

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

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

25<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Safeguarding:

**If you think a child or an adult with care and support needs is in immediate danger, phone 999.**

**Make a referral to Children's Services:**

[Make a referral to Cambridgeshire County Council Children's Services - Instructions and Data Protection - Cambridgeshire County Council website \(achieveservice.com\)](#)

**NSPCC website:**

[NSPCC | The UK children's charity | NSPCC](#)

**NSPCC website for information about child protection:**

[Child protection system in the UK | NSPCC Learning](#)

**Reporting a crime:**

[Contact us | Police.uk \(www.police.uk\)](#)

### Safeguarding:

With Bonfire Night happening soon, please use this guidance as a reminder on how to keep everyone safe.



### Wellbeing and Mental Health:

Every parent and carer can have free access to My Happy Mind resources to use at home.

Click on the QR code below or follow this link to log in. [myHappyMind Parent Resources](#)



When you log in, you will be asked for our school number. **Our number is: 110807.** Please contact the office in the first instance if you require any further information.

**Reception phonics sessions:**

We will be holding stay and play phonics sessions for Reception parents. There are still some places available. Please book using the following links:

Ash Class: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ash-class-reception-parents-phonics-sessions-tickets-1038313051287>

Rowan Class: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/rowan-class-reception-parents-phonics-sessions-tickets-1038353181317>

Please contact the office if you have any questions.

**Year 5 parent meal – new date:**

The Year 5 parent meal has been rescheduled for Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November. If you have already booked and are unable to attend on the new date, please let us know.

If you weren't able to make the original date but would like to book, please login to your MCAS account to pay for your meal. This can be found under the Products and Trips tab. The meal will cost £3.60.

Please complete this form to book your meal once payment has been made on MCAS:

<https://forms.office.com/e/5GfdNEvPnR>

**Meal choice and payment must be made by Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November please.**

Please can parents and carers of Year 5 children arrive for school dinner at 12.25pm.

**FWR Christmas jumper swap:**

Children will be able to wear a Christmas jumper if they wish on their Christmas Dinner day this year. FWR have kindly offered to organise a jumper swap where parents will be able to purchase a jumper for a suggested donation of £2.00. If you have any Christmas jumpers you would like to donate, please drop them into the office between now and 20<sup>th</sup> November.

The jumper swap will take place on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2024

**Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal:**

We will have poppies and other related merchandise available after half term (cash only please) at both the pre-school and primary school. Children will be able to purchase items from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November, The Rackham will be marking Remembrance Sunday with our own silence to respect those who have served.

If your child attends Guides, Brownies, Rainbows, Scouts, Cubs, Beavers or Squirrels they are welcome to attend school in uniform on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November.

## Parents Evenings Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2024:

Bookings for Parents Evenings will open at 9am on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November. Please log in to your MCAS account after this time to book your ten minute appointment with your child's class teacher. Appointments will be available from 3.30 - 7pm on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> and 3.30 - 5pm on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions about the booking process, please contact the office in the first instance. Thank you.

## My Child's Art:

If your child submitted a Christmas card design, it is now available to order via My Child's Art. The Early bird discount is available until 5<sup>th</sup> November.

Working with  
The Rackham C of E Primary School

www.mychildsart.co.uk

Your child has uploaded a Christmas drawing to our website!  
**VIEW NOW**

by logging into the parent order portal at  
[www.mychildsart.co.uk/order](http://www.mychildsart.co.uk/order)

Order portals open NOW until the 31st December

**EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT FOR 2 WEEKS ONLY**

Use code **TheRackhamX24**  
during checkout for 10% off your order!

One use only. Excludes VAT and P&H. Valid for 2 weeks from the portal opening date, not the date that you receive the ticket. Not automatically applied and cannot be added once an order has been confirmed.

Username   
Access Code

NB: Username and Access Code are case and space sensitive, so please be careful when entering the details into the portal.

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## Christmas Card club:

Mrs RussellCook will be running a lunchtime Christmas Card club starting after half term for years 1 and 2. Bookings open on MCAS at 6pm today (Friday)

## Sandringham Estate events:

*Make Your Own Pumpkin House*

**BOOKING NOW!**

JOIN LAVENDERFOREST  
UNDER THE RESTAURANT CANOPY  
AT THE VISITORS CENTRE OF THE SANDRINGHAM ESTATE  
ON  
TUESDAY 29 WEDNESDAY 30 THURSDAY 31 OCTOBER

SESSION TIMES  
10AM-11AM 11.15AM -12.15PM  
1PM-2PM 2.15PM-3.15PM  
£15 PER PUMPKIN HOUSE  
INCLUDES ALL MATERIALS  
MAX 2 ADULTS 3 CHILDREN PER STATION

<https://sandringhamestate.co.uk/events/make-your-own-pumpkin-house/>

**Football academy:**

Thank you to all those who completed the form regarding the football academy. We are delighted to say we have enough children interested to go ahead. Reception and KS1 will run on Mondays, starting on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November. KS2 will run on Wednesdays, beginning on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November. The cost will be £25 for this half term. Please login to your MCAS account to make payment for these sessions. The sessions will run from 3.15 – 4.30pm.

If you completed the form and your child is not able to attend, please email the office to let us know. If you didn't complete the form but would like your child to attend, please add them to the waiting list on MCAS or email the office and we will contact you when space is available.

**Uniform orders:**

Uniform items for school and pre-school pupils are now available from Sigma. [Clubs & Groups - Sigma Embroidery & Printing](#)

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

**Happy Birthday to us!**



Thank you to all our parents, carers, adults and pupils who dressed up in Victorian costume to celebrate our school's 180th birthday. Miss Housden has taken a photograph of the whole school dressed in their Victorian attire. Copies of the photo will be available to purchase after half term.

**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: 94.5%

**ATTEND TODAY  
ACHIEVE TOMORROW**

EDUCATION IS IMPORTANT - DON'T MISS OUT



Looking forward to seeing everyone after the half term holiday.

Best wishes,

Miss Turner

**Dates for your diary:**

	HALF TERM
4 <sup>th</sup> November	First day of term
4 <sup>th</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Reception parents – Phonics stay and play sessions 8.30am (booking required)
8 <sup>th</sup> November	Reception parents – Phonics meeting 8.30am (booking required)
11 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent’s Evening Week – Bookings open on MCAS at 9am on Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November
15 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying Week Children in Need
20 <sup>th</sup> November	Y4 Burwell information evening
20 <sup>th</sup> November	Vision screening for Reception children
21 <sup>st</sup> November	Year 5 Parent meal (rescheduled date)
27 <sup>th</sup> November	FWR Christmas jumper swap
28 <sup>th</sup> November	Y4 Parent or carer school dinner invitation (booking required nearer the time)
29 <sup>th</sup> November	FWR Christmas Bingo – Doors open at 6.30pm
2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Christmas performances this week – dates will be advised after half term
9 <sup>th</sup> December	Rocksteady Christmas Concert 9.30am (booking required nearer the time)
11 <sup>th</sup> December	FWR Christmas disco (booking required nearer the time)
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner – Reception and KS1
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner – KS2
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term
	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY 23.12.2024 – 03.01.2025
6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	First day of term.
19 <sup>th</sup> January	World Religion Day
W/C 20 <sup>th</sup> January	SEND Coffee Morning date tbc
30 <sup>th</sup> January	Y3 Parent or carer school dinner (booking required nearer the time)
3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Children’s Mental Health Week
10 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 4 to Burwell House (10 <sup>th</sup> – 12 February)
11 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day
W\C 17 <sup>th</sup> February	HALF TERM