

Working together to be the best we can possibly be.

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

13th June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well done The Rackham, another super week. The trackit light that gains the most greens is 'focussed on learning' which is fantastic! Well done to our pupils.

Safeguarding:



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about YOUTUBE KIDS

YouTube Kids is an easily accessible, child-friendly version of YouTube, offering a colourful and easy-to-navigate environment which is suitable for young children. Although YouTube Kids is obviously intended to be an extremely child-friendly platform, it's still raised concerns over its advertising policy, as well as inappropriate content seeping through the curation process.

SETTING UP

- 1 Download the YouTube Kids app and connect to it with your own YouTube account.
- 2 Input the child's name, age and birth month.
- 3 Select the type of videos you want to include for them, based on their age and your own personal choice.
- 4 If you decide to approve the content yourself, the app will present you with sample videos to accept and reject.
- 5 Once you've made your choices, the app is ready for the child to use!

Advice for Parents & Educators

<h4>REMOVE ADVERTISEMENTS</h4> <p>Adverts on YouTube Kids are as pervasive as they are on its parent app; if you'd prefer a child wasn't exposed to ads, a paid subscription to YouTube Premium removes adverts on YouTube Kids. It's worth remembering, though, that this won't block adverts or promotions which creators include in their videos – and children are still able to watch channels belonging to fast food or toy companies.</p>	<h4>BE WARY OF UNSUITABLE CONTENT</h4> <p>YouTube Kids has a lower chance of showing unsuitable material than YouTube, but there have still been reports of malicious users deliberately uploading inappropriate content. It's important to communicate openly with children if they're exposed to any inappropriate content, to help them feel more comfortable coming to you in the future. It's also a good idea to report inappropriate clips, which can be done by tapping the three dots in the corner of the video.</p>	<h4>DISABLE THE SEARCH OPTION</h4> <p>YouTube Kids allows you to disable the search feature, which may be useful in preventing a child from unintentionally finding age-inappropriate content. Doing this will also give you more control over what younger users can watch. It's also worth noting that setting an age limit will ensure that children are only exposed to recommended videos that have been deemed suitable for their age group.</p>
<h4>RESTRICT VIEWING TIME</h4> <p>The YouTube Kids app provides the option of setting up a timer to monitor and limit a child's daily usage. It automatically stops the video when it reaches the pre-set time. It may be best to make use of this feature to prevent screen addiction, which can potentially lead to youngsters staying up too late, affecting their mood and concentration the following day.</p>	<h4>MONITOR WATCH HISTORY</h4> <p>YouTube Kids has also made it possible for parents and carers to see what their children are watching on the app by clicking on the 'Recommended' icon on the top right of the home screen. It may also be worth having a look at what the child has recently watched by clicking on their history tab. The red bar on the video shows how much of the video they've watched.</p>	<h4>WATCH TOGETHER</h4> <p>It's important to make YouTube Kids a fun and positive experience for children. This may require some time being spent finding channels and content that young people will enjoy and benefit from. Try introducing family sessions where you can share the most enjoyable videos that you and the child have recently watched. This can be a great way of giving you both new things to talk about.</p>

Meet Our Expert
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#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

Wellbeing and mental health:



FREE Parenting Course:

Parents can sign up to a free Solihull parenting course online themselves.

- 1.
2. Enter the access code

Household Support Fund reopens for applications

In April, applications to the Household Support Fund (HSF) reopened. The HSF is a grant funded by the UK Government to support households experiencing immediate financial hardship and the rising cost of living.

The extension of the HSF will run from Tuesday 1 April 2025 to Tuesday 31 March 2026. Eligible households can apply for one £110 voucher in this period. More information, including [eligibility criteria and the application form](#), and can found on our website. Please contact CommunityCV@cambridgeshire.gov.uk with any further queries.

Royal Academy Young Artists' Summer Show:

Huge congratulations to [redacted] in Larch class whose entry into the Royal Academy Young Artists' Summer Show was selected from 23,000 entries to be displayed at the Royal Academy. His submission will be on show at the gallery in London from 15th July to 10th August 2025. It will also be available to view online from 15th July. Well done!



Places available a 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

Safe exit from the school site at the end of the day:

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

An enormous THANK YOU:

This fantastic collection of books was purchased for school via the funds raised from our donated book sale in March. Thank you so much for your support with this fundraiser.



Dates for your diary:

Friday 27th June: Non uniform 'bring a bottle day'

Sunday 29th June: Funday Sunday



Wednesday 2nd July: Disco (Reception to Year 6 – booking required – see below)

FWR Pre-Loved Uniform Sales Summer Term:

Sales before and after school, on the following dates:

- Wednesday 25th June
- Monday 14th July

Grand Prize Draw tickets:

Children have bought home tickets for the Grand Prize Draw which will take place at Funday Sunday on 29th June. Please do sell or buy as many as possible and return the cash and ticket to the office by Monday 23rd June. More books are available from the office if you require them.

FWR Disco – booking information:

Our FWR disco will be taking place on Wednesday 2nd July. The Reception and KS1 (Year 1&2) disco will be held from 3.25 – 4.10pm. If you would like your child to get changed in their classroom, please send in their disco clothes in a named bag. Children will be collected from the red gates as usual at the end.

The KS2 disco (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) will be held from 4.15 – 5.00pm. Year 3 and 4 will be collected from the KS1 red gates and year 5 and 6 from the hall door.

The disco cost is £3.00 per child and includes entry, a biscuit, a drink and a glo-stick. Please see the following link for biscuit nutritional information - [Sainsbury's online Grocery Shopping and Fresh Food Delivery \(sainsburys.co.uk\)](https://www.sainsburys.co.uk) Please let the office know by Monday 30th June if your child requires an alternative due to allergies.

To book a place for your child, please login to your MCAS account where you will find the payment option under Products and Trips. Bookings must be made by 9am on Monday 30th June please. We will not be able to take payment after this time.



Year 6 Junior Apprentice:

Our year 6's are raising money for their end of year celebrations throughout next week. There will be a variety of stalls available with prices ranging from 30p to 50p. If you would like your child to have the opportunity to purchase from the stalls, please send them with some cash (no more than £4.00 please) from Tuesday to Friday next week.

Year 6 Junior Apprentice

Please support our Year 6s next week by bringing in some money to spend on these stalls from Tues - Fri.

Football & obstacle
Rucknarr Olympics
Tuesday the 17th
Wednesday 18th
3 Games = 30p
5 Games = 50p
8 Games = 80p
When you win you get to choose a prize to reward our water polo team!

ART DJS
17th June
19th June
1 = 40p
3 = £1.00
Selling Rice Krispie cakes

THE BROWNIE DOPS
Selling for 50p
Come and see us on Wednesday 18th and Friday 20th June.

Plant Kingdom
We are selling plants and seeds on the 18th and 20th June.
£1.00 for a plant, £0.50 for seeds.

The penguins
Entries cost 50p = 3 goes
£1.00 = 5 goes
Selling days: Tuesday 17th, Thursday 19th

The AI Bots
Spin the wheel
win sweets, stickers and spin again
1 spin = 25p
2 spins = 50p
3 spins = 80p
We are selling on the 18th and 20th June

The Super Saver
We sell 25p per 30 or 40 for 50p
Date: 18th and 20th of June
LUCKY DIPS ?

3 Fookie stars
Tuesday 17th June
Thursday 19th June
We are doing car cloning
£5 for outside
£10 for inside and outside.

Paper aeroplane Contest
We sell on Wednesday 18th June and Friday 20th June.
For the small price of 50p, you can gain the opportunity of winning sweet prizes from your aeroplane.

RAIN SPORTS
Prices: 50p-1 game, £1.00-2 games
Date: June 17th, June 20th
Football

The Super Sweet Sellers
Open on the 18th & 20th of June.
50p = 1 round, 75p = 2 rounds
£1 = 3 rounds

RMP's bucket of joy
Selling Wednesday and Friday
1 bucket is 50p

Young Geographer of the Year competition:



2025 competition - RGS

The theme for the Young Geographer of the Year competition 2025 is: Understanding islands. Let's take a closer look at the World's islands. It is estimated that our planet contains almost 670,000 islands, of which around 11,000 are permanently inhabited.

www.rgs.org

More information here:

<https://www.rgs.org/schools/competitions/young-geographer-of-the-year/2025-competition>

Supporting transition and change at school:

Join the Cambridge North and Ely Mental Health Support Teams (MHSTs) for a webinar on supporting children with transition and change at school. As the end of the academic year approaches, we know that children will be preparing for change. This could be moving up to a new year, meeting new peers or even the transition up to secondary school. For some children the change will feel exciting and they will want to seize the new opportunities. For other children, the changes may feel daunting and give them lots of worries. Whether your child feels excited or worried about upcoming changes at school, the session will be dedicated to providing you with evidence-based strategies for supporting your child with resilience to make change feel more manageable. We look forward to seeing you there!

When?

Monday 30th June at 1pm (1 hour duration) or **Friday 4th July at 9:30am** (1 hour duration)

Online via Microsoft Teams

Book your place here:

<https://bookwhen.com/cambridge-n-ely-mhst-parents>



Norwich City Football Development Summer Open Trials: Take part in weekly training sessions delivered by our UEFA qualified coaches, we pride ourselves on sessions being both educational and enjoyable for our players

- Train with highly talented players to develop skills and tactical understanding.
- The opportunity to progress within the club's development pathway.
- Full training kit.
- The opportunity to travel on residential training trips.
- Take part in fixtures against other development programmes.
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- Please see full details below of the session and how to book your place.
- Cambourne Village College (CB23 6FR) – 17th and 18th June – Book your place here <https://www.abler.io/shop/ncfcfd/cambridgeshire/product/Q2x1YINlcnZpY2U6NDA0MjA=>
- If you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch with via email: guy.habbin@btinternet.com



Another offer from Norwich City: ❤️ **Norwich City FC Summer Football Camps – Now Open for Booking!** Looking for something fun, active, and rewarding for your child this summer? **Norwich City Football Development** is running **football camps** across Cambridgeshire, Suffolk, Surrey, Hertfordshire and more – led by qualified Norwich City FC coaches. Camps are open to boys and girls aged 5–14 of all abilities and focus on skills, confidence, and fun.

- 📅 Camps run every school holiday
- 🌀 Open to all levels of experience
- 👨‍🏫 Delivered by Norwich City FC coaches
- ⚽ Technical sessions, fun games, and match play
- 🎫 **Limited HAF-funded places available**

✉ For HAF-funded places: Please contact James.Atherton@canaries.co.uk for full details on how to register using your HAF code.

🔗 For standard bookings: <https://www.abler.io/shop/ncfcfd/holidaycamps>

These trials are designed for girls of all abilities who are passionate about football and eager to learn in a safe, fun, and supportive environment. Delivered by our UEFA-qualified coaching team of high quality

coaching, the sessions have a specially designed syllabus which caters for all playing positions on the pitch and have opportunities for players to progress within the clubs pathway. Whether a player is new to the game or already showing strong potential, our goal is to help every participant grow. We focus on developing core skills, building confidence, and encouraging creativity, while also providing a clear progression pathway for players who show the desire and ability to push on further.



A third opportunity from Norwich City: Girls Open Trial Details

Dates: Various dates across Summer 2025

Locations: Multiple venues near you!

Ages: 7-16 years old – with all abilities

Registration & Info:

Parents and guardians can find more details and book a place with us here: [Norwich City Girls Football Development Trials 2025/2026](#)

If successful from the trial period, there is a small fee to take part in our pathway, but you receive a FREE Training Kit and there is opportunities to represent us in games/fixtures, residential and training trips across the season.

EIFA Newsletter:

Please click [here](#) for the Education Inclusion Family Advisor Newsletter for June 2025.

Free Parenting Courses:

Please click [here](#) for information on some free online workshops for parents run by the EIFA team. These workshops cover many topics including Sleep, Sibling rivalry and Supporting your child with feelings of anger or worry.



What do you know about County Lines? Free training for parents and carers:

The Ivison Trust (formerly known as Parents Against Child Exploitation (PACE)) are holding two evening seminars specifically for parents and carers in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough with a focus

on County Lines and Criminal Exploitation. These seminars will be delivered with a parent whose child has been a victim of exploitation, sharing their experiences and advice on responding to risks.

The sessions will share what criminal exploitation is, with a focus on county lines and explore how to spot signs that it may be happening to your child or a child you know. They will also cover trends in the local area and where to get advice and support if you are concerned.

For more information and to register a place visit [Parent webinars - county lines and criminal exploitation - Ivison Trust](#)

What parents will learn

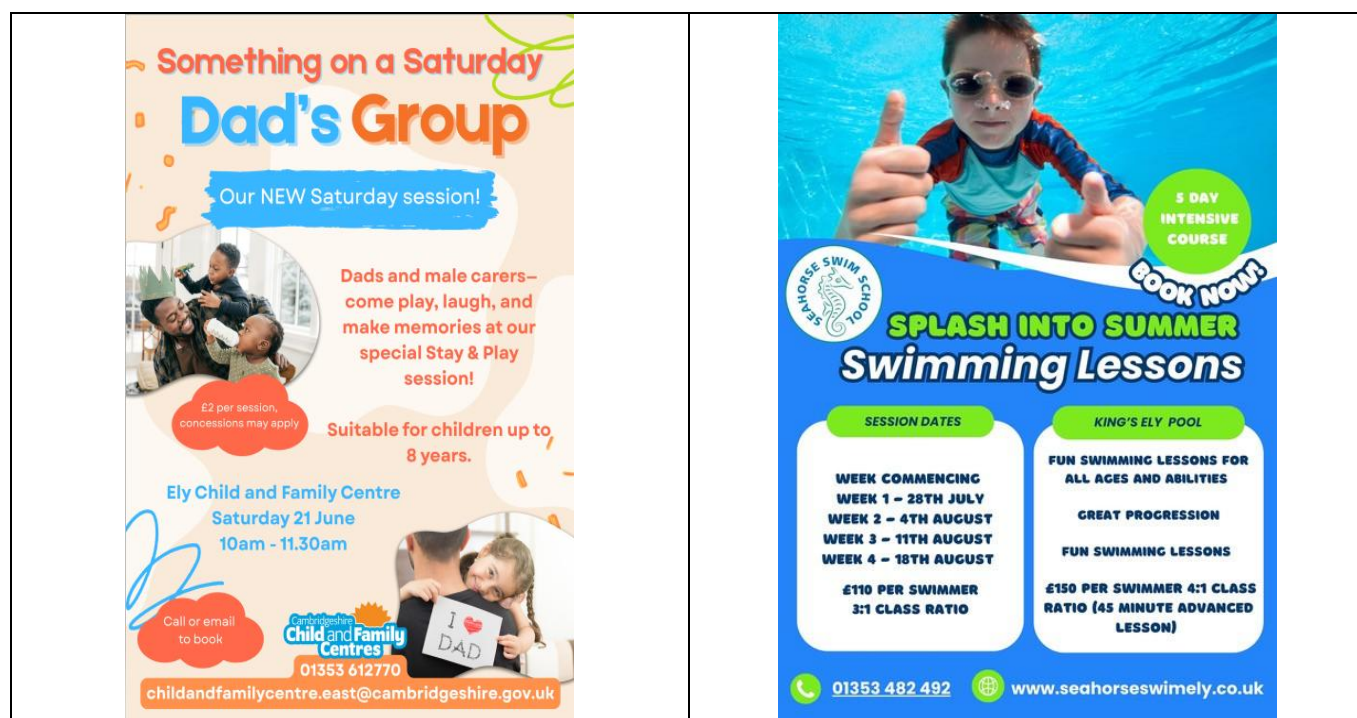
- Learn what county lines is
- Understand what is happening in your local area
- Learn how exploiters groom children
- Understand the signs that your child might be at risk
- Know where to access support and advice if you have concerns

Upcoming webinars

- Cambridgeshire 17th June 2025 7:00pm – 8:30pm – [Book your place](#)
- Peterborough 18th June 2025 7:00 – 8:30pm – [Book your place](#)

Activities and events:

WADSY will be holding a cake sale from 3.00 - 3.45pm on Monday 23rd June. Payment by cash or card will be accepted.



Term dates for 2025 – 2026:

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

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.

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: 93.2%

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:

19 th June	Year 1 trip to Audley End House and Gardens
20 th June	Year 2 trip to Audley End House and Gardens
25 th June	FWR Uniform Sale
27 th June	Year 3/4 History off the Page event
27 th June	Non uniform 'bring a bottle day' for FWR Funday Sunday
29 th June	Funday Sunday
2 nd July	FWR Disco – Reception to Year 6 (booking required)
7 th July	Move Up Day
10 th July	Pre-School, EYFS and KS1 Sports Day (booking required nearer the time)
11 th July	KS2 Sports Day (booking required nearer the time)
14 th July	FWR Uniform Sale
16 th July	Parent's Evening (booking required nearer the time)
17 th July	Piano and Choir Concert at 9.30am (booking required nearer the time)
17 th July	Parent's Evening (booking required nearer the time)
17 th July	Reserve Sports Day for Pre-School, EYFS and KS1
18 th July	Reserve Sports Day for KS2
21 st July	Year 6 Leaver's BBQ (booking required nearer the time)
22 nd July	Year 6 Leaver's Assembly to parents and carers (booking required nearer the time)
22 nd July	Year 6 Parent or carer school buffet invitation
22 nd July	Last day for children
23 rd July	Professional Development Day for teachers
	SUMMER HOLIDAY