

Think It.

Believe It.

Live It.

Friday 17th October 2025

Weekly Round-up

Term Times



Show Racism the Red Card - Awareness Day

Today, Friday 17th October, our school was a sea of red as we joined in Show Racism the Red Card Day! It was a brilliant chance for everyone to come together, celebrate kindness, and take a stand against racism.

Children wore something red with their school uniform to show their support.

Throughout the day, pupils also took part in engaging, age-appropriate classroom activities that sparked thoughtful conversations and helped us all understand the importance of standing up against discrimination.

It was a fantastic day of unity, learning, and making a difference — well done, everyone!



We want to say a huge thank you to all the children and staff for getting involved in Show Racism the Red Card Day!

Everyone looked fantastic in red and truly embraced the spirit of the day — your energy, enthusiasm, and support made it really special.



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.

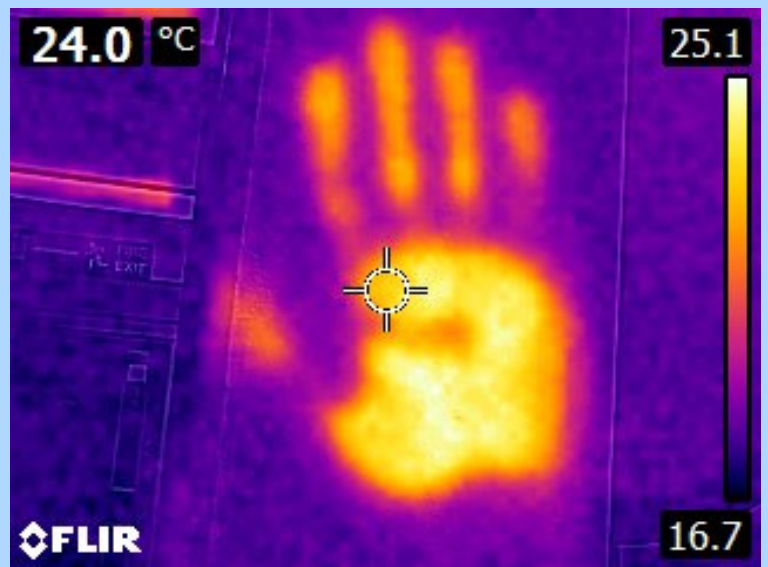
Meanwhile, trouble is brewing in the Wild Wood, and the friends must come together to outsmart the Wild Wooders and restore peace.

Performances will take place on the 19th and 20th of November, Further details and ticket information will be available next week.(sorry for the delay)

⚡ Energy Sparks Visit! ⚡

This morning, we welcomed James from Energy Sparks, a fantastic charity that works with schools to help reduce energy use and tackle climate change. He kicked off the day with a fun and lively assembly that got everyone thinking about how we can be more energy-smart. Afterwards, James spent time with our enthusiastic Eco Team, leading hands-on activities that were both educational and exciting!

One of the highlights was using a thermal imaging camera to explore the school building — the children loved spotting hot and cold areas and learning how this relates to energy efficiency. It was a brilliant way to spark curiosity and inspire action!



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!




New Meal Menu Choices Available on Arbor

We're excited to share that we are trialling a new feature for EYFS, Year 1, and Year 2 children until the October half term. Parents can now pre-order their child's school meal choices via Arbor, either daily or weekly.

This new feature helps with planning and ensures your child receives the meal they prefer.

We're also preparing to roll this out to KS2 children after half term—look out for further details next week!

 **Reminder:** If your child's school meal account is currently in deficit, now is a great time to top up their balance to avoid any interruptions.


Thank you for your continued support!

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 24th 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.

Just a Reminder – It's the Last Week of Term!

 Next week is the final week of this half-term, and the children are full of excitement — they've worked incredibly hard and are definitely ready for a well-deserved break!

There are lots of fun activities happening across Cambridgeshire during the half-term holiday, and we're thrilled to share that our very own Mr Jenner is running his popular Half-Term Club again! 

 Please see further down the newsletter for more details.



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

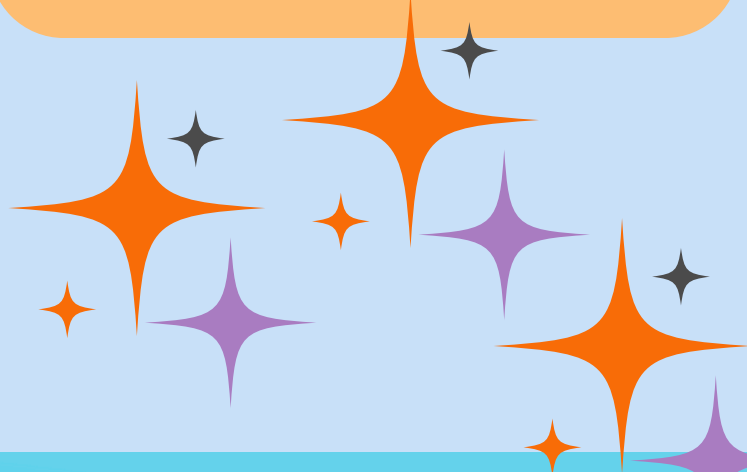
Pet of the Week!

Can you guess which teachers pet this is?



Clue: She's a Lower School teacher!

Answer at the bottom of the newsletter!



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

Book



**Scan the QR code
to find out more &
Book...**



Email: psscambsnorth@gmail.com



BUCKDEN PRIMARY ACADEMY

WELCOME



**RECEPTION
STARTERS '26**



READY, SET, LEARN!

OPEN EVENING

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



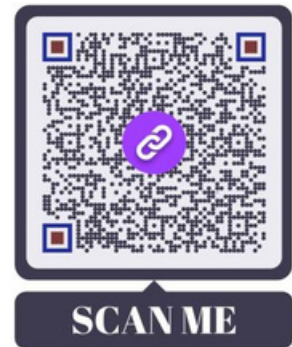
Apply now

for a Secondary school place for September 2026

Contact the Admissions Team by telephone 03450451370

If your child will be aged 11 by **31st
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



BEN OBESE-JECTY'S

CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

OPEN TO ALL PRIMARY AGED SCHOOL
CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN 4-11

“CHRISTMAS IN THE CONSTITUENCY”

Ask your parent or carer to email a clear photo or scan of your design and send to ben.obesejecty.mp@parliament.uk by

FRIDAY 7TH NOVEMBER 2025

PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING DETAILS IN THE EMAIL:

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| • CHILD'S NAME | } | • PARENT/ CARER'S NAME |
| • AGE | | • CONTACT EMAIL |
| • SCHOOL | | • HOME ADDRESS |



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



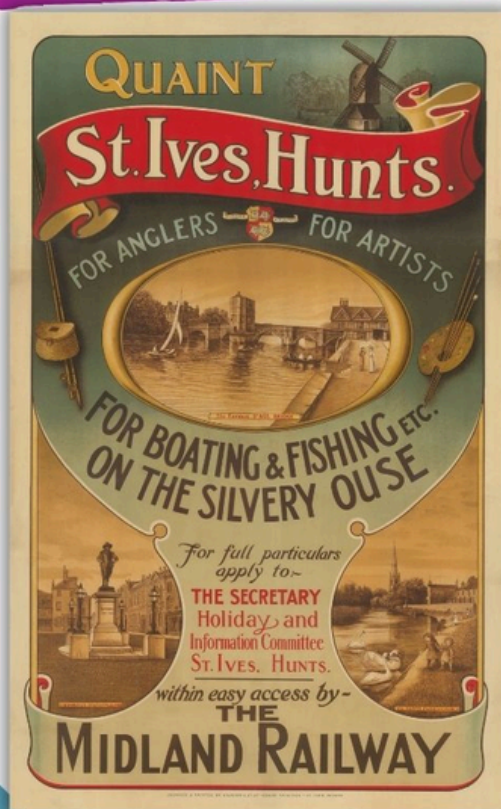
Rules:

Two age categories:

- 5–7 years
- 8–11 years

Hand-drawn, original work

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



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**AT THE NORRIS
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Saturday 26th Oct – Saturday 1st Nov 2025

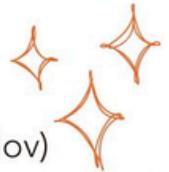
This half term, join us for The Big Draw 2025 — a celebration of creativity for children and families! Explore drawing in playful, imaginative ways through free activities and a special family workshop:



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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PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR

HALLOWEEN OPEN DAY



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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>



Earn prizes and WIN a Doodle goodie pack!

Between the **20th of October–24th of November**, Doodle Learning is running an exciting event where your child can earn **guaranteed rewards!**

Designed to encourage a few minutes of daily doodling, joining the fun is a great way to promote healthy learning habits and top up your child's knowledge. Plus, everyone who reaches the target can enter a prize draw to **WIN a bundle of Doodle goodies!**

How to take part

1 Create or link your account

If you haven't already, create and/or link a parent account to your child's school account. To find out how to do this, see the reverse of this flyer or visit help.doodlelearning.com and search 'how to link account'.

2 Use DoodleMaths 'little and often'

Encourage your child to **earn 250 stars in DoodleMaths between the 20th of October – 24th of November.***

We recommend using DoodleMaths 'little and often' throughout this period – there's no rush to reach the target!

**Stars earned before the 20th of October and/or after the 24th of November, and/or stars earned in DoodleTables, DoodleEnglish and/or DoodleSpell, won't be counted.*

3 Check your child's stars

To see how your child is doing, visit parents.doodlelearning.com, hover over **Analyse** and press **Effort**.

Click on the **DoodleMaths** icon in the top right-hand corner of the screen and select **custom time**. Set the **start date as the 20th of October and the end date as today's date**.

We'll email you as soon as your child earns 250 stars in DoodleMaths. To receive this email, please ensure you're subscribed to the 'work programme updates' email category.

4 Receive FREE rewards and enter the prize draw!



For more information, please visit doodlelearning.com/competition.

Any questions? Please visit help.doodlelearning.com and press on the green circle icon to chat to our team.



Once your child earns 250 stars, they'll receive a **printable certificate AND an exclusive in-app badge!** You'll also be able to enter a prize draw to **WIN a Doodle goodie pack**. To do this, scan the QR code or visit <https://r7fwva4ubvq.typeform.com/autumn-comp>.

10 winners will be selected at random and emailed after the 24th of November to let them know the exciting news.



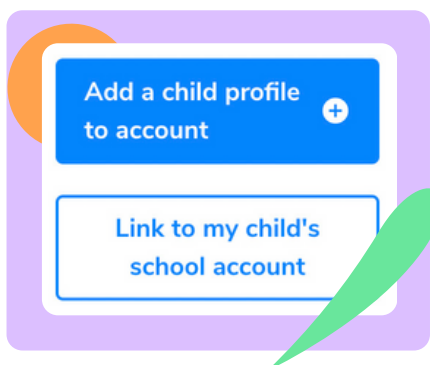
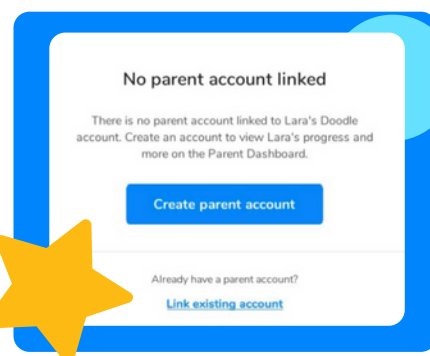
How to create and/or link a parent account to your child's school account

Creating a parent account is really important (and really easy!). By doing this, you'll be able to enter the Autumn Competition and receive your child's exclusive certificate!



How to create and/or link a parent account via the Doodle apps

- 1 Log in to any of the Doodle apps using the username and password provided by your child's school. **If you're not sure what these are, please contact your child's school rather than creating a new account for them.**
- 2 From the Learning Zone, click on the arrow icon in the top left-hand corner of the screen
- 3 Select **Settings** and press **Parent details**
- 4 If you're new to Doodle, choose **Create parent account**. If you already have a Doodle account, click on **Link existing account**.
- 5 Enter your details to link your email address to your child's account



How to create and/or link a parent account via the Parent Dashboard

- 1 Visit parents.doodlelearning.com
- 2 If you're new to Doodle, click on **Create account** and follow the instructions. After you've done this, log in to parents.doodlelearning.com. If you already have a parent account, log in to parents.doodlelearning.com.
- 3 Once you've logged in, hover over **My account** and select **Child details**
- 4 Click on **Link to my child's school account** and enter the username and password provided by your child's school. **If you're not sure what these are, please contact your child's school rather than creating a new account for them.**

If you'd like to join the competition but your school doesn't subscribe to DoodleMaths, you can receive 20% off a home subscription by visiting doodlelearning.com/competition-offer.



Good luck, and happy Doodling!



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.

Live it - Eco tip!

Grow your own veggies or herbs in a garden or pots.



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



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.

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