

1st May 2026

Message from Miss Turner

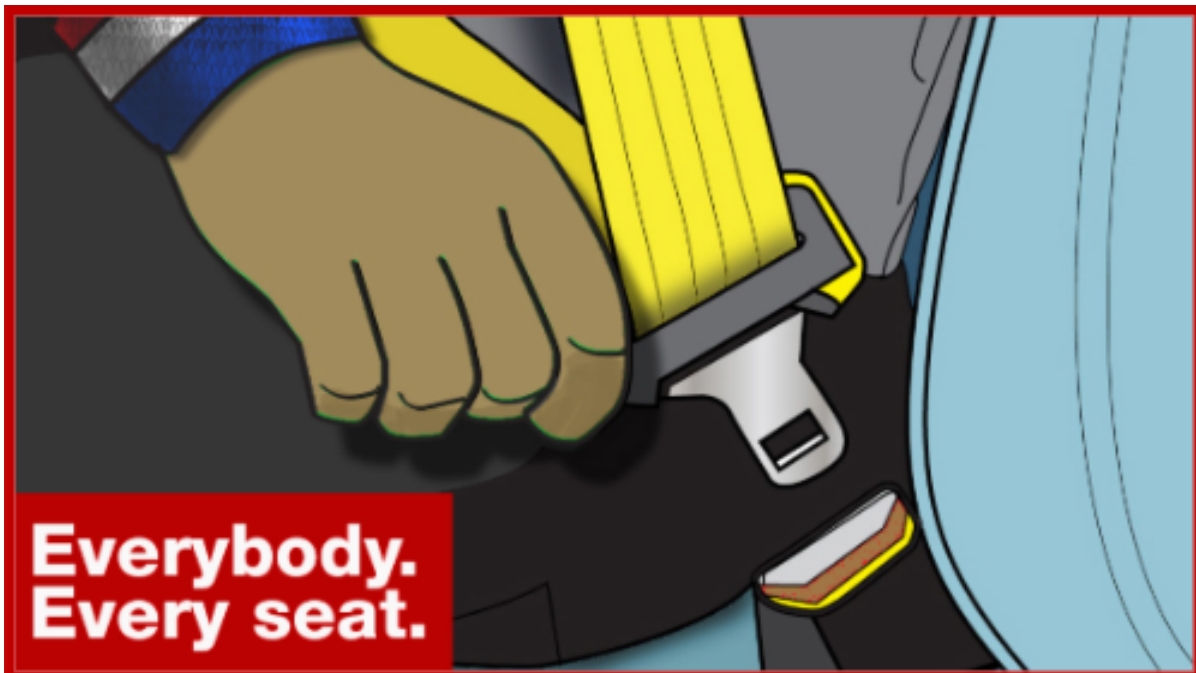
How quickly this academic year seems to be progressing. Today we welcome the first day of May and look forward to the long Bank Holiday weekend. Let's hope the weather continues in the same way it has this week, sunshine and beautiful blue skies.

Attendance

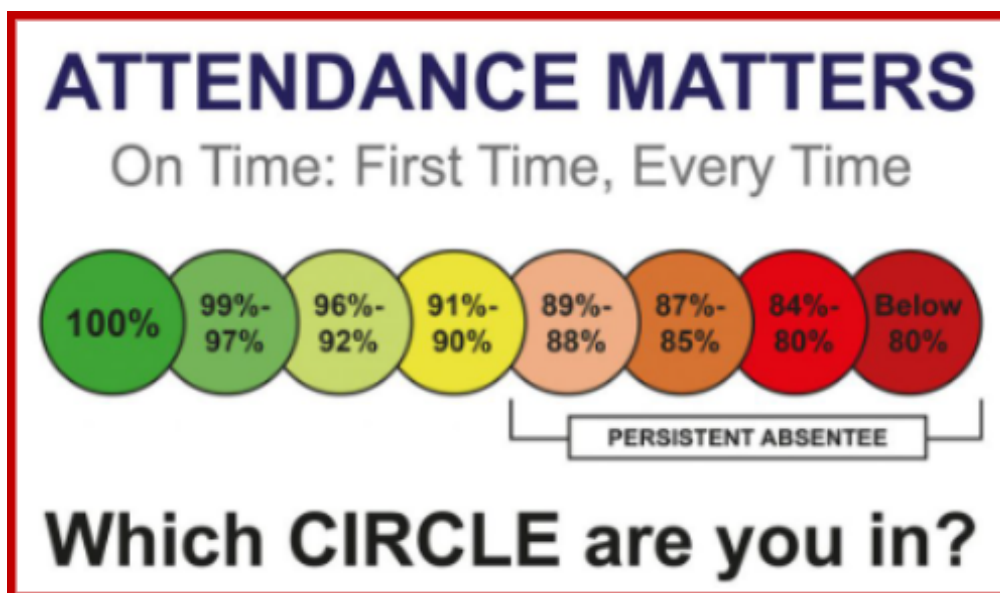
This week's attendance: 94.78 %

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

Safeguarding



Wellbeing & Mental Health



Say Thank You

Would you like to pass a message of thanks to a member of staff at The Rackham? Do you feel a member of staff should be acknowledged? Use [this link](#) on our website.

Parking

Please ensure you are parking legally at drop off and pick up times on all the local roads.

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>

Pupils will also bring home sponsor forms for those families who prefer to log sponsorship on paper.
Thank you for your support.



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.

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.

We will be starting Forest School Experience sessions on a Wednesday morning from 29th April so please could children wear long trousers and suitable shoes. As the weather gets sunnier, please would you provide a named bottle of suncream for your child and ensure this form is completed to allow us to apply it:

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.

Sports Day

Year group	Date and time	Booking link
Pre-School pupils	Wednesday 20th May Start time: 9.30am	
Reception and Key Stage One	Wednesday 20th May Start time: 1.30pm	
Key Stage Two	Thursday 21st May Start time: 1.30pm	KS2 Sports Day 2026 booking form

For safeguarding and fire safety reasons, we will require parents and carers to book in advance. Please see above 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**.

Primary School Sports Day

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 – please ensure you have completed the booking form above.

Please remember to bring a fold up chair or blanket as we are unable to provide seating. We look forward to seeing you at the event!

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.

Primary School Swimming Lessons

We will share the start date for swimming with you as soon as possible.

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.

Shine survey

We are pleased to invite you to take part in the SHINE (Studying Happiness, self-Image and Nutrition and Eating in children) Parent & Carer Survey. The survey will help us understand the health and wellbeing of children in Reception (4-5 years) and Year 6 (10-11 years). The survey is open to parents and carers of children in these year groups.

The survey takes around 20 minutes and can be completed online (or on paper, if preferred – see below). It includes questions about:

- Your child's mental wellbeing,
- You and your child's eating and physical activity habits,
- Your household and background.

By sharing your experiences, you will help us make changes at both local and national levels to support children's wellbeing.

As a thank you for taking part, you can enter a prize draw to win one of four £50 shopping vouchers, awarded to parents and carers in your local community.

The information you provide will only be used only for research purposes and will be kept completely confidential. [Click here](#) to access the survey.

For more details, [visit our website](#).

If you have any questions or want a paper version of the survey, contact the study team at shine@ucl.ac.uk.

SHINE is a collaboration between University College London, Durham University and Newcastle University.

FWR - Save the Date

Sunday 17th May



Please follow [this link](#) to book your pitch

Sunday 7th June

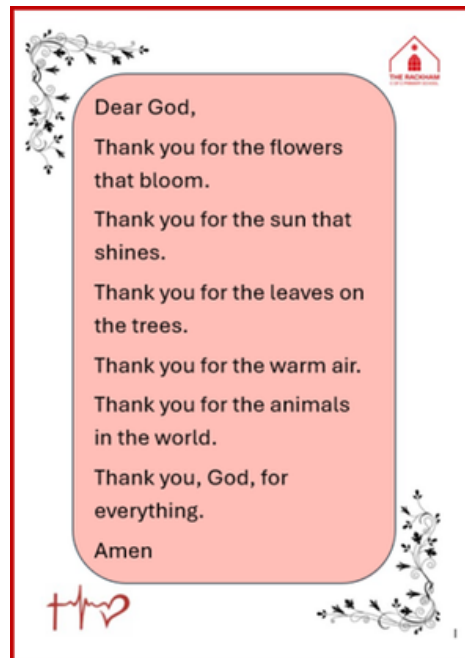


Saturday 27th June



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

Collective Worship Prayer For This Week



Wishing everyone a super long weekend.

Looking forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday.

Best wishes,

Miss Turner

Activities and Events

We will NOT tolerate behaviour that is:

- ☹ thre@tening,
- ☹ 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.

Fostering information evening

Monday 18 May
7.30pm - 8.30pm
Lighthouse, Ely, CB7 4EG

Fostering is not a regular job and looking after children raises a lot of questions about how it would fit with your own situation. This session is your chance to find out how it could work for you!

We will run through the basics of the fostering process, why Cambridgeshire children need families to look after them on a short or long term basis and the different arrangements that may be appropriate for you.

You will hear stories from local carers about what fostering means to them, the impact they've had on children's life stories and the ways young people have enriched their own lives. There will also be lots of opportunities for you to ask any questions.

Hosted by Anne, your local Fostering Ambassador

Any questions?
Message or call 07999 675981

Find out more:
0800 052 0078
fostering@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Scan to visit our website

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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.

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, 18 May 2026, 12:00-14:00	Book onto this workshop at: Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams or
Transition to Secondary School - Part 1	Thursday, 8 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 R.E.D MILE

Mile a Day in May

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

RUN EVERY DAY

THE RACKHAM C OF E PRIMARY 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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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/WEIspqr7G>

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

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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.