

**Think It.**

**Believe It.**

**Live It.**

Friday 10th October 2025

Weekly Round-up

Term Times

Exciting News for Our School Stage Project!

We're thrilled to share that Shakespeare at the Towers and the Mo Pearce Bursary Fund have generously awarded us a £1,000 grant towards a brand-new stage for our school. Even more exciting—they've pledged to match this amount with an additional £1,000 if we can raise the same ourselves!

A new stage, costing approximately £6,000, will allow us to continue delivering fabulous performances and enriching experiences for all our pupils. We're incredibly grateful to our amazing PTA, who have committed to raising the remaining £4,000 through a series of fundraising events throughout the year.

Your continued support of the PTA is vital in helping us reach this goal. On behalf of all the staff and pupils at Buckden CE Primary Academy, a heartfelt thank you for being part of this journey!

Spaceman

On Friday, Year 5 were thrilled to welcome Mr. Sadler-Merino—a real-life rocket scientist—for a special careers visit!

His talk was a fantastic way to deepen the children's understanding of space, linking perfectly with their Science topic and their English work on the Mars Rover.

The pupils were full of curiosity and asked brilliant questions throughout the session. Mr. Sadler-Merino shared fascinating insights into space exploration, the search for life beyond Earth, and what it's really like to work in the field of rocket science. His stories and knowledge truly inspired the children and sparked lots of lively discussion afterwards.

It was a memorable experience that brought their learning to life and encouraged them to think big about their futures!

Just a quick reminder:

If you need to get in touch with your child's teacher, please use the year group email address - it's the best way to reach them directly.

Thanks so much! 😊

## Wind in the Willows.

We're thrilled to announce that this year's Year 4 and Year 2 production will be Wind in the Willows!

Join us as we follow the adventures of the lovable but mischievous Mr. Toad, who is always eager to share his latest obsessions with his friends. Unfortunately, his enthusiasm for motorcars leads to chaos on the roads! Thankfully, Ratty, Mole, and Badger are on hand to help him become a more responsible Toad.

Meanwhile, trouble is brewing in the Wild Wood, and the friends must come together to outsmart the Wild Wooders and restore peace.

Performances will take place on the 19th and 20th of November, and we can't wait to see our talented pupils bring this classic tale to life. Further details and ticket information will be available by the end of the day on Tuesday.

## Scooters and Parking

We've recently received several concerns from members of our school community regarding a group of Upper School pupils riding their scooters in a way that's been described as erratic and unsafe—particularly before and after school.

While we understand that children are enjoying time with their friends, we kindly ask that all families have a conversation at home about road safety and the importance of being respectful to others using the pavements. Fun should never come at the expense of safety—for themselves or others.

We'd also like to take this opportunity to remind everyone to park considerately during drop-off and pick-up times. We've received another complaint about unsafe parking along School Lane and Greenway, and we ask for your continued support in keeping these areas safe for all.

## Exciting Year 4 Trip - Wednesday 22nd October

Year 4 will be heading to Cambridge for a fantastic day of learning! They'll visit the Museum of Zoology and the Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, exploring animal habitats, biodiversity, and ancient civilisations through hands-on activities and real artefacts. Now available to book on Arbor.

## Photos

Just a quick reminder that photo cards with QR codes went home with the children. The school photos are now live and ready to view!

All you need to do is scan the QR code and follow the instructions on the card to see and order your child's pictures.

 **School Disco - Friday  
17th October!**

 **KS1: 4:00-5:00 PM**

 **KS2: 5:30-6:30 PM**

**[Get your tickets here](#)**

**Let's get ready to dance!** 



### **★ Show Racism the Red Card - Awareness Day ★**

Friday 17th October is Show Racism the Red Card day - a special opportunity for us to come together and proudly stand against racism. We'd love all children to wear something red alongside their usual school uniform to show their support. If you'd like to purchase an official t-shirt, you can do so [here](#), or if you'd prefer to make a donation to the foundation, you can do that [here](#).

Please note: we won't be collecting donations at school on the day. Children will be taking part in age-appropriate activities in class to help raise awareness and spark thoughtful conversations.

### **Year 6 Koinonia**

This year we will be holding our Koinonia Friday afternoons where we invite parents/carers into school so that the children can share their learning with you.

Unlike previously, we will be holding this event for different year groups at different times of the year. Our first Koinonia Friday is for parents of Year 6 and this will take place on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October. Parents/carers of our Year 6 children are invited to arrive at the school office at 2.30pm. The children are looking forward to sharing their learning with you.

Our Year Group Newsletters and Knowledge Organizers are now live on the website, following the email you received earlier this week.

 **[Click here to visit the website](#)**

Take a look to see what your child will be learning this term!



### Upcoming PTA Events:

- Friday 17th October – School Disco (available to book now)
- Friday 7th November – Non-uniform Day (bring a hamper donation!)
- Monday 10th November – Raffle tickets go home
- Friday 14th November – Quiz Night (get your teams ready and book now!)
- Wednesday 26th November – Christmas Jumper Sale (after school – donate your unwanted jumpers in the donation box by the office after half term)
- Sunday 30th November – Village Light Switch-On & Raffle Draw
- Friday 5th December – Elfridges Shop (a festive favourite!)

Every event helps us inch closer to that shiny new stage – so whether you're dancing, donating, or diving into quiz questions, thank you for being part of it.

Warm wishes,  
The PTA Team

### ★ Exciting News – Year 4 Residential Trip! ★

We're thrilled to announce our upcoming 3-day, 2-night adventure from 20th to 22nd May at Grafham Water!

With the help of expert team leaders, children will enjoy a mix of fun indoor and outdoor activities designed to be inclusive and accessible for everyone. It's a brilliant chance for them to build confidence, independence, and make lasting memories in a safe and supportive environment. To secure your child's place, a £50 deposit is due by 4th November – now live on Arbor!

Let the adventure begin! 🌲🌟

# PRIMARY SPORTS STARS

October half term sports camp @  
Buckden Primary

After five successful camps, we're excited to announce the launch of our sixth at Buckden. Open to all ages and abilities, our camp is the perfect way to learn sports from scratch or level up your existing skills.

We have daily sport changes, such as Archery, Football, Tennis, Tag Rugby, Hockey, Athletics, Dodgeball and many more!

Join us for exciting daily competitions and prizes!

📍 Schools: Buckden Primary

👤 Year group: All ages welcome!

🕒 Camp time: 08:30 – 15:30

📅 Camp dates: Tuesday 28th October – Thursday 30th

💰 Price: £25 for 1 day, £45 for 2 days and £60 for all 3 days!

Book here:

[www.primarysportsstarscambridge.co.uk/clubs-camps](http://www.primarysportsstarscambridge.co.uk/clubs-camps)

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BUCKDEN PRIMARY ACADEMY

WELCOME



*Well* **RECEPTION  
STARTERS '26**

**READY, SET, LEARN!**

**OPEN EVENING**



**WEDNESDAY 12TH  
NOVEMBER 6-7PM  
BUCKDEN SCHOOL - IN THE MAIN  
HALL - NO BOOKING REQUIRED!**



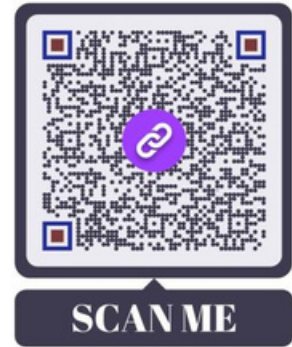
# Apply now

## for a Secondary school place for September 2026

Contact the Admissions Team by telephone 03450451370

If your child will be aged 11 by **31<sup>st</sup>  
August 2026**

**You need to apply  
NOW  
for a school place**



For further information please visit  
or contact your local School

**Apply by  
31st October  
2025**

[Secondary school admissions - September 2026 | Cambridgeshire County Council](#)

ALC2605, New Shire Hall, Emery Crescent, Enterprise Campus, Alconbury  
Weald, PE28 4YE  
or email [admissions@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

Longsands Academy

# OPEN EVENING

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2025

**5.30pm-8pm**

- Visit departments and take a tour of the school
- Meet subject teachers
- Talks from Mr Bray, Principal  
5.30pm-6pm  
6.15pm-6.45pm  
7pm-7.30pm

**BOOK HERE**



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Longsands Road, St. Neots, PE19 1LQ

# DRAWN TO ST IVES

POSTER DRAWING COMPETITION FOR 5 TO 11 YEAR OLDS

20 SEPT – 22 NOV

WINNERS ANNOUNCED 29 NOV

Children aged 5–11 are invited to design a poster promoting St Ives – for a holiday or day trip.

See an original 1900s St Ives poster at the Norris Museum for inspiration, then create your own!

## ★ WINNERS ★

One winner from each age group  
Winners' posters displayed in the museum & they each receive a Derwent Academy drawing set.  
All entrants receive a certificate!

ENTRY FORMS



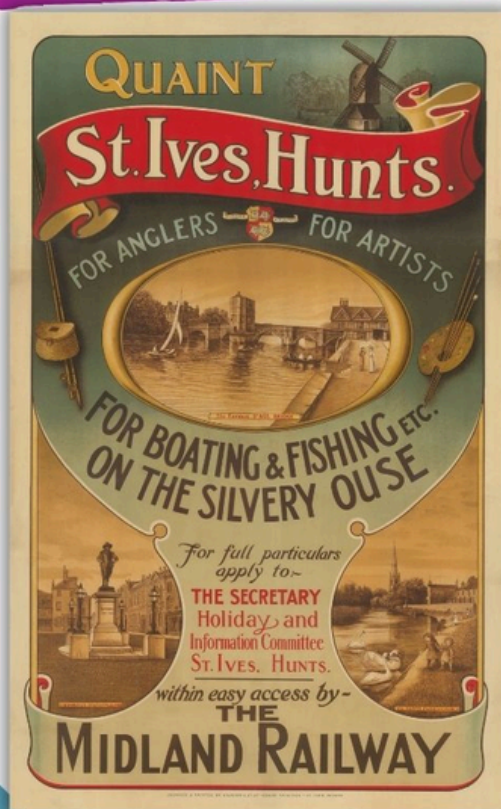
Rules:

Two age categories:

- 5–7 years
- 8–11 years

Hand-drawn, original work

Submit artwork + entry form to the museum by 4pm, 22 Nov



THE NORRIS MUSEUM

Wherever Your Curiosity Takes You

THE 2025<sup>®</sup> BIG DRAW FESTIVAL

[norrismuseum.org.uk](http://norrismuseum.org.uk)

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**AT THE NORRIS  
MUSEUM**



**Saturday 26th Oct – Saturday 1st Nov 2025**

This half term, join us for The Big Draw 2025 — a celebration of creativity for children and families! Explore drawing in playful, imaginative ways through free activities and a special family workshop:



### **Drawn to St Ives Competition**

(Enter from 20th Sept to 22nd Nov – winners announced on 29th Nov)

Be inspired by the historic holiday poster currently on display in the museum and design your own! Open to ages 5–11. Winners will have their posters on display in the museum and earn themselves a beautiful 35 piece Derwent Academy drawing set.



### **Drawings Through History Quiz Trail (free!)**

Discover how drawing has shaped stories from prehistoric caves to the 20th century in this fun trail around the museum. Earn stickers for completing!



### **Mini Museum Doodle-Books (free!)**

Make your own pocket-sized doodle book to fill with sketches, scribbles, or stories. Templates and pencils provided all week in the museum gallery — just pop in to fold, cut, and create!



### **Scribble and Story Time**

(Tuesday 28th October, 10:30am–12:00pm, ticketed)

A joyful family workshop inspired by children's books. Experiment with playful drawing stations, such as turning "mistakes" into masterpieces. £10 for 1 child, £18 for 2 children, £24 for 3 children – adults join in for free! Limited places – online booking essential: <https://the-norris-museum.arttickets.org.uk/>



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# SCRIBBLE & STORY TIME

Tuesday 28th October – 10:30am to 12:00pm

A joyful family workshop celebrating the art of free drawing. Inspired by favourite children's books, this session invites children and their grown-ups to experiment, imagine, make a creative mess, and embrace the beauty of imperfection!

From turning mistakes into masterpieces, to doodling from a single dot, to sketching chalk creations we can imagine might come alive, families can explore playful stations together and discover that every scribble tells a story...

£10 for 1 child, £18 for 2 children, £24 for 3 children – adults join in for free!

Aimed at children aged 3 to 11 and their adults

(There must be at least 1 adult for every 3 children & 2 adults max. per child)

Limited places - online booking essential

<https://the-norris-museum.arttickets.org.uk/>



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# What's on this Halloween

Discover spooky trails, crafty fun  
and eerie adventures for all ages.



18 Oct  
- 2 Nov

Creepy crafts  
and a cuppa  
Grafham Water Visitor  
Centre and Harbour  
View Café



31  
October

Spooktacular  
pumpkins and  
broomsticks  
Grafham Water  
Visitor Centre




18 Oct  
- 2 Nov

Spooky scavenger hunt  
Grafham Water Visitor  
Centre, Harbour View Café  
and Fishing Lodge



Scan the QR code to find out more, or  
visit [anglianwaterparks.co.uk/events](https://anglianwaterparks.co.uk/events)



PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR

# HALLOWEEN OPEN DAY



18

OCTOBER



11AM-4PM

Halloween cakes and hot drinks  
Drop in, have a play, meet the new  
coaching team.

Open to all, non-members and  
members

Buckden Tennis Club, Burberry Road, St Neots,  
PE19 3UY

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/buckdentennisclub>



# TENNIS LESSONS

**Autumn Term  
BOOK NOW**  
[www.nptennis.co.uk](http://www.nptennis.co.uk)

**Venue: Buckden Tennis Club  
Recreation Ground,  
1 Burberry Road,  
Buckden, PE19 3UY**

**Blue & Red Stage 4-7 yrs**  
Tuesday / Wednesday / Friday 3.45pm-4.45pm

**Orange & Green Stage 8-11 yrs**  
Tuesday / Wednesday 4.30pm-5.30pm  
Friday 4.30pm-5.15pm

**Yellow Stage 12yrs +**  
Intermediate - Friday 5.15pm-6.15pm  
Advanced - Tuesday / Wednesday 5.30pm-6.30pm, Friday 6.15pm-7.15pm

Visit [www.nptennis.co.uk](http://www.nptennis.co.uk) for full dates & prices and to book  
Enquiries please email: [buckden@nptennis.co.uk](mailto:buckden@nptennis.co.uk)



Do you have an hour to spare? We are looking for volunteer readers for our children. If you think you can help with this please speak to your child's teacher.



How much do you know about keeping your child safe online? Click this link to learn more.

### Live it - Eco tip!

#### Reuse and repurpose 🎨

Turn old boxes, jars, or clothes into crafts or storage instead of throwing them away.



Check out 'Everything Environmental' on the website for plant based recipe. [click here!](#)

## Catch Up on Past Newsletters

*What's going on locally? click here to find out*



## Homework

## Talk

Linking learning from the classroom to life at home can help to improve language and communication skills. We will continue these discussions in class next week.

EYFS

Year 1

Year 2

Year 3

Year 4

Year 5

Year 6



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