



This week has seen rather a lot of rain but it hasn't deterred us. Forest school and breaktimes continue whatever the weather! Please ensure your child has appropriate clothing including wellies and a raincoat so they can enjoy the outside. Please do read on to see the enriching experience Year 1 children have had this week in Forest school.

We are also excited to share information about the next **PTA disco**. Please save the date! Ticket information will follow shortly. If you are available to help at either disco, please let the school office know. We look forward to seeing you there!

Pet Protocol

Four-legged friends are important members of the family. However, we do respectfully ask that you do not bring dogs to any of the school gates as this can make some members of our community feel anxious or unsafe. If your dog must come to school, please ensure that you wait at a distance from the gates.



Forest School



Selwyn class have been thinking about conkers this week at Forest School. We listened to a poem about conkers and then enjoyed drilling holes in them with a palm drill. Some of us made necklaces with our conker beads.

Year 4 Instruction Writing

The focus in English has been the writing of instructions. Year 4 successfully put their instruction writing into practise by making pizzas this week. The result was delicious!



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>

Thursday 26th September -
Wednesday 2nd October
Book Fair

Friday 4th October
Year 6 Trip to Duxford

Friday 4th October
Year 2 Trip to Clay Farm

Friday 11th October
Class photos

Friday 18th October
PTA Event - Disco

28th October - 1st November
Half term

Monday 4th November
Back to school

Wednesday 6th November
Open Classrooms

Week beginning 11th
November
Parent consultations

Monday 11th November
Flu Immunisations

Thursday 21st November
Year 2 trip to Cambridge
Film Festival

Friday 13th December
Federation Winter Fair

Friday 20th December
End of term

Keeping Children Safe – Invacuation/Lockdown Drill

Keeping children safe is our top priority and with this in mind, we will have an invacuation drill over the next week or two. It should be noted that the procedure cannot cover all eventualities. Children have already been made aware of what they need to do, should they hear the alarm. Children who may struggle with particular parts of the procedure, for example due to their SEND, will have alternative plans developed. This drill will become part of our safety practise, just as we do with a fire alarm.

Book Fair Thursday 26th September – Wednesday 2nd October

The book fair will be open each day from 8:20 – 8:40am and 3:10 – 4pm. However, on Wednesday 2nd October it will only be open from 8:20 – 8:40am. We would encourage people to pay using the QR please. The main gates will open early and the book fair can be found by the main hall.



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>

Trumpington Community College Open Evening on 2nd October, 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Meet the staff and tour the facilities at the Open Evening on 2nd October, 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM.

Discover how they can support your transition to secondary school and how they bring out the best in every student. To book your place, please use the link: <https://www.trumpingtoncc.org.uk/>

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). There are posters with more information at the main contact points around the school e.g. main office. 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.

Support for out of school activities

The next round of the grassroots activity grant will open on Tuesday 1st October at 9am.

The Grassroots Activity Grant is funded by the Leys school and is to support children from low-income families in Cambridge City to access after school/community based sport, dance, physical activity sessions or swimming lessons. The grant provides funding of up to £250 per family to pay for joining fees and weekly session fees. Further information and eligibility criteria can be found on the website:

[GrassrootsActivity Grants - Cambridge City Council](#)

KS2 After School Hockey Club at The Perse

This is a free club run by The Perse School on Hills Road (which is where the club will take place). The first session is 4th October, 4:30pm – 5:30pm. For any queries, please contact: empreston@perse.co.uk. To sign up, please complete the form: <https://forms.office.com/e/LZEubdZzZn>