



The Rackham NEWSLETTER



Working together to be the best we can possibly be.

24th April 2026

Message from Miss Turner

As we head towards the end of April, we are mindful to take a moment to admire the blossom on the trees and bird song. The stunning Horse Chestnut tree outside our Key Stage One classrooms is really showcasing nature's beauty.

Attendance

This week's attendance: 94.1%

The Rackham has a policy on Attendance. Please read the policy on the school website.

Safeguarding

The UK Government is consulting on further measures to prepare children for the future in an age of rapid technological change. This includes potential age restrictions on social media and other services such as gaming sites and AI chatbots, restrictions on addictive design features and risky functionalities, and better support for parents and families. Growing up in the online world: a national consultation - GOV.UK This consultation closes at 11:59pm on 26 May



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?

Parking

Please ensure you are parking legally at drop off and pick up times. We have been made aware that a Fire Appliance was unable to enter Manor Court Road on Wednesday due to inconsiderate parking.

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.



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:

Year 1 Parent Meal

We would like to invite Year 1 parents or carers to join us for school dinner at **11:50am on Thursday 30th April**.

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 23rd April**.

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.

Year 4 Big Camp Parent Meeting

The parent meeting for the Year 4 Big Camp residential will be held online on **29th April at 6pm**.

Please complete [this form](#) by **28th April** if you would like to attend the meeting. The meeting link will be sent out on **29th April**.

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	

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**.

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 are very much looking forward to our swimming lessons which will take place weekly at school. **The start date will be confirmed as soon as possible** as there is an unforeseen repair to be completed.

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.

Piano Lessons

If your child is interested in piano lessons, Mr Wheatley will have places available in **September**. You may contact him via email.

Trip Payments

Instalment payments for **Year 4 Big Camp**, the **Reception theatre trip** and **Year 6 Horstead residential** were due by Friday 27th March. Please check your MCAS account to ensure payments are up to date.

The RED Mile, Mile a day in May

THE R.E.D 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



FWR - Save the Date

Sunday 17th May



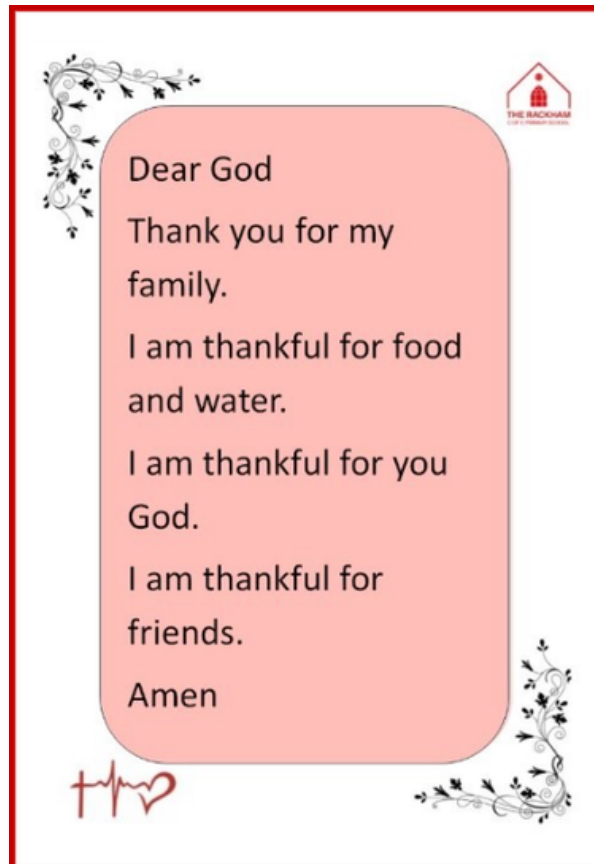
Sunday 7th June



Saturday 27th June



Collective Worship 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:

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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?
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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	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

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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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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>