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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

11th July 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

How lovely to welcome our pre-school children to their Sports Day yesterday. Thank you to all parents and carers who also attended. What a super way to start Thursday morning.

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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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. **Bookings must be made by Monday 14th July please.** 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 11th July will be delivered to school for collection before the end of the term. Orders placed after 11th July can be collected from Sigma Embroidery on Sedgeway Business Park, Witchford but may not be ready for the start of term

Dinner money and Wraparound care payments:

As we near the end of term, please could you take some time to ensure that all dinner money and wraparound care payments are up to date. We do need all accounts to be paid in full by the last day of term. Thank you.

Medicines and inhalers:

Please can you ensure any medicines that are held in the office are collected on the last day of term. If your child has an inhaler in school, this will also be sent home on the last day.

School meal on the last day of term:

On the last day of term (Tuesday 22nd July) we will be providing a packed lunch option only for Reception to Year 5 classes. If your child requires a meal on the last day, please can you book their preferred sandwich option as soon as possible via MCAS. Please note meals that had been prebooked for this date have been removed and will need to be reinstated.

Year 6 children will all be booked for the leaver's buffet option. Please would you ensure payment is made for this as soon as possible via MCAS. If your Year 6 child will be bringing their own packed lunch, please let us know by Wednesday 16th July.

Sports Days:

Please do remember to bring a fold up chair or a blanket if you have booked places for our Sports Days next week.

Beech Class – Change of swimming day:

Please note that due to Sports Day on Thursday morning, children in Beech class will have their swimming lesson on Wednesday next week.



FWR Pre-Loved Uniform Sales Summer Term:

Sales before and after school, on the following date:

Monday 14th July

If you are unavailable on this date, please contact the school office for advice on how to access the pre-loved uniform shop.

Tuck shop and ice lollies:

FWR will be selling ice lollies at Tuck Shop every Friday in July (weather permitting).

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

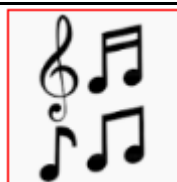
If you have any questions, please do get in touch or come and chat to us on Sunday Funday where we will be performing!

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

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 17th July at 9.00am (please note the amended time). Please book your tickets via this link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/yAGnpurLp9>

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

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.

Activities and events:



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10/11/12 - 6:30 TO 7:30 PM

LOCATION : WVC- MANOR ROAD (CB6 2JA)

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CONTACT: ELYLIONS.FC@GMAIL.COM

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Ely CB6 2LB

Competitions include:

- The Open** - For customised peashooters
- Traditional** - Levelling the playing field
- Teams**
- Petits Pois** - Under 11s
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Thursday 21st August
10:00am - 12:00pm
All Year 6 Children about to start Ely College
£15pp

VISTA ACADEMY

Thursday 21st August
1:00pm - 3:00pm
All Year 6 Children about to start Vista Academy
£15pp

WITCHFORD VILLAGE COLLEGE

Thursday 28th August
10:00am - 12:00pm
All Year 6 Children about to start Witchford Village College
£15pp


<https://laura-draws.classforkids.io>


FREE EVENT YOUTH FUSION

Join us for a fun, interactive, community safety focused event!

- climbing wall • street art workshops • free bicycle repairs
- bicycle security marking • fire service • information stands
- Fitness Rush • sports clubs and much more!

Ely Thursday 24 July, 11am to 3pm
The Hive
01353 665555



 East Cambridgeshire District Council

HADDENHAM ARTS CENTRE

Summer Trail

Trail sheets available in the gallery of the Haddenham Arts Centre from 24th July - 2nd September

Mini Garden Trail

£1.50

Village Trail

£2

The Haddenham Arts Centre; 20 High St Haddenham, Ely, CB6 3XA
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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.

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: 90.59%

ATTEND TODAY ACHIEVE TOMORROW

EDUCATION IS IMPORTANT - DON'T MISS OUT



Looking forward to seeing everyone on Monday.

Best wishes,

Miss Turner

Dates for your diary:

14 th July	FWR Uniform Sale
16 th July	Parent's Evening (booking will open on Monday 14 th July)
17 th July	Piano and Choir Concert at 9.00am (Booking closes 9am Monday 14 th July)
17 th July	Parent's Evening (booking will open on Monday 14 th July)
17 th July	Sports Day for Pre-School, EYFS and KS1: Start at 9.30am (Booking closed)
18 th July	Sports Day for KS2: Start at 9.30am (Booking closed)
21 st July	Year 6 Leaver's BBQ 3.30pm - 5.30pm (booking now available)
22 nd 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 nd July	Last day for children
23 rd July	Professional Development Day for teachers
	SUMMER HOLIDAY