

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up.
1 Thessalonians 5.11

Working together to be the best we can possibly be.

15th May 2026

Message from Miss Turner

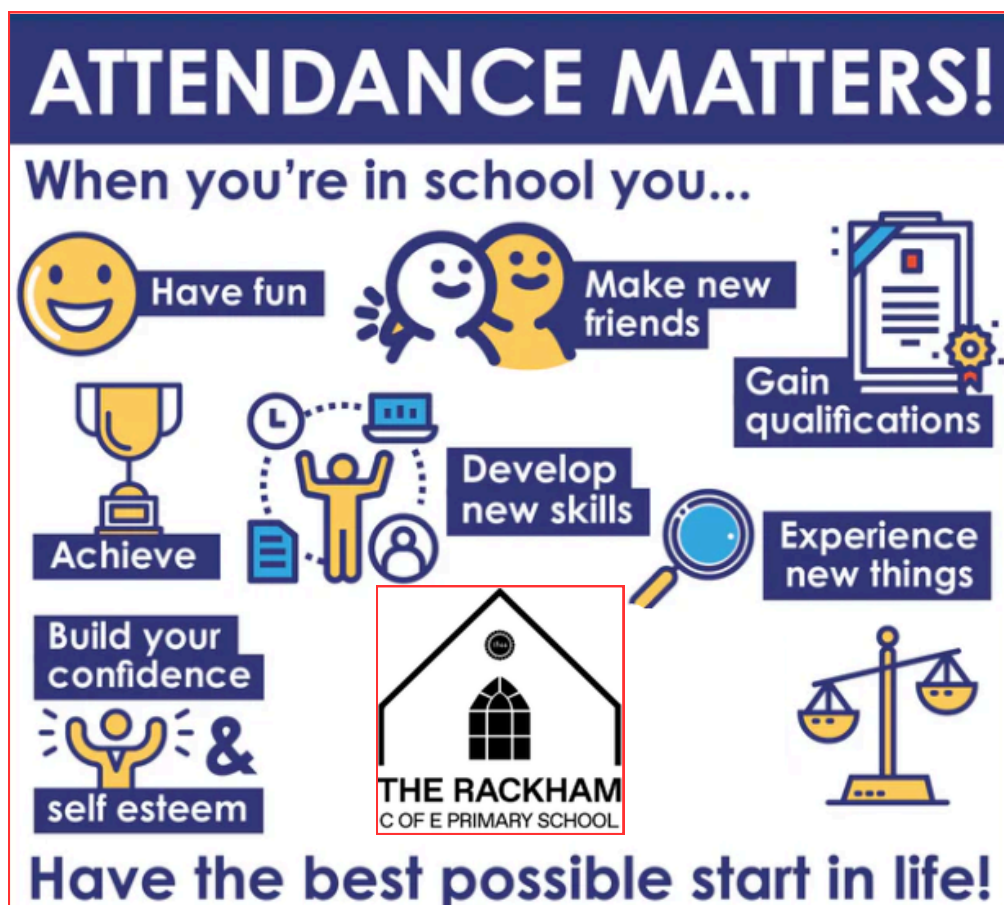
We congratulate our Year 6 pupils this week on completing statutory assessments. Thank you to parents and carers of Year 6 students for the part you have also played in enabling our children to shine, surrounded by your care, love and support.

Attendance

This week's attendance: **93.3%**

The Rackham has a policy on Attendance. Please follow [this link](#) to read the policy on the school website.

Safeguarding



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

When you're in school you...

- Have fun
- Make new friends
- Gain qualifications
- Achieve
- Develop new skills
- Experience new things
- Build your confidence & self esteem

THE RACKHAM
C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Have the best possible start in life!

Wellbeing & Mental Health



Sports Day - amended

Please note some changes to Sports Day arrangements

We are very sorry to advise that despite the best efforts of our site team, the field has been deemed unsafe for us to use for Sports Day races. The event will now take place on the playgrounds with some changes to events and timings. Pre-School and Years 1, 2, 5 and 6 will take place at the original times. **The Reception classes event will now take place at 11am on Wednesday 20th May.**

The Year 3 and 4 event will take place at 9.15am on Thursday 21st May.

| Year group | Date and time | Booking link |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| Pre-School pupils | Wednesday 20th May Start time: 9.30am | |
| Reception | Wednesday 20th May Start time: 11am | |
| Key Stage One (Year 1 and 2) | Wednesday 20th May Start time: 1.45pm | |
| Year 3 and 4 | Thursday 21st May Start time: 9.15am | |
| Year 5 and 6 | Thursday 21st May 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 18th May**. 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 **20th May**. If your 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 have completed the booking form above. Please ensure you arrive at school between **9.10am and 9.25am**.

The RED Mile, Mile a day in May

"The R.E.D Mile, Mile a day in May". We ask for children, parents, families, staff to commit to running / walking / swimming / skipping one mile every day throughout May, and ask them to gain sponsorship from friends, family and colleagues etc.

Just Giving link:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/therackhamcofe-primarieschool>



AMOUNT RAISED SO FAR
£145

Request for donations for Funday

Do you have any soft toys that you would be willing to donate? Our Reception classes are looking for good condition soft toys of all shapes and sizes for their stall at Funday. Please bring any donations to the office. Thank you.

Pre-School

Please would parents and carers ensure all items of clothing, drinks bottles, wellies and hats are named so we can reunite lost items with their owners. Please could we also request that children have plenty of spare clothes with them.

Class photos - Tuesday 16th June:

If your child attends Pre-School but isn't in session on a Tuesday morning and you would like them included, please bring them at 11.50am ready for the photo to be taken at midday.

Reception PE

Please can children in Ash and Rowan come to school in their PE kits on Wednesday next week (20th May) for Sports Day. This will be the only day PE kit is required next week.

Reception Parent Meal

We would like to invite Reception parents or carers to join us for school dinner at **11:45am on Thursday 4th June.**

Parents and carers are asked to purchase their school dinner through MCAS under the *Products and Trips* tab. **The meal will cost £3.80.** Meal choice and payment must be made by **Thursday 21st May.**

Once payment has been made, please complete **this form** to book your meal or let us know that you will be bringing a packed lunch. Children who prefer to have a home packed lunch will still have opportunity for their parent or carer to join them. We can only offer for one parent or carer attend and are not able to accommodate younger siblings.

Chestnut class

Please would children in Chestnut class come to school in their PE kits on Monday 18th May, as we will be completing activities as a Key Stage during the afternoon. This will be instead of usual outdoor PE on a Tuesday.

Primary School Swimming Lessons

Swimming will begin on 1st June. Please see below for the timetable.

For swimming sessions, the children will need to **wear a one-piece swimming costume** or **fitted swimming trunks**. UV swimming t-shirts are allowed. Please do not send your child with a bikini or knee-length baggy swimming shorts as these are not appropriate or practical and your child will be unable to enter the pool.

In line with the Cambridgeshire swimming policy, children will not wear goggles as our focus is on developing water confidence and safety. **Earrings must be removed** before school on our swimming day.

Please don't forget to also send your child with a **named towel**. All other swimming aids will be provided by school. Any child with hair that is longer than chin length or a fringe that impedes their vision when wet will be expected to wear their own swimming hat. **Swimming hats** are available for £1.50 and can be purchased via your MCAS account.

| Class | Swimming | Games |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Rowan | Thursday | Friday |
| Ash | Wednesday | Friday |
| Chestnut | Friday | Tuesday |
| Beech | Thursday | Monday |
| Larch | Wednesday | Monday |
| Hazel | Friday | Wednesday |
| Sycamore | Thursday | Tuesday |
| Elm | Monday | Wednesday |
| Willow | Monday - Girls Tuesday - Boys | Friday |
| Cedar | Tuesday - Boys Wednesday - Girls | Friday |
| Oak | Monday - Girls Tuesday - Boys | Friday |

Parent Consultation

Relationships Education and Health and Wellbeing Education Parent Consultation:

The government have recently reviewed their guidance for these statutory areas of the curriculum. As the guidance will come into force in September 2026, this is a great time to review our practice and seek your thoughts on how we can tailor our curriculum to reflect the needs of our community. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to get your voice heard. Please follow the link below to complete the questionnaire.

Class photos

Class and Year 6 leaver group photos will be taken on Tuesday 16th June.

Children in Chestnut and Sycamore classes should come in uniform and bring their PE kits with them please.

Funday Sunday Non-Uniform Day 5th June

On Friday 5th 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.

Funday Sunday 7th June

Children will be bringing home tickets for the Grand Prize Draw which will take place at Funday Sunday on 7th June. Please do sell or buy as many as possible and return the cash and ticket stubs to the office by Monday 1st June. More books are available from the office if you require them.

Sunday 17th May



Sunday 7th June

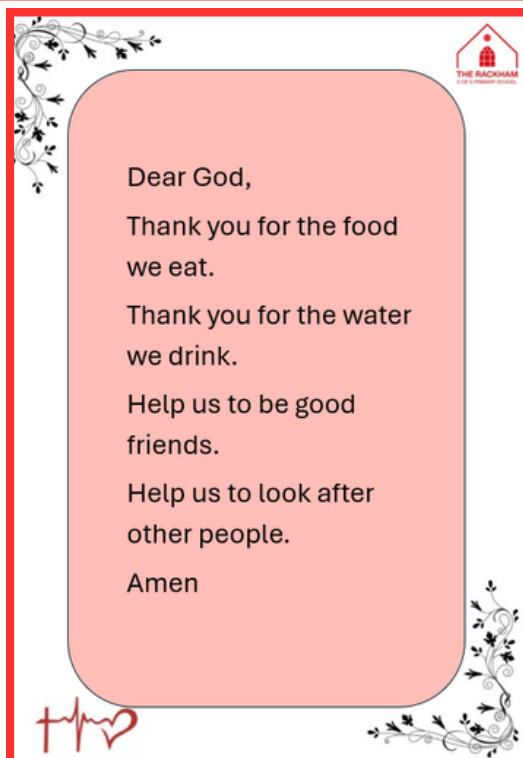


Saturday 27th June



Please follow [this link](#) to book tickets

Collective Worship Council Prayer For This Week



Wishing everyone a super weekend.

Looking forward to seeing you all again on Monday.

Best wishes,

Miss Turner

Activities and Events

We will NOT tolerate behaviour that is:

- ☒ threatening,
- ☒ abusive or
- ☒ violent

NO EXCUSE FOR ABUSE

We strive to create a safe and secure environment for pupils and staff alike. And we WILL take action when necessary.

CURIOUS KIDS

MAY HALF TERM

Join us at Sandringham Estate for an adventurous May half-term of mini-golf, family archery and forest school!

MINI GOLF

Sat 23rd May - Sun 31st May

Slots available from 10am - 4pm
Adults - £8
Ages 5-15 - £7
Under 5 - £5



NEW FREE EXHIBITION

Celebrating the centenary of Queen Elizabeth II with an exhibition at Sandringham House.

HOUSE AND GARDENS TICKETS

Don't forget children 16 years and under receive free entry to Sandringham House and Gardens.

FOREST SCHOOL

Tue 26th May
Wed 27th May
Thur 28th May

10.30am - 12pm
£12 per child
Adults free.

FAMILY ARCHERY

Sun 24th May
Sun 31st May

30 minute slots available from 10am - 3.30pm
£35 for 6 people



All activities are bookable on our website www.sandringhamestate.co.uk

After School CLUBS

£7.50 per session

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THE RACKHAM C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
WEDNESDAYS, 3.30-4.30PM
CHILDREN COLLECTED FROM SCHOOL HALL 3.15PM

BOOKING: CAMBRIDGE.MINIMEMINDFULNESS.CO.UK
(CLICK ON THE GREEN BUTTON & FIND THE RACKHAM)

QR Code
To Book







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Education Inclusion Family Advisor Team Transition to Secondary School Workshops

The EIFA team would like to present our Transition to Secondary School online workshops for April to June.

Please ensure you book onto each workshop individually by clicking on the link or scanning the QR code and completing the registration form.

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| Transition to Secondary School -Part 1 | Thursday, 30 April 2026, 12:00-14:00 | Book onto this workshop at: Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams or  |
| Transition to Secondary School -Part 2 | Tuesday, 5 May 2026, 12:00-14:00 | Book onto this workshop at: Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams or  |
| Transition to Secondary School -Part 1 | Tuesday, 12 May 2026, 12:00-14:00 | Book onto this workshop at: Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams or  |
| Transition to Secondary School -Part 2 | Thursday, 14 May 2026, 12:00-14:00 | Book onto this workshop at: Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams or  |
| Transition to Secondary School -Part 1 | Tuesday, 9 June 2026, 12:00-14:00 | Book onto this workshop at: Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams or  |
| Transition to Secondary School -Part 2 | Thursday, 11 June 2026, 12:00-14:00 | Book onto this workshop at: Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams or  |

If you have any questions about our workshops, or the EIFA service in general, please contact earlyintervention@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

THE RED MILE

Mile a Day in May

RUN EVERY DAY

Will you walk/jog/run/skip one mile each day throughout May?

Please help us by raising funds for an all weather track for the children at The Rackham C of E Primary School and Pre-School

FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT

OPEN TRIALS

TRIALS IN:

- PETERBOROUGH
- CAMBRIDGESHIRE
- HERTFORDSHIRE
- SUFFOLK
- SURREY




SCAN HERE TO BOOK



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| Transition to Primary School | Monday, 18 May 2026, 12:00-14:00 | Book onto this workshop at: Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams or  |
| Transition to Primary School | Wednesday, 20 May 2026, 12:00-14:00 | Book onto this workshop at: Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams or  |


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THINK BEFORE YOU PARK

YOU COULD ENDANGER A CHILD'S LIFE
BE CONSIDERATE TO OUR NEIGHBOURS



Your Education Inclusion Family Advisor

 **Emily Norman**


Education Inclusion Family Advisors offer you an opportunity to ask for information, advice and support on any issue affecting your family life in a relaxed and confidential environment. These areas include:

- Challenging behaviour
- Routines
- Supporting emotions and wellbeing
- School transitions
- Parenting strategies
- Building resilience and confidence

As Education Inclusion Family Advisors, we offer support in various ways:

- Up to six 1:1 sessions with parents/carers (virtually, or face to face in your child's school if required)
- Workshops on specific topics (currently held virtually)
- Signposting to other services such as parenting courses and support services

For more information, please speak to your school's office, or contact me directly on 07879 426 947 / Emily.Norman@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or by using this link or QR code to request support: <https://forms.office.com/e/WEIppg7G>



Activities and Events

Burwell House half term holiday club:

The Burwell House May Half Term Holiday Club is now open for bookings.

The holiday club will run for 3 x days over the half term break, from Tuesday 26th to Thursday 28th May inclusive.

As previously, the club will operate from 9am to 5pm, with drop off from 8.30am and collection by 5.30pm, but only those children in KS2, who attend primary school in years 3 to 6, will be eligible to attend. As an addition to our previous offer, children will be provided with an optional breakfast at the beginning of the day, alongside morning and afternoon snacks and a healthy, 2-course lunch.

The cost for the holiday club is £45 per child, per day.

Note HAF funding is not available during the half term break.

If you would like to secure a place for your child/ren at the Burwell House holiday club, please email burwell.house@cambridgeshire.gov.uk for more information and a booking form.

Places will be available on a first come, first served basis. We will confirm by email whether your application has been successful, and an invoice issued to enable BACs payment.

NEWSLETTER

The Witchford Herald

Witchford Parish Council • witchfordparishcouncil.gov.uk

Issue 22

Summer 2026

WITCHFORD COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM YOUR CHANCE TO HAVE YOUR QUESTIONS HEARD

Do you have concerns about anti-social behaviour, disrespectful driving, or any other issues relating to community safety in Witchford?

Would you like to speak face-to-face with representatives from local agencies?

We are working with the East Cambs. Community Safety Partnership to give you this chance in Witchford.

We have scheduled a meeting of the **Witchford Community Safety Forum** for:

Monday 13th July 2026 at 7 pm
St Andrews Hall, Main Street, Witchford
Doors open 6:30 pm

Representatives from the **police**, community safety teams, youth team, Witchford Village College, Parish, District and County Councillors will be there in person to take your questions. If you do not want to speak, you can leave a written question too.

The panellists will try to answer your questions at the meeting, but can also take questions away. The Community Safety Partnership will prepare an **action plan for Witchford** based on the key issues arising from the evening, which will be shared with the Parish Council within three months.

Come along to St Andrews Hall on
Monday 13th July – your community,
your questions, your chance to be heard.



NEWS from the Parish church of St. Andrew Witchford for the community May, June, July 2026

Church wardens:

- Dr Rosemary Westwell, (01353) 663918 rjwestwell@hotmail.com; mobile: 07432342845
email@rjwestwell@hotmail.com
- 2nd church warden: Mr Freddie Lawes, tel (01353) 665369 mob: 07799596697 email:
hemlocks42@btinternet.com
- Rector: Rev. Chris Hollingshurst 07534970127

SERVICES: Unless stated otherwise, services take place in the church at 10.00 on Sunday mornings every week. Occasionally, there may be changes to services. These will be on our Facebook page ('St. Andrew's Church Witchford') and on the church notice board. Coffee/tea and biscuits are served at the end of services. All welcome.

If you wish to arrange a baptism, wedding, funeral or home communion please contact the church warden.

SERVICES

May 3 Morning Prayer

May 10th Morning Prayer

May 17th Morning Prayer

May 24 Communion

May 31st Morning prayer/group Communion Haddenham

June 7 Morning Prayer

June 14th Morning Prayer

June 21st Morning Prayer

June 28th Communion

July 5th Morning Prayer

July 12th Morning Prayer

July 19th Morning Prayer

July 26th Communion

VACANCIES:

The Friends of St Andrew's Church Witchford are seeking new members, Why not join them for fun activities while helping our church stay open and upright? They are also seeking a secretary. Contact Rosemary Westwell

EVENTS:

Sunday 14th June 3-5 afternoon tea with musician the church

Tuesday 23rd June 7 p.m. An Evening of Music and Poetry in the church If you would like to read your favourite poem, please contact Rosemary Westwell

COFFEE MORNINGS

are held on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 1000 -1130 in St Andrew's Hall Witchford. Cost: minimum £5 for coffee, cake and a raffle strip.

CRAFT MORNINGS:

on the second Thursday of the month.

10.30 -12. a.m. in St Andrew's Hall. contact: susanmaud.sm@gmail.com 07954 178560

VILLAGE LUNCH CLUB

takes place on the first Friday of the month at 12.30 p.m. in the Village Inn. Contact Rosemary Westwell (see above) or Gill Brand (01353) 662073 mobile: 07770932 to pay in advance.

FREE FOOD

is available at the FOODSWAP on the first and third Wednesdays of the month from 11.30 a.m. overnight in St Andrew's Hall porch in Witchford. Please feel welcome to bring or take in-date and sealed food. Rosemary Westwell and Susan Maud can be approached for applying to use using Ely Foodbank too.

ST. ANDREW'S HALL

may be hired at £12 per hour for locals, £15 per hour for others. Please contact the Church Hall caretaker, Jan King (01353) 658621 M:07761341325 rule.king.uk@gmail.com

200 CLUB

The Friend's 200 club welcomes new members. It costs £12 a year and you can win £20 a month (£100 in December) while supporting a good cause. In addition, if you would like to join the Friends, contact Dr Westwell 07432342845 or 01363 663918 rjwestwell@hotmail.com .