

Dear families,

I am not going to start this week's newsletter with a comment about the weather or how busy the week has been (very!) so I am going to start with a huge 'Thank You' to all our amazing staff for their hard work to ensure that everything was ready for our first transition week. Pupils and staff are settling into their new classes and making new friendships.

Please do speak to us if you have any questions or concerns during this period of change, we are always here to help. The benefits of an early transition are enormous; it reduces anxiety and fear of the unknown over the summer and will help us all get off to a smooth start in September.

Three more school days to go- I look forward to seeing those of you that are able to come along to the Fun Run & sensory Dash next Tuesday – details below.

### Dover Class News

We have had a lovely first few days in Dover. We have made a rainbow self portraits wall to add some colour to our classroom. We looked in the mirror and drew ourselves, but we could only use one colour!



It was exciting to see the new and improved Forest school.



We had a great time relaxing in the hammock, cooking up delights in the mud kitchens and trying out the new music wall!



It was a great to have lots of fun communicating with

each other.



We are excited to carry on getting to know each other next term.

## Fun Run

Our Fun Run and Sensory Dash will take place on Tuesday 22 July. Pupils can dress up for this fun event if they wish or wear their PE kit.

## Class Timings

On the (Chesterton) School Field

10.00am - Conwy, Leeds, Tintagel, Wolfson, Kings, Trinity, Carisbrooke

10.45am - Deer, Badgers, , Squirrels, Dragonflies, Foxes

11.30am - Corfe, Dover, Balmoral, Ludlow, Stirling Churchill, Darwin,

On the playground near the memory garden

1:45pm - Bees, Pembroke

**Information for Parents/Carers whose children are starting in September**

My child has been receiving universal school meals during their Key Stage One, do I need to apply for Free School Meals (FSM) now they are moving into Year 3?

Yes, In order for your child to receive free school meals for Year 3 and beyond, you will need to meet the qualifying economic criteria (as shown below) and submit an application at

[www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeal](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeal)

## What is the criteria for Free School Meals / Pupil Premium?

The economic criteria are:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance • Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (unless you're also entitled to Working Tax Credit, and earn no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop receiving Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400)

Even if you do not think you would qualify at this point, once you have completed the form, we will be able to continue to check eligibility throughout your child's school years using the ECS checking system. You will be notified if you become eligible in the future.

If you are unable to access the online form, a paper application will be available from your child's school or email [ewb.fsm@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:ewb.fsm@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

If you have any queries regarding this information, please call the Education Welfare Benefits team on 01223 703200 or email [ewb.fsm@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:ewb.fsm@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

Or look at the website

[www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeal](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeal)

**Summer at the Museums: What will you discover this summer?**



**24 July – 31 August 2025**

[www.museums.cam.ac.uk/theme/summer](http://www.museums.cam.ac.uk/theme/summer)

Enjoy a great value day out with your family at museums in Cambridgeshire.

With 25 venues to explore, there's all sorts of fun to be had over the school holidays.

We have a packed schedule of events, designed to spark your imagination, explore big topics and help you create special memories with the whole family.

Follow a nature trail, get creative in arts and crafts workshops, experience hands-on science and technology, and much more – all free or low cost!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend!

Best wishes,

*Charlotte*

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