

Welcome Back:

What a wonderful start we have had to the new school year. The school has had a fresh link of paint, classrooms are looking fabulous and OPAL improvements are underway. Teachers have really enjoyed getting to know their classes and the children have taken part in some fun activities.



Year 5 wand making as part of their 'Magic in the Making' topic.



Meet the Teacher:

Meet the Teacher sessions will take place online; this gives families the chance to meet their child's/children's new teacher and for teachers to share essential information. Links for the meeting will be sent out nearer the time. The slides will also be posted onto Google Classroom for people who are unable to attend. There are ample opportunities throughout the school year for families to engage with teachers e.g. open classrooms, parent consultations etc. Communication is key; should you ever wish to speak to a teacher or member of the SLT then please do approach them on the playground or make an appointment through the office.

Online sessions for Meet the teacher

Date	Year group
Monday 18 th , 9:30am	Year 4
Tuesday 19 th , 9:30am	Year 2
Tuesday 19 th , 2:00pm	Year 1
Wednesday 20 th , 9am	Year 3
Wednesday 20 th , 2:00pm	Year 5
Thursday 21 st , 2:00pm	Year 6

Dates and Events

Term Dates:

These can be found on our website using the link:
<https://www.trumpingtonfederation.co.uk/page/?title=Term+Dates&pid=133>

Year 6 WW2 Dress Up Day
Tuesday 12th September

Meet the Teacher:
Week beginning 18th September

See timetable opposite.

Welcome Event:
Friday 29th September
Time TBC

This event will be held after school at Trumpington Meadows and is an opportunity for the community to connect.

Book Fair
2nd - 6th October

Year 6 Bikeability
2nd - 5th October

Year 5 Bikeability
9th - 12th October

Year 6 Trip to Duxford
Friday 20th October

Half term
23rd - 27th October

Back to school
Monday 30th October

Forest School:

We are extremely pleased and proud to announce that Forest School will be taking place for a significantly larger number of classes and year groups. The intention is, that by the end of the school year, most classes will have a chance to experience Forest School. Please see below for this half term's provision:

Wednesday 9:30-lunch	Y4 Trinity class	Friday 9:30- lunch	Y6 Pembroke
Thursday 9:30-lunch	Y3 Robinson	Friday 1-hometime	Y2 Fitzwilliam
Thursday 1-hometime	Y6 Downing		

Letters will be sent out to provide the children from the above classes with more information.

Choir:

We are very lucky to have Mrs Wills and Miss Williams who run and KS2 and KS1 (+ Year 3) choir. There is no charge for either of these clubs.

Year 1, 2 and 3 choir will start on Monday 18th September running from 3:15 until 4:15. Year 4, 5, 6 choir will be on a Wednesday afternoon, 3:10-4:00pm. There is no requirement to read music, all that we ask is that the children enjoy singing and want to sing with others. We will also be offering the opportunity to attend the Young Voices concert in The O2 Arena, Friday 19th January 2024. Please sign your child up to choir using the letter sent home today.

Clubs:

We are pleased to offer a wide range of clubs, after school. Further information about what clubs are available and when has been communicated in a separate letter. All clubs will start week beginning 11th September and finish week beginning 4th December (excluding Half Term Monday 23rd October - Friday 27th October).

Electrical Safety – E Bikes and E Scooters:

You may be aware of a house fire that occurred in Cambridge at the end of June 2023 which sadly took the lives of two children and their mother. It is believed that the house fire was caused by an e-scooter charger/battery. The below resources have been shared by our colleagues in Fire and Rescue, please could you share these amongst your organisations as appropriate. <https://www.cambsfire.gov.uk/home-safety/specific-safety-advice/electrical-safety/e-bikes-and-e-scooters/>

They also offer a free online home fire safety check, it can be completed individually, as a family or possibly with a neighbour/friend that may be vulnerable. <https://www.cambsfire.gov.uk/home-safety/home-fire-safety/>. The online home fire safety check is a useful tool, not only does it give advice using a risk matrix, it also can be used as a referral tool for us to send face to face specialist officers to a property if members of the public would like a visit.

Parents' School Preference Advisor:

The service offers families advice and support when applying for schools, either when admissions open for transition on the 11th September 2023 or for in-year applications. They are able to advise how the transfer and admissions process works, as well as supporting the understanding of policies and criteria for different schools. Also, they can support the appeals process and issues concerning transport.

If you wish to use this service, please contact: Tiff Christian, Choosingschool@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

New Payment System:

We have a new payment system! The new system is called Schoolgateway and email invitations have been sent to all families inviting them to sign up. If you require any further information, please contact the school office.

Gates:

The external gates to the school grounds will be open from 3pm – 6pm Monday to Friday.

Safety on School Site

To ensure the safety of all our community, please would parents and children **NOT** ride bikes and scooters onsite – ensure these are dismounted at the school gates when coming into school, and please do not ride again until off the school premises.

Thank you for your co-operation.

OPAL:

The staff all attended an OPAL training session on Monday 4th September and enjoyed discussing what play is, how play experiences have changed over time and how we can facilitate meaningful, fun, creative play experiences throughout our school day.

Opal's mission is to ***ensure that every schoolchild has an amazing playtime every day with no exceptions.*** Their research has shown that at OPAL Schools benefit from the following:

- 80% drop in reported behaviour and first aid incidents
- 20% more afternoon teaching time because there are less issue on the playground
- Compliance with wellbeing inspection requirements
- Increased resilience, collaboration and inclusion

Please take the time to watch this short video clip of a school that has completed the OPAL project and has transformed their playtimes... [Amazing Primary Playtime at St Michael's OPAL Platinum School](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cm7lfAEsjqI)<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cm7lfAEsjqI>

Please can you help us collect:

Small world toys - dinosaurs, trucks/ cars, small people, animals

Dolls

Books - outdoor reading area

The changes we have made over the Summer:

Built a mud kitchen, created a digging area, collected play resources and increased seating areas

