



This has been another exciting, and jam-packed, half term at Trumpington Meadows. Among the highlights have been the visit by Sean Rose, the science workshop, a number of author visits, and the trips out of school to the library and Duxford. We have seen further developments in our OPAL provision whilst Y5 have been swimming and a number of year groups have been enjoying our forest school provision. Have a restful week off before the run in to Christmas and all that that brings!

Inclusion Team Changes

After half term, we will say goodbye to Ms Haleem who has been filling in for us as SENCo since September. She has been a great part of the team and will be missed. I am very pleased to confirm that Mrs Jones will join us after half term as our new permanent SENCo, working three days a week. Mrs Jones is a hugely experienced SENCo who has also worked with the local authority as an inclusion lead and therefore comes to us with a wealth of knowledge. There will be opportunities for you to meet Mrs Jones in the coming weeks and we look forward to welcoming her to the team.

Hand, Foot and Mouth

We have been made aware of a number of cases of hand, foot and mouth disease in different year groups recently. The official NHS advice for this condition is that children should be off school as long as they are feeling too unwell to come in but can return when feeling better, and there is no need to wait until all the blisters have healed. We will remind children of the need to ensure they are regularly washing their hands in school.

Forest School

At Trumpington Meadows, we have a number of staff specially trained in delivering forest school provision – this term so far, Y2, 3 and 6 have had the opportunity to develop their different skills in the country park area near Byron's Pool.

If your child is in a different year group, they will get the opportunity to have forest school later in the school year!



Sailing Success (for New Zealand!)

You may recall Mr Bond, a parent of children in Year 1 and Reception last year, spoke to our oldest children a few months ago about his career as a three-time Olympic rowing champion. You may be interested to know that Mr Bond was a member of the successful New Zealand team that won the America's Cup again last week, beating the British team in Barcelona. We will be claiming a small part of that victory as Mr Bond was doing some of his training whilst part of our school community...

Dates and Events

Term Dates

These can be found on our website using the link:

[Term Dates](#)

Monday 28th October

Half Term

Tuesday 5th November

Year 5 Harry Potter Studios trip

Thursday 21st November

Year 2 Film Festival Trip

Monday 25th November

Flu Vaccinations

Wednesday 27th November

Year 3 Times Tables

Presentation to parents

Thursday 28th November

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Friday 13th December

Federation Winter Fair

Friday 20th December

Last Day of Autumn term

Parent Survey

A reminder to please contribute to the parent survey so we can continue to work to improve what we provide at school.

The survey can be accessed here:

<https://forms.gle/2miZhFUH77WVDTX47>

Year 6 families applying for admission to secondary school

If your child is attending secondary school next academic year, families must complete the application process themselves. This is not something that is completed by school. Applications are now open and must be completed by 31st October. Applications can be made online using: <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/schools-learning/apply-for-a-school-place/secondary-school>

Reception Children starting primary school in 2025

The application process for children due to start primary school in September 2025 opens on Monday 11th September 2024. The national closing date for applications is 15th January 2025. All applications must be made to the Local Authority where the child resides (pays Council Tax to). If you have any queries about the primary transfer process, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Admissions Team at admissions@cambridgeshire.gov.uk.