



Dear families,

It was wonderful to see so many of you at Parents' Evening earlier this week – thank you for taking the time to come in and for the continued support you give to your children and our school community.

It's been an action-packed week here at Castle, with everything from sleepovers to train adventures, a whole host of exciting visits and the official opening of our **kitchen garden!** This fantastic new space, developed with the support of **Cultivate and Change**, will offer our pupils hands-on opportunities to learn about growing food, healthy eating and sustainability. A huge thank you to everyone who made it possible.

Next week is looking even busier! We're incredibly proud to have some of our pupils taking part in a performance of *King Lear* in collaboration with Ormiston Bushfield Academy and the Royal Shakespeare Company in Peterborough – what an amazing opportunity!

We're also looking forward to our Sixth Form Prom at Shelford Rugby Club, our annual Leavers' BBQ, and a staff training day on Friday to support smooth and successful transitions into the new school year.

With the sunshine paired with cooler temperatures finally making an appearance, we hope you're enjoying the lovely weather – please do stay safe and well.

A quick reminder that **Friday 11th July is an INSET day** and school will be closed to pupils.

Wishing you a restful and sunny weekend!

Preparing for Adulthood: Your Life, Your Future – Don't Miss It!

JOIN US FOR AN
INSPIRING SEND FESTIVAL!

PREPARING FOR ADULTHOOD: YOUR LIFE, YOUR FUTURE

Event is on the 11th July 10-2pm at Burgess Hall, St Ives

This event is for young people, 14-25 years, parent carers and professionals. We will be having information stands, interactive activities, fun activities and information sessions for young people and parent carers. We are also keen for school and colleges to attend in class groups, or young people can visit independently or with parent carers.

To register please contact Marty at:
martine.simpsonthomas@cambridgeshire.gov.uk
or register using the QR code.

We strongly encourage all families – particularly those with young people in KS4 and Sixth Form – to attend the upcoming **Preparing for Adulthood: Your Life, Your Future** event taking place next **Friday, 11th July at Burgess Hall in St Ives.**

This is a fantastic opportunity to explore the range of support, services and pathways available as your young person moves into adulthood.

There will be representatives from **education, employment, health, housing, social care and community organisations**, all ready to share information and answer your questions.

Whether you're just starting to think about the future or already planning next steps, this event is designed to empower both parents and young people to make informed, confident choices.

Don't miss this valuable chance to shape the future together!

Badgers Class News

This half term, our class had an exciting and memorable trip to Wimpole Hall, kindly invited by the Rotary Club. The day was filled with fun and laughter as we bounced on the bouncy castle, had our faces painted, enjoyed a ride on a small train, and played games with our friends.



We also explored the grounds and enjoyed seeing the animals up close.



In class, our learning has focused on the story "My Many Coloured Days", which has helped us explore different feelings, colours, and animals.

We've been using this as inspiration to start creating our own autobiographies, a wonderful way for the children to reflect on and express who they are.



Tintagel Class News

Tintagel have been busy! We have been working on our individual targets in the mornings and enjoying some sensory stories in English. Some of our favourite parts have been speaking into a microphone to recreate 'a show' that happens in one of our stories and being sprayed with water (with permission) when a story mentions a

kitchen sink!



Furthermore, we have been working on vocabulary through an exploration of some sensory trays.



We have been reading for pleasure in the library and enjoying our PE sessions, where we have been practising throwing and catching and working on our social play

skills.



We really enjoyed Sports Day last week and got involved with lots of new activities. As a class, we are enjoying our last couple of weeks together before we make our move to new classes during transition, and are looking forward to a class party next week.

We have also found ways to keep ourselves cool in the hot weather!



Kitchen Courtyard is Officially Open!



This week we were delighted to officially open our new **Kitchen Courtyard** – a beautiful, productive space designed and built in collaboration between our talented KS4 pupils and the brilliant team from **Cultivate and Change**.

The project has been a true labour of love, with pupils involved from the very beginning – building, planting, weeding, and watering. The team from Cultivate and Change shared:

“We have really loved seeing the garden grow – and the children grow in confidence too. They’ve worked so hard from the start and have been absolute superstars. It’s been a privilege to work with them and to get to know them.”



The garden is already making a difference in school life: we’ve started using the vegetables in **Food Tech**, with pupils exploring recipes such as courgette pasta and homemade chutneys!

Even more exciting – **Cultivate and Change will be returning next year** to help us revamp another courtyard space. We can’t wait to see what we create together next.



A huge thank you to everyone involved – it’s been a fantastic example of teamwork, creativity and sustainable learning in action.

Please see the list of activities for children and families attached at the end of this newsletter.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend!

Best wishes,

Charlotte

Charlotte Whysall – Headteacher

Hello Summer 2025

Activities

FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Hello Summer provides a guide to FREE activities and events for children, young people and families across Cambridge throughout the school holidays. You will see a mixture of sessions; some you will need to book others you can just turn up on the day, like national play day, music in the parks and get active days to help keep families active and entertained this summer.

FREE BOOKABLE SESSIONS

LIVE ON 21ST JULY



You can book using www.bookwhen.com/communitydevelopment or scan the QR code. If you need support, please contact us or visit one of our community centres.

FOR OTHER BOOKABLE ACTIVITIES USE THE UNIQUE POSTER QR CODE TO RESERVE YOUR SPACE.



Parks and Splashpads

Cambridge's outdoor spaces come alive in summer – perfect for time with family and friends. Most are free to access. Don't miss the upgraded BMX track on Coldham's Common, with jumps, berms and rollers for all skill levels. Try it out at the Active Family Event on 29th July!

CHERRY HINTON HALL

Address: CB1 8DW

- Duck pond
- Sand pit
- Large play area
- Large green space
- Outdoor padding pool
- Play equipment

- Public toilets / disabled & changing places

LAMMAS LAND

Address: CB3 9EY

- Large outdoor padding pool
- Duck pond area
- Large play equipment
- Tennis courts
- Kiosk for food and drinks
- Public toilets/disabled & changing places

COLERIDGE ROAD REC

Address: CB1 3PR

- Large green area
- Large play equipment area
- Tennis courts
- Padding pool with splashpads
- Public toilets

JESUS GREEN PARK & LIDO

Address: CB4 3AX

- River walks
- Large green space
- Large play area
- Feed the ducks
- Skate park
- Kiosk for food and drink
- Tennis courts (booking charge)
- Outdoor lido (entrance charge)
- Public toilets/disabled & changing places

KING'S HEDGES PARK

Address: CB4 2XF

- Splash pad
- Play equipment area
- Learner pool (entrance charge)

ABBEY SPLASHPAD

Address: CB5 8NT

- Splash pad
- Play equipment area
- Public toilets/disabled & changing places

WWW.CAMBRIDGE.GOV.UK/
SWIMMING OR QR CODE
FOR MORE INFORMATION



Community Centres

CONTACT DETAILS

Our community centres have a local events programme. Come in and find out more!



MEADOWS COMMUNITY CENTRE

Kingshedges, 299 Arbury Road, CB42JL
meadows@cambridge.gov.uk or
01223 508140



AKEMAN STREET COMMUNITY CENTRE

80 Akeman Street, Arbury CB4 3HG
akeman.street@cambridge.gov.uk or
01223 508150



BROWN'S FIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE

31A Green End Road Chesterton, CB4 1RU
brownsfield@cambridge.gov.uk or
01223 420309



CLAY FARM COMMUNITY CENTRE

Hobson Square Trumpington, CB2 9FN
clayfarmcentre@cambridge.gov.uk or
01223 457232



DARWIN GREEN COMMUNITY ROOMS

50 Galton Road, Darwin Green, CB3 0UL
info.dgrooms@cambridge.gov.uk or
01223 457500

Community Centres

CONTACT DETAILS



CAMPKIN ROAD COMMUNITY CENTRE

70 Morello Place, Campkin Road, CB4 2ZH
campkin@cambridge.gov.uk or
01223 508140



TRUMPINGTON PAVILION

King George V Playing Field, Paget Road, Trumpington, CB2 9JF
trumpingtonpavilion@cambridge.gov.uk or
01223 508140



Early years children and school readiness service
Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire
County Council



Scan to access local low or no cost activities to support your child's development



cambspboro.50thingstodo.org

search '50 Things To Do' on Apple or Android

MUSIC IN THE PARKS

ENJOY A SUMMER OF FREE MUSIC IN CAMBRIDGE'S BEAUTIFUL PARKS!

SUNDAYS 5-5PM

29TH JUNE: RIVER WALKS TO THE BRIDGE
30TH JULY: GREEN SWAN
31ST AUGUST: THE GREAT ESCAPE
1ST SEPTEMBER: THE GREAT ESCAPE
2ND SEPTEMBER: THE GREAT ESCAPE
3RD SEPTEMBER: THE GREAT ESCAPE
4TH SEPTEMBER: THE GREAT ESCAPE
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30TH SEPTEMBER: THE GREAT ESCAPE

Museum of Cambridge

Crafting the Past

A Summer of Making

What job might you have had in Cambridge 300 years ago?

This summer we're exploring the forgotten trades and crafts of the past with FREE hands-on workshops.

Local Craft Drop-in every Wednesday
Wood-Working Wonder
Singing String Supervisor

Find out more here:

Get 1 Moving Cambridge

Get active this summer!

Join the Active Lifestyles team for a series of FREE 'Active Family' events during the summer holidays! These exciting sessions offer a fantastic chance for families and friends to enjoy sports, dance and physical activity opportunities together, all at no cost and regardless of age or ability!

What's on offer?
Activities on offer will include equipment in a fun family play zone, where you can grab a skipping rope, space hopper, hula hoop or catcher. As well as structured activities led by local clubs such as football, short tennis, orienteering challenges, ball games, skating and scooting, skipping workshops, archery, table tennis, crazy golf, capoeira, a building wall, boxing, family fitness sessions, dance sessions and more!

What to bring:

- Comfortable clothing and shoes
- Water bottles and snacks
- A picnic blanket

Dates for the diary:
All events run from 10:00am to 2:00pm on the following Tuesdays:

- 29th July: Goldhams Common
- 5th August: Trumpington Recreation Ground
- 12th August: St Albans Recreation Ground
- 19th August: Coleridge Recreation Ground

We've also supported a range of providers who are offering free activities and opportunities over the summer holidays for families, including sports activities and tournaments, dance classes, mindfulness sessions, nutrition workshops, adventure, play and outdoor activities.

For further information about the sessions and to book please visit: www.cambridge.gov.uk/summer-events

Big Adventures Start at your local library!

There's so much going on - from the exciting treasure hunt to fun games and story time. Measure perfect for the ones to enjoy longer, longer, and fast!

For more information visit www.cambridge.gov.uk/big-adventures

SCAN THE QR CODE TO FIND OUT MORE INFO.

National Play Day

We will be celebrating the day with a pop up play session on the park!

COLERIDGE REC, CB1 3PN
THURSDAY, 7 AUGUST, 2 TO 4PM

GREEN END ROAD REC, CB4 1RN
WEDNESDAY, 6 AUGUST, 2 TO 4PM

DARWIN GREEN COMMUNITY ROOMS, CB3 0UL
WEDNESDAY, 6 AUGUST, 10 TO 12PM

Cambridge City Council
Cambridge City Events

Hello Summer 2025

FREE ACTIVITIES FOR children and families

Pool
Park
Wood
Bicycle

CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

YOUR GUIDE TO SUMMER 2025

WEEK 1 26TH JULY – 1ST AUGUST

Please note we are not a childcare facility. Some events are open access for families – children are free to come and go as they please.

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT	BOOKING / INFORMATION
Saturday 26th July	11am-4pm	Market Square	Out of the Ordinary Festival preview	Free Event. No booking required
Monday 28th July	2pm-5pm	Meadows Community Centre	Film Festival Community Screening Flow	Booking required. See poster for details
Monday 28th July	9.30am-12pm 12.30pm-3pm	Akeman Street Community Centre	Theatre Workshops Lion King Age 6+ Wicked Age 10+	Booking required www.bookwhen.com/communitydevelopment
Tuesday 29th July	10am-2pm	Coldham's Common	Active Family Event	No booking required See poster for more details
Wednesday 30th July	10.30am-1pm	Browns Field Community Centre	Gaming with Code Zone Age 8+	Booking required www.bookwhen.com/communitydevelopment
Wednesday 30th July	10.30am-11.30am	Arbury Library	Nature crafts with Find Your Wild	Booking required https://cambalib.eventbrite.com

COME OUTSIDE

FIND FREE THINGS TO DO THIS SUMMER

**THURSDAY 24TH JULY | AT
10:30AM - 5:00PM**

ARBURY COURT LIBRARY
ARTS AND CRAFTS · GARDENING · SPORTS AND MOVEMENT VOLUNTEERING · HEALTH AND WELLBEING · MAP MAKING MEET YOUR NEIGHBOURS · WILDLIFE AND BUTTERFLIES WORKSHOPS AND TALKS · SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

WEEK 2 2ND AUGUST – 8TH AUGUST

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT	BOOKING / INFORMATION
Saturday 2nd August	1pm-8pm	Cherry Hinton Hall	Folk in the City Outdoor Concert	Free Event. No booking required
Monday 4th August	2pm-4pm	Browns Field Community Centre	Lego Club	No booking required
Monday 4th August	9.30am-12pm 12.30pm-3pm	Meadows Community Centre	Theatre Workshop Trolls Age 6+ The Greatest Showman Age 10+	Booking required www.bookwhen.com/communitydevelopment
Tuesday 5th August	10am-2pm	Trumpington Recreation Ground	Active Family Event	No booking required See poster for more details
Wednesday 6th August	10am-12pm	Darwin Green Community Rooms	National Play Day Event Play in the Plaza	Free Event. No booking required
Wednesday 6th August	2pm-4pm	Green End Road Recreation	National Play Day Event Play in the Park	Free Event. No booking required
Thursday 7th August	2pm-4pm	Coleridge Recreation Ground	National Play Day Event Play in the Park	Free Event. No booking required
Thursday 7th August	12pm-3pm	Akeman Street Community Centre	Growing Café Gardening activities	Free event for all ages. No booking required
Friday 8th August	9.30am-12pm 12.30pm-3pm	Clay Farm Community Centre	Theatre Workshop Charlie & The Chocolate Factory Age 6+ Footloose Age 10+	Booking required www.bookwhen.com/communitydevelopment

WEEK 3 9TH AUGUST – 15TH AUGUST

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT	BOOKING / INFORMATION
Sunday 10th August	3pm-5pm	Arbury Town Park	Music in the Park	Free Event. No booking required
Monday 11th August	10.30am-1pm	Meadows Community Centre	Gaming with Code Zone Age 8+	Booking required www.bookwhen.com/communitydevelopment
Tuesday 12th August	10am-2pm	St Albans Recreation Ground	Active Family Event	No booking required See poster for more details
Tuesday 12th August	10.30am-11.30am	Cherry Hinton Library	Make your own bug hotel	Booking required https://cambalib.eventbrite.com
Tuesday 12th August	9.30am-11.30am	Browns Field Community Centre	Soft play for under 5's	No booking required
Wednesday 13th August	9.30am-12pm 12.30pm-3pm	Browns Field Community Centre	Theatre workshop's Annie Age 6+ Mamma Mia Age 10+	Booking required www.bookwhen.com/communitydevelopment
Wednesday 13th August	11am-11.45am 12pm-12.45pm	Darwin Green Community Rooms	Virtual Reality Gaming with Code Zone Age 8+	Booking required www.bookwhen.com/communitydevelopment
Friday 15th August	10.30am-11.30am	Central Library	Come along and create your own paper gnome	Booking required https://cambalib.eventbrite.com

WEEK 4 16TH AUGUST – 22ND AUGUST

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT	BOOKING / INFORMATION
Monday 18th August	10.30am-11.30am 12pm-1pm	Meadows Community Centre	Magical Science Age 6+ Fact Finders Age 8+	Booking required www.bookwhen.com/communitydevelopment
Tuesday 19th August	4pm-6pm	Trumpington Pavilion	Holiday Fun Family activities	Free Event. No booking required
Tuesday 19th August	10am-2pm	Coleridge Recreation Ground	Active Family Event	Free Event. No booking required See poster for more details
Tuesday 19th August	10.30am-11.30am 12pm-1pm	Akeman Street Community Centre	Fact Finders Age 6+ Edible Science Age 8+	Booking required www.bookwhen.com/communitydevelopment
Wednesday 20th August	10.30am-11.30am 12pm-1pm	Darwin Green Community Rooms	Magical Science Age 6+ Fact Finders Age 8+	Booking required www.bookwhen.com/communitydevelopment
Thursday 21st August	1.30pm-2.30pm	Arbury Library	Make your own bug hotel	Booking required https://cambalib.eventbrite.com
Thursday 21st August	12pm-3pm	Akeman Street Community Centre	Growing Café Gardening activities	Free event for all ages. Drop in. No booking required
Friday 22nd August	10.30am-11.30am 12pm-1pm	Browns Field Community Centre	Edible Science Age 6+ Magical Science Age 8+	Booking required www.bookwhen.com/communitydevelopment

**WEEK 5 23RD AUGUST – 29TH AUGUST**

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT	BOOKING / INFORMATION
Tuesday 29th August	9:30am-11:30am	Browns Field Community Centre	Soft play for under 5's	Free Event. No booking required
Tuesday 29th August	10:30am-11:30am 12pm-1pm	Clay Farm Community Centre	Edible Science Age 6+ Magic Science Age 8+	Booking required www.bookwhen.com/communitydevelopment
Wednesday 27th August	11am-11:45am 12pm-12:45pm	Alkeman Street Community Centre	Virtual Reality Gaming with Code Zone Age 8+	Booking required www.bookwhen.com/communitydevelopment
Wednesday 27th August	9:30am-12pm 12:30pm-3pm	Darwin Green Community Rooms	Theatre Workshop Aladdin Age 6+ Hairspray Age 10+	Booking required www.bookwhen.com/communitydevelopment
Wednesday 27th August	11am-3:30pm	Meadows Community Centre	Leadership taster session Age 14+	Booking required See poster for details
Thursday 29th August	2pm-5pm	Clay Farm Community Centre	Film Festival Film showing Monsters Inc	Booking required See poster for details
Friday 29th August	6pm	Market Square	Cambridge Bid Film showing Wild Robot	Free Event. No booking required

OUT**OF THE
ORDINARY
FESTIVAL****23 AUG
24 FREE****Outdoor
Arts Festival**
in Cambridge City Centre
'Ordinary made Extraordinary'

Summer Holiday Scheme Places

FULLY FUNDED

Would your child like to attend a fully funded holiday scheme this summer where fun experiences, a meal and snacks are included?



Children in receipt of benefit-related free school meals are eligible to attend a participating holiday scheme for up to 64 hours.

For details and the wider eligibility criteria please scan the QR Code or visit:
www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/hafQuestions: KSP@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

HOLIDAY Lunches 2025

COME ALONG TO YOUR LOCAL HOLIDAY LUNCH FOR FREE FOOD AND ACTIVITIES

Supported by Cambridge City Council and Cambridge Sustainable Food the holiday lunch network provides lunch and activities such as arts and crafts for families. These are provided in a variety of settings across the city.

SCAN THE QR CODE
TO FIND OUT MORE INFO.**H.A.Y.**How Are You
Cambridge

How Are You Cambridge is an NHS website which brings together activities going on in your local community that can give your wellbeing a boost. You can also find information about local professional or specialist support. The website helps you look after you!

SCAN QR CODE OR
FOLLOWING ON FACEBOOK
HOWAREYOUCAMBRIDGE

Free Community Screenings

FLOW

Mon 28 July, 14:00 - 17:00
Meadows Community Centre

MONSTERS, INC.

Thurs 28 Aug, 14:00 - 17:00
Clay Farm Centre

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Scan for
info & to
book
tickets

SUMMER at the MUSEUMS

24 JULY - 31
AUGUST 2025WHAT WILL YOU
DISCOVER?

Join us to create special memories with the whole family. Follow a nature trail, get creative in arts and crafts workshops, experience hands-on science and tech, and lots more - all FREE or low-cost!

SCAN TO LEARN
MOREmuseums.com.ac.uk/themesummer

SKATEBOARDING TASTER DAY!

AT THE WAREHOUSE WHERE SKATEBARK.

SESSIONS FOR TOTAL BEGINNERS. TAUGHT BY
SKATEBOARD GB ACCREDITED COACHES!BOOKING REQUIRED! CAM.SKATE.CO.UK

FRIDAY 25TH JULY

ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED:

- SKATEBOARDS
- PADS
- HELMETS

2 HOUR SESSIONS:
10AM, 12:30PM, 3PM

FOR AGES 7-16

FREE ENTRY!



INTRODUCTION TO YOUTH LEADERSHIP

Wednesday 27th August 2025
11am until 3:30pm

Meadows Community Centre, Arbury, Cambridge, CB4 2LJ

Cambridgeshire & Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust (CPFT) and Cambridge City Council have launched their very first youth leadership programme for young people aged 14-16 years old. This course aims to give you an insight into leadership and the skills required to create positive change in your community. Even if you don't consider yourself as a leader, this course will introduce you to the key skills required to become an inspiring young leader.

To book a space, scan the QR code below, or complete the online form:

<https://forms.office.com/e/4h4w4w4w4w>Please email mlh@cpft.nhs.uk if you would like more information

18 SPACES AVAILABLE. BOOK TO AVOID MISSING OUT!



