year 4: Watch this video on BBC Teach to practise and learn some new weather phrases:

[KS2 MFL: 'The Weather' in French with Rhys Stephenson - BBC Teach](#)

Year 5: Watch this story on YouTube to revise colours and the face:

[Bonne nuit petit monstre vert, Ed Emberley / Good night little green monster](#) ★ [French read aloud](#)

Year 6: Read about Parc Asterix in the Junior magazine:

[Parc Astérix: The Paris theme park that thrills ALL of the family!](#) - [Junior Magazine](#)



An Amazing Drawing of Asterix by a Year 6 Student





You're invited to



YEAR 1 PHONICS

Please join Mrs Segrave and Mrs Yarrow
to watch Year 1 phonics

23RD MARCH 2026

2:15pm - end of the day
no siblings - sorry



2026 School Dates

2026

March

25th and 26th March – Reception Performance

26th March - Open Classrooms

April

May

1st and 8th May – Year 3 and 4 Botanic Garden

4th May – Year 4 Bikeability

20th and 21st May – Year 5 Performance

June

3rd June - Reception trip to South Angle Farm (approx. cost £20)

TBC June – Year 5 and 6 trip to Byron's Pool

17th June – KS2 Sports Day

18th June – KS2 Sports Day (Reserve)

23rd June – KS1 Sports Day

24th June and **25th June** – Year 2 performance

26th June – KS1 Sports Day (Reserve)

29th June – Year 1 Castle Visit (approx. cost £25-£30)

30th June - Open Classrooms

July

13th July – Year 2 Castle Visit (approx. cost £25-£30)

TBC July - Year 6 Performance

8th – 10th July – Year 6 Grafham Trip (approx. cost £250)

UPCOMING PTA EVENTS

EGGCITED FOR EASTER

EASTER CAKE SALE AND RAFFLE

Cakes, biscuits and other treats will be on **Friday 27th March, 3pm onwards**

Raffle tickets **£1 each**, available from **8:30am Monday 23rd March**

Get crafting with our Easter bonnet competition!

Decorate a hat of your choice (or make a paper one) with all things spring / Easter / chicks!

Make sure you add child's name and class

**HAND INTO THE OFFICE BY THE END OF
DAY THURSDAY 26TH MARCH!**



UPCOMING PTA EVENTS

summer fayre

save the date!

Stalls
Games
Raffle
Tombola
Plus more!



More information will be released in the newsletter after Easter holidays



Money raised by the PTA this year will go towards:

- Events in 2026 including Summer and Christmas Fayre
- Additional books, activities or equipment needed by the school to enrich the children's experience

If you would like to help out at any point or can donate time, money or items, please let us know by emailing pta@trumpingtonpark.org



**TRUMPINGTON
PARK PRESENTS**

Performances 2025-2026

**Year 4 - 4th March 2:00 pm - Siblings
welcome**

5th March 9:30 am - No siblings

Please note the change of timings

Reception - 25th March 9:30am - Siblings welcome

26th March 2:00pm - No siblings

Year 5 - 20th May 9:00am - Siblings welcome

21st May 2:00pm - No siblings

Year 2 - 24th June 9:30am - Siblings welcome

25th June 2:00pm No siblings

Year 6 - TBD - July 2026

TRUMPINGTON PARK PRIMARY

Clubs

FOR CHILDREN IN
YEARS 2 - 6



Session Times

Breakfast Club	After School Club
7:30 - 8:30am £7.00	3:15 - 5:15pm £13.50
8:00 - 8:30am £4.00	3:15 - 6:00pm £16.00



Our Team

Experienced and caring
staff including:
Ewelina, Heba, Vicky, Yahya,
Laurence, Joe & Emma.



Food & Snacks

Selection of Sandwiches,
fruits and popcorn.
We cater for all dietary
requirements.



Additional Support

We welcome children with SEN
needs. Please contact
info@activeplayededucation.co.uk
to discuss individual needs.

Book Now



Scan the QR code to visit
our website

<https://www.activeplayededucation.co.uk/>



Easter Holiday Tennis Camps

Tuesday 6 to Friday 10 April 2026

Tots	4 to 5 years	9.45 to 11am
Red	6 to 8 years	10 to 11.30am
Orange/Green	8 to 10 years	10 to 1.30pm
Junior	11 to 16 years	10 to 1.30pm
Improvers/Intermediates		



To book your place visit

www.cambridgeltc.com/coaching

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