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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*

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we finish this half term, it is hard to believe that when we return in June, we will be in the final half term of this academic year.

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 \(\[achieveservice.com\]\(https://achieveservice.com\)\)](#)

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 \(\[www.police.uk\]\(http://www.police.uk\)\)](#)

Wellbeing and Mental Health: who to contact in a crisis: Text 'Shout' to 85258

Shout's trained volunteers are there for you 24/7 to listen and support. Shout is a free, confidential, anonymous text service which won't appear on your phone bill.

Start a conversation, text 'Shout' to 85258.

Or look online: [Shout - UK's 24/7 Crisis Text Service for Mental Health Support | Shout 85258 \(\[giveusashout.org\]\(https://giveusashout.org\)\)](#)

Government consultation into RSE in schools:

You may have heard or read in the news about the current 8 week consultation period the Government is conducting into Relationships and Sex Education in schools.

[Age limits introduced to protect children in RSHE - GOV.UK \(\[www.gov.uk\]\(http://www.gov.uk\)\)](#)

It seems sensible to share with parents and carers that the curriculum currently used at The Rackham is in line with proposed changes.

Please look out for letters from teams within school updating parents and carers about lessons next half term.

FWR Doughnut Day fundraiser:

Thank you to FWR for the delicious doughnuts today. Lots of funds raised for our pupils. Thank you very much for your support.

Royal Academy Young Artist:

If your child submitted a piece of artwork for the Royal Academy Young Artist summer exhibition, please can you bring it into school as soon as possible, for our display.

Uniform update: Year 5 hoodie orders.

We have considered the Year 6 hoodies and instead of them being an alternative for Year 6 pupils to have instead of uniform, we think it far more sensible to make the hoody an optional item of uniform for Year 6.

This means our pupils will be able to wear their hoodies from their first day in September as they start in Year 6. The hoodies will be called the Year 6 hoody and will no longer be called the leaver's hoody. The hoodie will have 'Class of 25' on the back and the school logo and child's initials on the front. We anticipate the hoodies will be priced at approximately £22.00 for child sizes or £28.00 for adult sizes. Further information regarding ordering will be available after half term.

Uniform update: school caps

School caps and bucket hats can be ordered directly from Sigma. [Clubs & Groups - Sigma Embroidery & Printing](#)



The Rackham Primary School -
Baseball Cap (Kids Size)



The Rackham Primary School -
Bucket Hat

Clubs:

Art Club, Netball and Football Clubs all have their final sessions this week. These clubs will not be continuing after half term.

Is my child too ill for school?

You might have noticed that there is currently a big push by the Government, with support from the NHS, to decrease avoidable absence in schools.

The NHS has a useful page that helps parents and carers decide whether a child is well enough to attend school.

Along with the Chief Medical Officer, the NHS say it is usually appropriate for parents and carers to send their children to school with mild respiratory illnesses, including general cold symptoms like a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat. Without an accompanying high temperature, a child would be expected to attend school.

Have a look at the website for more information using this link: [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

Year 6 transition workshop:

Please see the attached poster regarding an online transition to secondary school workshop organised by the Cambridge North and Ely Mental Health Support team.

Events at Ely Museum:

Please see below for details of some events at Ely Musuem:

30th May – Drop-In Crafts – 10:30am-1:00pm - £3 per child plus your usual admission ticket or valid annual pass

Make a flying bird puppet and a paper birdhouse decoration. Suitable for children ages 5 and above.

8th June – Archaeology Day – 10:30am-4:00pm - included with admission or with valid annual pass: Join our family fun day finding out what archaeologists really do! Whether you want to dress up as an archaeologist and take a selfie, handle some real artefacts that archaeologists have dug up, or meet archaeologists and learn about all the different jobs they do - there are hands-on activities suitable for all ages.

FWR Funday Sunday: Sunday 30th June 2024: Call for volunteers

FWR are seeking volunteers to help at Funday Sunday. Would you be able to help?

Parents, carers, Grandparents are welcome!

Register your interest here: <https://forms.office.com/e/zraXrFXxus>

Reading book amnesty:

When you find a reading book from school at home, please do send it into school with your child.

If you would rather, we have set up a book amnesty box in the main reception to school, simply drop off any school reading books you may have.

Thank you so much for your help.

Attendance:

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.

This week our attendance figure as a school is: 96.02%

**ATTEND TODAY
ACHIEVE TOMORROW**

EDUCATION IS IMPORTANT - DON'T MISS OUT



Looking forward to seeing everyone on Monday 3rd June.

Wishing you a restful half term holiday.

Best wishes,

Miss Turner

Dates for your diary	
27 – 31.05.2024	Half term holiday
Monday 3 rd June 2024	Pupils return to school
WC 03.06.2024	Year 6 Bikeability
06.06.2024	Year 3/4 trip to West Stow (Payments due by Wednesday 22 nd May please)
13.06.2024	Class photos
21.06.2024	Ely Arts Festival concert at Ely Cathedral with The Rackham choir
25.06.2024	Transition day
26.06.2024	Year 1 trip to Duxford (Payments due by 7 th June please)
27.06.2024	Year 2 trip to Duxford (Payments due by 7 th June please)
27.06.2024	Reception classes Parent meal (booking required nearer the time)
28.06.2024	Bring a bottle for Funday – non uniform day
30.06.2024	FWR Funday Sunday
WC 01.07.2024	Olympic Week including Sports Days
03.07.2024	FWR Film Night (booking required nearer the time)
04.07.2024	NB Change of time: Piano concert 9am (booking required nearer the time) Picnic lunch and Sports Day afternoon Reception and Key Stage One (booking required nearer the time).
05.07.2024	Picnic lunch and Sports Day afternoon Key Stage Two (booking required nearer the time).
W/C 08.07.2024	Parents Evenings
08.07.2024	Rocksteady concert – 9.30am (booking required)
17.07.2024	Year 6 Leavers BBQ 3.30 - 5.30pm (booking required nearer the time)
19.07.2024	Year 6 Leavers assembly and parent lunch (booking required nearer the time)