

News from the Federation – 9th May 2025

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There can be an element of mystery to INSET days – what do the staff do? Last week, all teachers and teaching assistants met at Fawcett for two professional days to complete focused work linked to our improvement plans. On Thursday teachers focused on phonics: whilst our phonics outcomes this year look extremely promising, from September, we will be moving our phonics scheme to Little Wandle, a programme with a significant research background that we feel will better suit the needs of our children. On Friday, teachers worked together to review the curriculum, considering adaptations we could make across all the curriculum areas so our offer to the children at the Federation is as positive, ambitious and exciting as it can be. Teaching assistants worked together to consider how to best support children with speech and language development, as well as how to adapt their support to meet the wide range of needs in our schools.

We are very fortunate to have such a good team of committed practitioners and developing staff is a priority at the Federation so these training days are highly valuable. We hope families all enjoyed the sunshine that we laid on whilst the children were not in school!

Next week is KS2 SATs week. Good luck to all our Year 6s who will do us all proud, I'm sure.

Mr Monro

Staffing

Minds have already begun to turn to September and a number of parents have asked about teachers next year. We are currently putting together our staffing plan, however this cannot be confirmed until after half term as there may be changes before then!

Sadly, Mrs Larkey will be leaving us in June this year as she begins a well-earned retirement. Mrs Larkey has worked as a teaching assistant, and manager of our Breakfast/After School Club, at TM for a decade and will be greatly missed by children, families and staff. We will find a way to say a fitting goodbye closer to the time.

No Nuts!

Please can we remind all parents that we are a no-nuts school and therefore snacks and packed lunches must not contain products containing nuts. This is important as we do have children in school with allergies.

PTA Disco

Unfortunately, we will be unable to run the PTA disco next week – we will be looking to rearrange this for after half term.

VE Day!

On Thursday, the school recognised the 80th anniversary of VE Day through some special assemblies and activities in class. The children also had some themed desserts at lunchtime and took part in a 2-minute silence to mark the day.



Term Dates:

<https://www.trumpingtonfederation.co.uk/page/?title=Term+Dates&pid=133>

Monday 12th May - Thursday 15th May

Year 6 SATs Week

Thursday 15th May

Year 4 at Wicken Fen

Thursday 22nd May

Year 6 Charity Morning

Half Term

Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May

Monday 9th June - 4pm

Year 6 Residential
Information Session (online)

Wednesday 18th June (am)

Sports Day (Y1-6)

Friday 20th June (am)

Sports Day (Y1-6) RESERVE

Mobile Phones

You may be aware that there is a lot of discussion in the media about mobile phones in school. At the Federation, we allow Year 5 and Year 6 pupils only to bring phones to school if they are walking home alone. These phones must be handed in at the start of the day, and will be stored away until home time. These routines are familiar to all the children.

Unless there are exceptional circumstances, no children in younger years should be bringing a mobile phone into school with them.

Coming Up Soon – PTA Summer Fair

We're looking forward to our summer fair on the Fawcett playing field again this year on 28th June, 11:30-2pm. One of the first things we're looking to get lined up is the food, and we're considering a few different options of what we might offer. If anyone has any experience in catering, or is otherwise interested in getting involved, we'd love it if you could get in touch. Please contact Ben Walker-Pearl, ben.wp.pta@gmail.com (Trumpington Federation PTA Chair)



Uniform/Lost Property

We have a huge collection of lost jumpers and cardigans in school which are all unnamed. In the coming weeks, we will put these on the playground outside Reception where the uniform will be available to take – anything unclaimed will be donated to the clothes hub.

Please can we ask that all items of school clothing are named. Especially with the warmer weather, school jumpers are taken off and whilst some children believe they can tell their own jumper by sniffing it, it is almost impossible to reunite jumpers or cardigans with their owners if they are not named. As I'm sure you understand, teachers cannot be responsible for every item of clothing worn in their class but naming items means they can quickly be returned.

Community Events

Sunday 18th May, Biomedical Campus Fun Run: The Cambridge Biomedical Campus run returns on 18th May 2025, with 10k, 5k and Fun Run options. Last year saw 700 runners raise at least £12,500 for charity and they'd love to beat that this year. They we have a new route, entry is cheaper for adults and completely free across all categories for u17s.

Find out more, registration is required: <https://cambridge-biomedical.com/event/campus-10k-5k-fun-run-25/>

They also have a Kids Challenge, where they can download a flyer to tick off 8x1km activities in the build up to then complete the Fun Run on the day to make it 10km and receive a medal!

Help and Support

School Transitions workshops: [School Transitions](#)

Education Inclusion Family Advisor Newsletter: [Newsletter](#)

Plant Swap - Trumpington Allotment Society: [Plant Swap - Trumpington Allotment Society](#)