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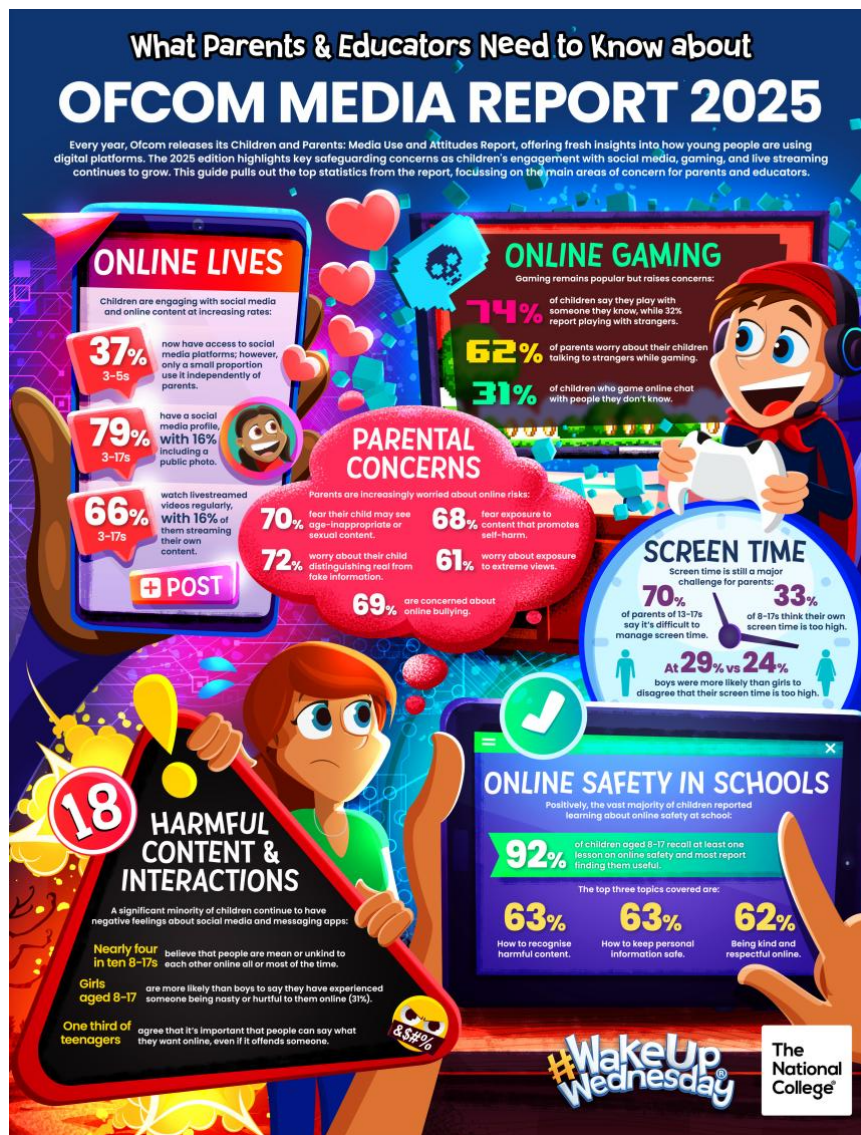
I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Philippians 4.13

20th June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our sincere thanks for supporting our Year 6 apprentice initiative so well. Our Year 6 pupils are raising funds for FWR and their end of year barbeque. So far, the running total is £561 and counting! Our pupils are thoroughly enjoying Geography Fieldwork Fortnight. We have been really impressed with how they are utilising their maths skills in their fieldwork.

Safeguarding:



Wellbeing and mental health:



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.

FREE Parenting Course:

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

1. <https://inourplace.heiapply.com/online-learning/courses>
2. Enter the access code **PARENT24**

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.

Dates for your diary:

Friday 27th June:

Non-uniform 'bring a bottle' day

On Friday 27th June we will be having a non-uniform day for FWR. Instead of paying to wear non-uniform, we are asking parents and carers to donate a full in-date bottle. The bottle could be anything (bubble bath, a bottle of ketchup, a bottle of wine etc)! FWR will use the donated bottles on the Funday Sunday bottle stall.

Sunday 29th June: Funday Sunday

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.



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

FWR Pre-Loved Uniform Sales Summer Term:

Sales before and after school, on the following dates:

- Wednesday 25th June
- Monday 14th July

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.

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.

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	

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 you 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.

We look forward to seeing you at the event!

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

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

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- 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



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/nfcfd/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.

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.

The 52nd World PEASHOOTING CHAMPIONSHIP

Saturday 12th July 2025
from 11:30am Witcham Village Green Ely CB8 2LB

Competitions include:

- The Open** - For customised peashooters
- Traditional** - Levelling the playing field
- Teams**
- Petits Pois** - Under 11s
- Youth** - Ages 12-16
- Junior Teams** - Ages 5-16

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- WEEK 3 - 11TH AUGUST
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EIFA Newsletter:

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

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: 93.16%

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:

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 now available)
7 th July	Move Up Day
10 th July	Pre-School 9.30am (booking now available)
10 th July	EYFS and KS1 Sports Day 1.30pm (booking now available)
11 th July	KS2 Sports Day 1.30pm (booking now available)
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