



Newsletter 12th June 2026

Headteacher's comments

We have had a lovely start to the final half term of the academic year. The children have particularly enjoyed the re-vamped lunchtime provision where the children have access to more engaging activities and are able to access Forest school activities, a range of sporting activities, Diddy cars, circus skills just to name a few.

This half term there are also many school trips and visits so please do keep an eye out for any upcoming dates. School trips are such an important part of children's education as it allows them to gain invaluable experiences outside of the classroom. While we understand taking your children offsite can make parents nervous, all of the trips are meticulously planned and risk assessed to ensure all of the children are safe.

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the warmer weather.

Mrs Laura Fielding
Headteacher

Sports day- Wednesday 17th June

We are really excited about this year's sports day. The day is split into different timings for different children. These are:

0915-1130- Reception and KS1 sports events and races

1200-1245- Whole school picnic lunch

1300-1400- Unit sports events

1430-1500- Nursery and Pre-school running races

As the weather looks like it is going to be very warm, please ensure you provide your child with a sun hat and apply sun cream before they come to school.

PARENT INFORMATION AND ACCESS ARRANGEMENTS



As sports day is due to start at 0915 we will open the side gates to the main playground once all children are in school and registered. The gates will open at 0905 and will close at 0920. Any admissions following this will be via the school office as we need to lock the gates to ensure all other children in school are safe. The gates will re-open at the end of the sports day between 1145-1200 to gain entry for anyone else attending the picnic lunch and then will be locked again. They will re-open for parents to leave after the picnic lunch at 1245. We kindly ask you leave promptly at this time.

We ask you bring all belongings and picnic items with you in the morning so you do not need to keep leaving the school site. Toilet access will be limited and you will need to be escorted into the school to use the toilets near the Poppy classroom using the entrance off the Reception playground. Thank you for your consideration and support.

During the sports day we would be grateful if you could follow your child around the outside of the activities and during the races stay in the dedicated parent spaces. Please do not go near St Mary's school and ensure younger siblings do not go near the Junior school. We would also like to hear lots of cheering!

We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

PTA events

Movie Night 1515-1615 26th June

On Friday 26th June we will be hosting another Movie night. We will be showing the film "Dr Seuss's The Sneetches". This event is open to all children in Reception and KS1. Please sign up via Arbor.

Summer Fair – Friday 10th July 1530- 1700

We are really excited about the upcoming Summer Fair. Please keep this date in your diaries. In order to support the fair, we have sent home sweet cones today - please fill with **wrapped** sweets and return to school by Friday 26th June.

On Friday 26th June we will be having a non-uniform day in exchange for a donation of tombola prizes for the summer fair.

Warm weather reminder

As the weather heats up, please remember to provide your child with a sun hat and sun cream.



Staffing updates

I am pleased to announce where the Teachers and Teaching Assistants will be in September and welcome some new starters. The new teachers will be attending the transition day. The Year Two children will find which classes they are in on Thursday 9th July (transition day).

Nursery/ Pre-school		
Class	Teacher	TAs
Caterpillar	Mrs Hornsey	Miss Austin Miss Wallerson
Butterfly	Miss Woolnough	Miss Allum Miss Cox
Reception		
Buttercup	Miss Hayes	Mrs Adams Mrs Bage Mrs Elwood (am) Miss New
Bluebells	Miss Huntington	
Year One		
Daisy	Miss Hankins	Mrs Ellis Mrs Golding (am) Mrs Thomas Mrs Elwood (pm)
Year Two		
Tulip	Mrs Foy/ Mrs Tomlin	Mrs Gipp Mrs Thompson Mrs Feltwell
Foxglove	Miss Freeman	
Unit classes		
Clover	Miss Winder	Mrs T Wymer Mrs A Smith Miss J Smith
Iris	Miss Radbourne	Mrs C Goodall Miss M Abott Mrs S Bates Miss A Pennell
Lily	Mrs Toth	Mrs H Pain Mrs H Stephens



Dates for your diary

17 th June	Sports day
19 th June	Year Two performing at Ely Cathedral 1000
25 th June	New to Reception transition morning 0900-1000
July 2026	
2 nd July	New to Reception transition morning followed by lunch 1100-1200
1 st July	SEND coffee drop in 1430
6 th July	Year 2 Dress rehearsal to school @ 1400
7 th July	Year 2 production to parents @1400
8 th July	Year 2 production to parents @1400
9 th July	New to Reception transition morning 0900-1000
9 th July	Transition day to new classes including Year 2 children to ESM
10 th July	Spring Meadow summer fete
15 th July	Year 2 leavers party
15 th July	End of year reports to parents
16 th July	Movie afternoon
17 th July	Leavers assembly Last day of term for children

What have the children been learning?

Nursery

In Nursery we have been reading 'Commotion in the Ocean'. We have talked about all the different sea creatures you would find in the sea. The children have been busy making collage pictures of fish and jelly fish using paper plates and bubble wrap for their tentacles. Outside we made our hut into an aquarium and placed different sea creatures around the playground for the children to pretend they are scuba divers looking for fish and when they found one they would describe what it looks like to an adult. We have been playing lots of different turn taking games inside and outside.

Pre-school

This week in butterfly class we have been learning about different forces that we can feel.

To explore these forces, we have dropped Lego from a height, pulled, twisted and stretched play dough, used water to move foil boats and explored magnetic material. We have been role playing Aquarium visits, making Jellyfish and enjoyed drawing in our ocean hide away this week too.

Please can I remind parents that on a Thursday morning their child needs to arrive at school in their forest school kit to allow them maximum time to enjoy forest school.

Reception

The children have been making the most of the wet weather by exploring capacity and mass when playing outside with different containers, wheelbarrows, pots and pans. Puddle play was really popular! Please can any spare school clothes that have been borrowed be returned in case of more wet weather next week. A spare change in the children's bags would be really useful too!

The legend of George and the Dragon has inspired the children to create some amazing art work and they have enjoyed exploring different versions of the same story. Jack and the Beanstalk continues to engage the children and we have seen the best story maps yet! Maths has been all about recognising and understanding equal sets in order to share and group. We have seen some great problem solving and heard good vocabulary.



Year Two

What a great week for Year 2! In English the children have looked at the book 'Six Dinner Sid.' They innovated their own versions of the story and changed the cat to a dog! In Maths, we have looked at statistics and focussed on tally charts, block models, and pictograms and how to interpret them. In Science, the children have been very enthusiastic about learning about Space. They made models to show how the Earth orbits the sun. We have been doing lots of practising for our performance and the children are enjoying singing the songs! Please practise your child's lines with them.

Clover, Iris and Lily

Clover Class have been learning about sea creatures through the sensory story of Commotion in the Ocean. We made turtles using herbs and rose petals that smelt beautiful as we crushed them onto the turtles and enjoyed making our own ocean with bubble painting.

In Iris class we have been enjoying our sensory story of Jack and the Beanstalk. WE have experimented with filling containers and scales with peas and beans and enjoyed leaf printing our own beanstalk for our classroom. We have also really enjoyed our new waterproof overalls this week as they have allowed us to go and play in some truly stupendous puddles!

Lily Class really enjoyed their trip to the Raptor Foundation on Tuesday. We managed to escape the rain as we watched an indoor flying display with Trevor, a girl barn owl! The children were fascinated to see the meerkats being fed with mealworms and live locusts. We also saw lots of beautiful birds of prey including kites, hawks, kestrels and many types of owls. It was a great day!

Year One

We have really enjoyed the start of our final term in Year One!

In writing, we have been exploring poetry through We're Going on a Bear Hunt and creating our own versions of the poem. In maths, we have been learning about position and direction, using vocabulary such as half turn, quarter turn, forwards, backwards, left and right. We have now begun learning about place value up to 100.

We have also started our new art topic, sculpture, and have made and painted our own clay penguins. In history, we have been learning about Parliament, prime ministers and the Bill of Rights. The children enjoyed dressing up, retelling the story and deciding how to spend a government budget.

In computing, we have been learning different ways to record data, including using a digital pictogram tool.

We have also been practising for Sports Day and are looking forward to you watching us on Wednesday 17th June.



Free Healthy Relationship courses for parents

All relationships have their ups and downs, but if parents are regularly arguing in front of their children, it can have negative and lasting consequences. Help is available for parents who want to communicate in a healthier way. Family Hubs are running courses to support parents who would like to improve the relationship with their partner or ex-partner. Courses bookable directly via the QR code.

SUMMER TERM 2026

Improve the communication with your partner to support your children
(Arguing Better)

Online via Teams: Tuesday 23th June and Tuesday 30th of June
Midday - 1 pm

Improve the communication with your ex-partner to support your children
(Getting it Right for Children)

Online via Teams: Wednesday 24th June and Wednesday 1st July
Midday - 1 pm



2026 workshop booking form



Your Education Inclusion Family Advisor



Michelle West

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 on request)
- 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 ☎ 07775824673. /
✉ michelle.west@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or by using this link or QR code to request support:
<https://forms.office.com/e/hFg4TV751g>



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SPRING MEADOW INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

SUMMER FETE

Spring Meadow Infant and Nursery

FRIDAY 10TH JULY 2026
15:30 - 17:00

FREE ENTRY

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!

- BOUNCY CASTLE & GAMES
- FACE PAINTING
- CAKE STALL
- SPONGE THE TEACHERS!
- ICE CREAM VAN
- RAFFLE & TOMBOLA'S
- MUSIC & PERFORMANCES

ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS SUPPORTING THE SCHOOL

MOVIE NIGHT

Friday 26th June 2026

15:15 - 16:15

RECEPTION AND KS1

£2.50 per ticket, book via Arbor.

Ticket includes popcorn and drink.