

Message from the Headteacher:



Autumn is definitely here and with it come the usual sniffles and bugs! A quick reminder that if your child has been unwell with a sickness bug, they need to stay at home until they've been clear of symptoms for 48 hours. Good handwashing makes a big difference too, so thank you for encouraging this at home as well as we work on this with your learners in school

We've also got some very windy weather forecast this weekend so please take extra care if you're out and about.

In school, our *Thought of the Week* is: **"I can show an awareness of history."** This links really nicely with our *Theme of the Week* as October marks the start of Black History Month. Across the school we'll be celebrating and learning more about inspirational people and important events that have shaped history.

Wishing you all a safe, healthy and happy weekend.

Charlotte Whysall



Finches Class News:

Finches Class have had a wonderful start to the year, diving into exciting, hands-on learning experiences.

In Forest School, we explored the magic of making bubbles outdoors, watching them blow up and then pop. Everyone had lots of fun on their turn making giant bubbles!





We also embraced the changing of the season through different Autumnal art activities, using natural treasures like dry leaves, conkers, twigs, and feathers to create beautiful seasonal artwork.



Most of our resources were picked up by us at a seasonal scavenger hunt in Forest School.



Back in the classroom, Finches took part in a variety of "All About Me" activities, learning about ourselves and body parts while we get our classroom ready for the year ahead.



These fun interactive experiences have filled Finches Class with happiness and excitement for the new school year!



Stirling Class News:

As another pupil in the school often says, 'Stirling class is doing a Stirling job!'

The class have settled into some very good work during these past few weeks.



Stirling have particularly liked linking up with some pupils from Sixth Form, on a Monday, to take part in some History lessons. This Half Term we have been looking at the events that happened in 1066. The Battle of Hastings!



One of our lessons took place in the school playground as the class did a bit of a reenactment from the battle. We have some great actors in the school! On this occasion we had the Normans and the Saxons approaching each other.



What we demonstrated in this lesson was the Saxon Shield Wall. Stirling, and Churchill, really felt that this brought it all to life.

Great job Stirling!

Power House Games

We are delighted to have started PE trips this term with our attendance at two Powerhouse Games run by Power2Inspire.



Students from Kings and Ludlow had a fantastic time mixing and participating in a variety of sports with students from other schools, local businesses and the Cambridge University Sports Teams.



Well done to all our students.





Macmillan Coffee Morning

Last Friday, we hosted a Macmillan Coffee Morning for Dover and Corfe.



Our pupils worked hard on the day to make this happen.



It was lovely to have the support from parents and staff.



Thank you to all who help us raise nearly £160 for this cause.



Castle Next Steps 2025

We are excited to be hosting the 'Castle Next Steps' event on October 22nd from 4PM to 5.30PM to allow more parents and carers to come. We will have representatives from CRC, county council, NHS and various organisations who will be ready to answer all your questions about post 19 opportunities. We are inviting year 10 to year 14 pupils and their parents / carers, the pupils will be looked after by our staff for the first 45 minutes and then join in the event. If you would like to attend, please contact Clare claidler@castle.cambs.sch.uk.



22ND OCTOBER NEXT STEPS

We would like to invite you to our 'Next Steps' event at Castle school, we have various post 19 organisations coming in to give you an introduction to their services and afterwards an opportunity to walk around the room and ask questions.

Pupils will be looked after in their classrooms until 4:30 and then invited into the hall. Please RSVP to Clare regarding attendance and whether you would like your child to stay in school.

POST 19
ORGANISATIONS

FIND OUT ABOUT
POST 19 OPTIONS

INTRODUCTIONS
AND
OPPORTUNITIES TO
ASK QUESTIONS

PUPIL CLUB 3PM -
4:30PM

22ND OCTOBER
2025 4PM -
5:30PM

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Volunteers



This week we had the opportunity to host a group of volunteers from Murphy Group who did amazing work in our forest school.

We would like to thank them for all their hard work and dedication.



We are really pleased with it, and the newly invigorated space will be enjoyed by our pupils.



Cambridgeshire Down's Syndrome Community Network

Welcome!

- We are here to support families with a child or young person with Down's syndrome
- We provide social opportunities, signposting and therapies
- An opportunity to meet with other families
- Provision for babies up to young adults

Please get in touch if you would like to find out more. We welcome families to be part of the network in a way which works best for them.

Scan for our website!



Website: www.cambsdscn.org
Email: info@cambsdscn.org
Facebook – search for CambsDSCN



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Buzz Club

Monthly meet up for families who have someone with Down's syndrome, for the whole family (siblings very welcome). A chance to connect and have fun.

Activities:

- Indoor play
- Outdoor play
- Language group with speech therapist
- Crafts
- Tea and Coffee
- Cake sale

Address:

St Andrew's Church Hall,
Church Street,
Cambridge
CB4 1DT

Dates:

17th May 2025
14th June 2025
13th Sept 2025
8th Nov 2025
10th Jan 2026
14th Feb 2026
14th March 2026
11th April 2026
9th May 2026
13th June 2026

Time:

2-4pm

For more info:

info@cambsdscn.org



Register in advance for language group, which has a voluntary contribution of £10 per family. Otherwise Buzz Club is free to attend.