



Dear families,



I hope you all have an amazing Easter Holidays. Looking forward to seeing you when we come back on Wednesday 23rd April 2025.

Wrens Class News

In Wrens we have been 'In the City' with our topic for this term. We have listened to a sensory story about exploring Cambridge and looked at books about cities – including one about punting in Cambridge! We looked at the symbols for the things we might see, including stone for Kings College and fruit and veg in the Market.



Our main focus for development has been with communication and some of our group are now using communication boards to tell us what they want which is wonderful to see. Others are developing their Makaton signing skills.



We talked about the cold weather and explored activities which were cold such as different coloured

ice lollies, frozen animals stuck in the tough tray and herbs we froze in the freezer.



We love using paints and have enjoyed experimenting with the colours. We also made Mother's Day flowers in our Expressive Arts sessions.



Kings Class News

It's been a busy and a fun term for Kings class. We've enjoyed going out into the community every week and accessing different parts of it.

We've learned about how to stay safe and road safety, taking in turns at pressing traffic lights buttons, using pedestrian crossing to cross the road, looking out for cars before crossing, staying on one side of the pavement, and walking together as a group.





We've access different parks and playgrounds, which gave us the opportunity to overcome some fears and build our social and interaction skills. We look forward to continuing to explore our community and surroundings and access different facilities.

PE NEWS

On Tuesday morning, Kings and Balmoral class took part in an intra-school boccia tournament.



Boccia is made up of two teams, a red team and a blue team. The object of the game is to get your coloured ball closest to the white ball, known as the 'jack' than your opponent. The game is played indoors on a court similar in size to a badminton court, which is ideal in our school gym.



Both Kings and Balmoral showed great skill, accuracy and team work.

At the end of the tournament everyone enjoyed a drink of juice and biscuits as well as being awarded a certificate of participation.



Well done to Kings and Balmoral Class.

Fishing for schools

This week a group of sixth formers from Darwin and Churchill classes, completed their practical part of the Fishing for schools course, at Rookery Lakes in Pidley.



They had a great day, everyone catching several fish. They did both pole fishing and casting with a reel.



At the end of the day they were awarded their gold certificates. Some students were really inspired to continue fishing out of school!



Holly's Active Stars



Getting physically active or taking part in organised sport has many physical and mental health benefits. It also enables people to gain important life skills like teamwork, leadership ability and resilience. It builds individual confidence and local community.

But sadly, many people who would like to take part simply don't because they lack the clothing, footwear or equipment they'd need.

This organisation collects in and give out sports kit for children and young people who may not be able to afford their own to reduce financial barriers to exercise.

[Holly's Active Stars](https://www.hollysactivestars.com/)



Health check

For individuals with SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) aged 14 and over, annual health checks are a free NHS service designed to review their physical and mental health, allowing for early detection and management of potential health issues.

Who is eligible?

Anyone aged 14 or over who is on their doctor's learning disability register can have a free annual health check once a year.

What is the purpose?

These checks are a chance for a doctor or nurse, the person with a learning disability, and those who support them (if wanted) to review a person's physical and mental health.

How do I get one?

You can ask to go on the learning disability register if you think you have a learning disability. Check with your doctor's practice if you or the person you care for is on the register.

What happens during the check?

The check is a chance for you and your young person to talk to the GP and nurse about any health worries and for GPs to spot and treat any health problems early.

Why are they important?

Annual health checks can help identify and address potential health issues early, leading to better outcomes and improved quality of life.

Where can I find more information?

Scan the QR code below or follow the link for further details about NHS annual health checks:



<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/learning-disabilities/annual-health-checks/>



What is my young adult entitled to?

How do I organise transport after Castle school?

Stepping into adulthood event

21st May 2025 4-6PM @ Castle School

Guests coming from:

- ⇒ Cambridgeshire County Council
- ⇒ Social Services
- ⇒ NHS

Who has power of attorney?

Contact Clare to book a space:
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What happens in adult social services?

Will my young adult still receive OT services?

Best wishes

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