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**Working together to be the best we can possibly be.**

*I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Philippians 4.13*

4<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who attended FWR's Funday Sunday last weekend. The total amount raised was £6110.43, which is a fantastic achievement! How lucky we are to have such committed parents and carers to plan, resource and run such a magnificent day. Thank you also to everyone who came along to support the event and share in the fun and excitement.

**Safeguarding, wellbeing and mental health:**

This week we are sharing some publicity for a countrywide parent campaign. Use the QR code to find out more.

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### Move Up Day Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2025:



Teachers have advised children and all pupils are bringing home new class information today, Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July.

Current Year 6 pupils who are starting at Witchford Village College (WVC) in September will go straight to WVC and not come to The Rackham on Monday. Year 6 pupils who are not going to WVC will be in school as usual.

Reception to Year 5 will spend the day in their new class with their new teacher.

Current Pre-School pupils who are due to commence Reception in September will attend school with a parent or carer from 1.30 - 2.30pm.

Children who are due to start at The Rackham Pre-School in September have been invited to book a session on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July.

**Please note that Pre-School will close at 12.00 for current pupils on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July.**

If you have any questions, please contact the office in the first instance. Thank you.

### Year 6 Leavers:



Booking is now open for the Leaver's BBQ on Monday 21st July and also for parents and carers to book for the Year 6 Leaver's Assembly on Tuesday 22nd July which will begin at 10.30am followed by a buffet lunch. Booking links below.

Event	Booking link
Year 6 Leaver's BBQ	
Year 6 Leaver's assembly and buffet lunch	

### Year 6 (Current Year 5) 2025 – 2026 sweatshirts:



We have revised the Year 6 (current Year 5) sweatshirt design this year and are pleased to share this means the purchase price is cheaper for families. **Orders can be placed now ready for the first day of term in September 2025.** Year 6 sweatshirts can be ordered via Sigma directly: [Clubs & Groups - Sigma Embroidery & Printing](#)

**Orders must be placed by parents or carers. Orders placed by 11<sup>th</sup> July will be delivered to school for collection before the end of the term. Orders placed after 11<sup>th</sup> July can be collected from Sigma Embroidery on Sedgeway**

**Business Park, Witchford but may not be ready for the start of term**

### Class photos:

Children will have bought home class photo order information this week. **Orders must be placed by 8<sup>th</sup> July for free delivery to school.** If you haven't received the order information, please contact the office.



### Piano and Choir Concert:

For the families of those children who have piano lessons with Mr Wheatley or who are in The Rackham choir, we will be holding our end of term concert on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 9.30am. Please book your tickets via this link:

Please note that there are no more after school choir rehearsals this term. Choir will rehearse at lunchtime for the concert.

### Safe entry and exit to the school site:

We would like to remind everyone that whilst on the school site, bikes and scooters should be pushed while walking to the main exit. Thank you.

### **Sports Days:**

We are in full swing organising this year's sports days for children at The Rackham.

This year, there will be **three** sports day events. For safeguarding and fire safety reasons, we will require parents and carers to book in advance. Please see below for the booking forms. **Bookings will close at 9am on Monday 7th July.** As with previous events, it will be necessary to strictly adhere to this, and we will be unable to accept any further bookings beyond the closing date.

### **Pre-School Sports Day:**


Pre-School children can attend their Sports Day morning with parents, carers, or child minders if they are not in session on morning of 10th July. If your child is in session, pre-school staff will take your child to the sports day. All parents and carers are invited to come to support and watch their children take part. Please ensure you arrive at school between 9.10am and 9.25am.

### **Primary School Sports Days:**

Primary school events will begin at 1.30pm, so please ensure you arrive at school between 1pm and 1.25pm. Parents, carers and child minders are most welcome to attend to watch their child's Sports Day.

Year group	Date and time	Booking link
Pre-School pupils	Thursday 10th July Start time: 9.30am	
Reception and Key Stage One	Thursday 10th July Start time: 1.30pm	
Key Stage Two	Friday 11th July Start time: 1.30pm	

We look forward to seeing you at the event!

	<p><b><u>FWR Pre-Loved Uniform Sales Summer Term:</u></b></p> <p>Sales before and after school, on the following date: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July</p> <p>If you are unavailable on this date, please contact the school office for advice on how to access the pre-loved uniform shop.</p> <p><b><u>Tuck shop and ice lollies:</u></b></p> <p>FWR will be selling ice lollies at Tuck Shop every Friday in July (weather permitting).</p>
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### **Shaping the future of Local Government:**

Communities across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough are being given an [opportunity to have their say in shaping the future of local government](#).

It follows a national government requirement to replace current district, county and city councils with single-tier councils.

[Three proposed options for reorganisation](#) were shared earlier this month. Council leaders now want to hear the views of residents, businesses and local stakeholders, like town and parish councils and community groups, to inform the development of these proposals.

An engagement survey has launched so people can share their thoughts on what priorities they think new unitary authorities should have and what is important to them when it comes to local government.

You can [take part in the survey online](#). Hard copies will also be available in all libraries. Share your views before midnight on Sunday 20 July 2025.



## Dance and Acro-Gymnastics for Reception to Year 4 at The Rackham Primary in September:



Lane Academy are excited to be able to offer spaces to new members at our Dance and Acro-Gymnastics club for September. The club runs every Monday from 4.30 - 5.45pm and children take part in dance as well as gymnastics, where they will learn and build confidence in new skills. We are also excited to be offering ISTD dance exams to the children attending and these will take place in February 2026.

If you would like to book a place for next term, please use the link here: <https://lane-academy.classforkids.io/info/305>

Lane Academy would also be more than happy to offer new members free trial sessions on the 30th June & 7th July. Please do email directly to book this: [sarah@laneacademy.co.uk](mailto:sarah@laneacademy.co.uk)

If you have any questions, please do get in touch or come and chat to us on Sunday Funday where we will be performing!

## Places available at The Rackham Pre-School for September 2025:



Do you, or anyone you know, wish to secure a place at The Rackham Pre-School? If so, please phone 01353 662436 or email the school office: [office@rackham.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@rackham.cambs.sch.uk)

## Free courses for Parents in Cambridgeshire:

 <p><b>Aims of the Healthy Relationships Programme:</b></p> <p>To support participants in recognising what a healthy relationship looks like and to build healthy relationships that will enhance both theirs and their children's lives.</p> <p>To help prevent children witness or be exposed to hostility, criticism or violence.</p> <p><b>The programme consists of six weekly sessions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Session 1</b> What is a Healthy Relationship</li> <li><b>Session 2</b> Barriers to Healthy Relationships</li> <li><b>Session 3</b> Impact on Children</li> <li><b>Session 4</b> Communication</li> <li><b>Session 5</b> Self Esteem &amp; resilience</li> <li><b>Session 6</b> Self-Care &amp; Celebration</li> </ul> <p><b>HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS PROGRAMME</b></p> 	 <p><b>Who can Refer?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parents</li> <li>• Schools</li> <li>• Family Workers</li> <li>• Social Workers</li> <li>• Health Services</li> </ul> <p><b>The Healthy Relationships Programme:</b></p> <p>The programme is delivered by Cambridgeshire District Targeted Support Teams</p> <p>Facilitated by experienced Family Workers / Young Persons Workers</p> <p>Provides a non-judgmental and non-threatening environment</p> <p>Provides a supportive and inclusive environment</p> <p>Provides opportunities for signposting to other services</p> <p>Provides opportunities to meet other parents</p>   
<p><b>Overarching aims of the programme</b></p> <p>A programme for victims/survivors of domestic abuse whether they are in or out of the relationship. The programme uses reflection, discussion and activities to consider the following aims:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To identify a healthy relationship and the impact of domestic abuse,</li> <li>• Provide knowledge and understanding to enable participants to make positive choices.</li> <li>• Identify the impact of domestic abuse on the individual and their children.</li> <li>• Awareness of safety and support.</li> </ul>  <p><b>The Programme</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6 Weekly Sessions</li> <li>• Session 1 – Introduction getting to know you</li> <li>• Session 2 – What is a Healthy Relationship</li> <li>• Session 3 – The Impact of DA on children</li> <li>• Session 4 – Indicators of domestic abuse</li> <li>• Session 5 – Staying safe and moving on</li> <li>• Session 6 – Celebration and Signposting</li> </ul> <p><b>RISE</b></p> 	 <p><b>The Rise Program</b></p> <p>The program is delivered by Cambridgeshire Targeted Support Teams. Facilitated by experienced Family Workers</p> <p>Provides a non-judgmental and non-threatening environment to enable participants to talk about their experiences</p> <p>Provides a supportive and inclusive environment</p> <p>Provides opportunities for signposting to other services</p> <p>Provides opportunities to meet others</p> <p><b>Who can Refer</b></p> <p>Professionals working with families experiencing domestic abuse.</p> <p>An up-to-date DASH risk assessment and not exceeding 13 points should be attached to the referral form.</p> <p><b>Safeguarding</b></p> <p>Remember that this is a safe group to be able to share your experiences if you feel comfortable to, but we need to be able to support you in the future and now if you need it, however we do have a duty of care to you and your children.</p> <p>If there is any disclosure made in the group that we feel puts you or your children or somebody else, at risk of serious harm we will discuss this personally with you first and discuss with you what needs to happen next</p>  <p><b>Contact Us</b></p> <p><b>Enquiries –</b> Phil West – 07770315631</p> <p><b>Referrals –</b> <a href="mailto:Phil.west@cambridgeshire.gov.uk">Phil.west@cambridgeshire.gov.uk</a></p> 



## Activities and events:



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- The Open** - For customised peashooters
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Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August  
1:00pm - 3:00pm  
All Year 6 Children about to start Vista Academy  
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**WITCHFORD VILLAGE COLLEGE**  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August  
10:00am - 12:00pm  
All Year 6 Children about to start Witchford Village College  
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**DATES**  
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to  
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MON 25<sup>th</sup> BH (NO CLUB)

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## Children and Family Centre East – What's on:

Please click [here](#) for the Children and Family Centre East July What's on information.

## Uniform orders:

Uniform items for school and pre-school pupils (including jumpers and cardigans) are now available from Sigma.

Pre-School: [Clubs & Groups - Sigma Embroidery & Printing](#) Primary

School: [Clubs & Groups - Sigma Embroidery & Printing](#)

Orders must be placed by parents and carers and can be collected from Sigma Embroidery on Sedgeway Business Park, Witchford.

### Term dates for 2025 – 2026:

Term dates for next academic year are now available on the website and can be found [here](#).

### Attendance:

The Rackham has an updated policy on Attendance. Please follow this [link](#) to read the policy on the school website.

Thank you to all our parents and carers for supporting our drive for improved attendance. The Government has identified a child's attendance of 96% and above is the key figure to give best chance of academic progress. Please can we remind you that absence must be reported to the office by 9am on each day of absence.

This week's attendance: 94.2%



Looking forward to seeing everyone on Monday.

Best wishes,

Miss Turner

**Dates for your diary:**

7 <sup>th</sup> July	Move Up Day
8 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day for class photo orders for free delivery to school
10 <sup>th</sup> July	Pre-School Sports Day 9.30am (booking now available)
10 <sup>th</sup> July	EYFS and KS1 Sports Day 1.30pm (booking now available)
11 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Sports Day 1.30pm (booking now available)
11 <sup>th</sup> July	Pupil annual reports emailed home.
11 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day for Year 6 (current Year 5) 2025 – 2026 sweatshirt orders for delivery to school before the end of term.
14 <sup>th</sup> July	FWR Uniform Sale
16 <sup>th</sup> July	Parent's Evening (booking will open on Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> July)
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Piano and Choir Concert at 9.30am (booking now available)
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Parent's Evening (booking will open on Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> July)
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Reserve Sports Day for Pre-School, EYFS and KS1
18 <sup>th</sup> July	Reserve Sports Day for KS2
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Year 6 Leaver's BBQ 3.30pm - 5.30pm (booking now available)
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 6 Leaver's Assembly at 10.30am to parents and carers followed by Year 6 Parent or Carer school buffet (booking now available)
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Last day for children
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Professional Development Day for teachers
	SUMMER HOLIDAY