



Dear Parents,

It was great to see many parents this week at different events. Our PTA—the Friends of Priory—held their AGM on Wednesday evening and formed a new committee for the year. Thank-you to the many parents who help with the Friends of Priory—either on the committee or at different events during the year. As a group, the contribution to our school is brilliant—the activities for families contribute to making our school community great, and the fund-raising from this enables us to move forward with school projects. Thank-you! If you missed the AGM, but do wish to be part of the committee, please do make contact with them via the school office.

We also held our Meet and Greet evenings yesterday, where we shared the routines for the new school year—with a chance to meet teachers and see your child's classroom. Thank-you to everyone who came. We know that some parents were unable to be there, and will be placing the slides from the evening on each year groups website page.

As part of St Neots, we also are part of the St Neots Schools Forum. I had the pleasure of meeting with the other St Neots schools this week, with the meeting taking place at Longsands Academy. As part of this, we had a tour of the school and were able to see the calm working atmosphere in the classrooms. With secondary schools currently being chosen, Longsands have also sent Open Evening information to all Year 6 families this week (via your child—please check their bags if you've not seen it).

Best Wishes,

Mrs Keefe

The Ark

This term, we have launched The Ark - which is our nurture provision. As part of this, we have introduced a 'Soft Start'. This is a place you can drop your child into if they are finding the start of the day a little tricky. It is proving very successful and enabling us to settle the children quickly, before they join their class for the morning's learning activities.

We hope you are finding this useful too. If, at this time, you do have a message for the class teacher, please email this into the office, or drop round to see them. Unfortunately, the staff in The Ark are not able to take messages around the classrooms once the session closes. Please use our normal routes of communication for this.

Diary Dates

Flu Vaccinations	23rd September
HT6 / A16 Library Visit	24th September
TH5 / MD4 Library Visit	26th September
TS4 / EL4 Library Visit	1st October
Harvest Assembly	3rd October
	9.15am—Years 3 and 4
	10am—Years 5 and 6
SH5 / SB5 Library Visit	8th October
AG3 / AN3 Library Visit	10th October
BW3 Library Visit	15th October
Bags 2 School Collection	15th October
SB5 Class Assembly	16th October
Year 6 Viking day	18th October
FOPJS Quiz Night	18th October
TS4 Class Assembly	23rd October
End of Half-Term	25th October
Half-Term	28th October—1st November
Parents' Evenings	6th / 7th November

Homework

Following all the feedback from parents, children and staff last year, we have reviewed and changed our approach to homework. We are very excited about the changes and hope that you will find them a more positive experience.

You may have noticed that our Home-School book now contains a place to record reading. Please use this each time your child reads at home. This has replaced Boom Reader.

We are also re-introducing our Learning Logs for homework—these will replace Seesaw.

Next week we will send further information out to you on this—watch out for our Homework leaflet for parents, which will contain more details about our approach and expectations for homework at our school.

Year 6 Parents

Apply for your child's secondary school place by:

October 31st

SUPERHERO

SPECIAL MENU

Thursday 3rd October 2024

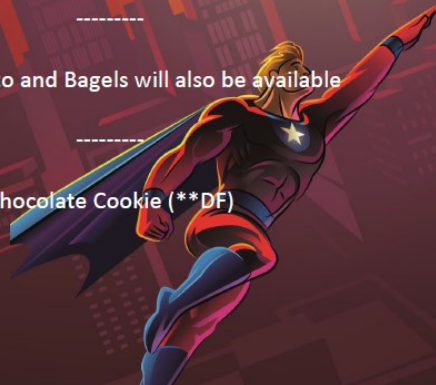
Breaded Chicken Nuggets (*GF Option Available)
or
Vegetable Nuggets

Served with Chips
Sweetcorn or Baked Beans

Jacket Potato and Bagels will also be available

Chocolate Cookie (**DF)

*GF – Gluten Free
**DF – Dairy Free



Cambridgeshire
County Council

Going up to Secondary School Transitional Event

Free online event for parents and carers of children in
Year 6

You are invited to attend an online information session for parents and carers of Year 6 children, who are starting mainstream secondary education in September 2025. The event will discuss the admissions process for secondary school applications.

Join us

We will be hosting the event at different times on the following days:

Monday 16th September

- 9:30am – 10:30am
- 1:00pm – 2:00pm
- 6:30pm – 7:30pm

Wednesday 18th September

- 7:00pm – 8:00pm

Programme

Join online via the link, which will be emailed to you.

- How and when to apply for a place in Year 7
- What to consider when naming your preferences of school
- How school places are allocated
- Secondary School Open Evenings
- Eligibility for school transport
- School admission appeals

Book your place at: [Me Learning](#)

You will receive confirmation of your place and further details of how to join the meeting using a Microsoft Teams link.

If the above hyperlink does not work, please use: <https://app.melearning.co.uk/auth/validate-key?registerKey=NPTXYGSE>

If you require further information, please contact the Parents' School Preference Adviser on: choosingaschool@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

We are working to promote fully funded CACHE courses with certification, available in levels 1, 2 & 3, for school support roles that are funded by the ESFA (Education Skills Funding Agency).

Did you know that funding has been made available in [our school's area](#) for a course for this academic year, which starts on 30th September—for parents / carers.

As the funding has been awarded by the ESFA there are some eligibility criteria that must be met for a fully funded place, which is listed on our website:

www.studysmartuk.online

These courses are designed to make it easy for [parents/carers](#) who are looking to gain the necessary qualifications for a school support role, as the classes are run online, within school hours and during term times. Allowing parents to fit the classes in with school drop offs and collections.

Upon enrolment learners are asked to complete two short initial assessments online, in English and Maths to determine which level they should start on. However, the funding allows each learner to progress up to level 3, if they wish to.

We work closely with your local job centre and are able to offer a job interview to those who complete the course.

The deadline to enrol is the end of 25th September!

If you wish to see further information about the courses, please head to:

www.studysmartuk.online

See the poster opposite.

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Funding Agency

Fully Funded School Support Course

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Levels 1, 2 & 3

CACHE Certificate in Understanding Safeguarding & Prevent
CACHE Certificate in Understanding Challenging Behaviours
CACHE Certificate in the Principles of SEN

Six Week Course

Mon - Fri
9:30 - 11:30am
12:30 - 2:30pm
4 - 4:30pm

(last optional session for reflection and support if needed)

- Level 1:
- CACHE Level 1 Award in Preparing to Work in Schools
 - CACHE Level 1 Award in Safeguarding in a Learning Environment
 - CACHE Level 1 Certificate in Wellbeing
 - Level 1 Occupational Studies for the Workplace

- Level 2:
- CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Safeguarding & Prevent
 - CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Challenging Behaviours


- Level 3:
- Level 3 Certificate in the Principles of Special Educational Needs

Eligibility Criteria:

- Must Be Aged 19+
- Either Claim Benefits (Universal Credit, JSA, ESA, PIP, Income Support, Housing Benefits or any type of Tax Credit including Child Tax Credit).
- OR, be in employment, able to attend the sessions and earning less than £23,500 per year
- You Can't be a student or an International Student
- You Can't be an Asylum Seeker
- You Must have lived in the UK for a Minimum of 3 Years (Except if you are from the Ukraine).


Go to: www.studysmartuk.online for more info!

Next Week's Lunch Menu:





Week One Menu

Served weeks commencing:
15/04, 06/05, 03/06, 24/06, 15/07, 02/09, 23/09, 14/10



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL	Pork Sausages with Potato Wedges, Peas & Carrots	Mexican Chicken with Rice & Broccoli	Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes, Peas & Carrots	Beef Lasagne with Herby Potatoes, Salad & Sweetcorn	Fish Fingers with Chips, (Tomato Ketchup) Baked Beans or Peas
VEGETARIAN	Vegan Quorn Sausage with Potato Wedges, Peas & Carrots	Macaroni Cheese with Broccoli	Roast Quorn with Roast Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans & Carrots	Vegetable Burger in a Bun with Sweetcorn & Broccoli	Vegetable Fingers with Chips, Peas or Baked Beans
JACKET POTATO PASTA DISH	Pasta with Optional Homemade Tomato Sauce and/or Cheese	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo	Pasta with Optional Homemade Tomato Sauce and/or Cheese	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo	Pasta with Optional Homemade Tomato Sauce and/or Cheese
SANDWICH/ BAGUETTE	Sandwich with Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo, Cheese or Ham	Baguette with Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo, Cheese or Ham	Bap with Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo, Cheese or Ham	Bagel with Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo, Cheese or Ham	Sandwich with Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo, Cheese or Ham
DESSERTS	Shortbread Finger with Fruit Wedges	Lemon Sponge	Ice cream with Peach Slices	Chocolate Sponge	Fruity Friday

AVAILABLE DAILY:

- Choice of Freshly Baked Wholemeal Bread,
- Seasonal Salad Bar, Water, Seasonal Fresh Fruit,
- Fruit Yoghurt and Fruit Jelly.

Your Education Inclusion Family Advisor



Charlotte Dean

Education Inclusion Family Advisors offer you an opportunity to ask for information, advice and support on any issue affecting your family life in a relaxed and confidential environment. These areas include:

- Challenging behaviour
- Routines
- Supporting emotions and wellbeing
- School transitions
- Parenting strategies
- Building resilience and confidence
- Any other family challenges you might be facing

We offer support in various ways:

- 1:1 sessions with parents/carers
- Workshops on specific topics
- Attending school events
- Group sessions on areas of need
- Signposting to other services

To request a call please complete this electronic form:

<https://forms.office.com/e/h963ySwVc7>

For more information speak to your school office or contact me directly on:

✉ charlotte.dean@cambridgeshire.gov.uk ☎ 07917 173791

Education Inclusion Family Advisor Newsletter

September 2024

A Message From Me

Welcome back after what I hope was a fun summer for you all. I am back offering 1:1 advice and workshops to families so please get in touch if you would like to arrange a call: <https://forms.office.com/e/h963ySwVc7> or email at the address below.

Activity Idea -The Mindfulness Jar



Overview: A good visual aid for children to help them understand how calming activities can help our emotions.

Time: 20-30 minutes.

Equipment required: A jar, water, glitter glue.

Benefits:

Helps explain emotions in a visual, easy to-understand way. It can encourage children to take moments of calmness when overwhelmed and watching the glitter swirl can be calming in itself.

[The-Mindfulness-Jar.pdf \(premier-education.com\)](https://www.premier-education.com)

Workshop Dates

We are running a variety of workshops this term, both face to face and online.

Please click the link below or scan the QR code to see the list of workshops available and book your place.

<https://forms.office.com/e/h94eNKzz00>



Online Parenting courses available!

Parents and carers sometimes need extra support or information to help with parenting and to build a strong and positive family life.

That's why Cambridgeshire County Council have partnered with **In Our Place** to offer free courses to help you understand how best to support your child.

In order to access this course, please click the link below and use the code **PARENT24**.

[Online Learning \(heiapply.com\)](https://www.heiapply.com)

Does your child have, or potentially have, an additional need or disability? Pinpoint (www.pinpoint-cambs.org.uk) have lots of information, advice and tips. For Cambridgeshire's Local Offer go to www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/local-offer



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