



Newnham News

Friday 25 September 2026

Headteacher: Mr Edward Ferguson

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to remind families about our expectations for snacks brought into school.

From Monday, we will be taking a firmer approach to break-time snacks. Crisps, chocolate, sweets and biscuits will not be allowed. If children bring these items, they will be asked to put them back in their bags to take home and save for another time.

We encourage children to bring healthy snacks such as fruit or vegetable sticks. Wherever possible, snacks with little or no packaging are also appreciated, as this helps us keep our school grounds tidy.

This approach supports our commitment to being a healthy school and healthy snacks provide longer-lasting energy and help children stay focused and ready to learn throughout the day, without sugar spikes and the ensuing dips.

We would also encourage families to make packed lunches as balanced as possible. Foods such as sandwiches, fruit, vegetables and other nutritious choices help children stay active and engaged in their learning. Of course, lunches should still be enjoyable too, but healthy can still be delicious.

By working together, we can help the children develop healthy habits that will benefit them both in school and beyond.

Kind regards
Edward Ferguson

Diary Dates

Y6 swimming	Wed 30 Sept
Parent coffee morning	8.45 - 9.15am Fri 2 Oct

Please check the school calendar on our [website](#), which is updated regularly.

Whole school news

Harvest assembly and collection

Our harvest assembly will be on **Friday 9 October at 9am**. Parents are welcome to join us. We are also collecting food donations which can be brought to school any time from now, or on the morning of the assembly. Please see attached the list of requested items. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

School photos

The Pret-a-portrait team is coming on **Thursday 8 October** to take individual photos of the children. If you would like your child to have a photo with siblings who aren't at school, they are offering a session before school from 8.20am on that day. If you would like to book onto this, please contact the office by email office@newnhamcroft.cambs.sch.uk

Scholastic Book Fair – 8th–13th October

We are excited to be hosting our **Scholastic Book Fair from 8th–13th October**. The book fair will be open **after school**, giving children and families the opportunity to browse and choose from a wide selection of books. It is a lovely chance to discover new stories, authors and non-fiction books, and perhaps find a new favourite to enjoy at home. Every book purchased also helps our school to earn rewards that we can use to purchase more books for our school library and classrooms. We look forward to seeing lots of our families there and sharing our love of reading!

School Meals

The menu is attached and [online](#). The menu next week is Week 2. The cost of a school meal is £2.90.

Classroom news

Reception

This week in Reception, we have started our phonics learning and have been busy learning the phonemes s, a, t and p. Your child will have these graphemes in their home folder today. Please take a little time to practise these together at home. We also had our first very exciting PE lesson! The children had lots of fun getting active and

developing their physical skills. Thank you for making sure your child comes to school in active wear every day. This means they are ready to take part fully and get the most out of all of our physical activities. Well done, Reception, on another brilliant week! We are so proud of how well the children are settling in and can't wait to see what next week brings!

Year 1

This week, we have continued to be inspired by *Jasper's Beanstalk* as we learn how to write clear and helpful instructions. The children have been thinking carefully about the steps involved in planting a bulb and how to explain each step clearly so that someone else can follow their instructions. The children have worked hard to write their own set of instructions, which they will be bringing home alongside a bulb planting kit containing everything they need to plant their bulb. We hope they enjoy putting their instructions into practice and watching their bulb grow and develop over the coming months!

Year 2

A highlight in maths this week was our problem-solving challenge, where the children used trial and improvement strategies to work systematically towards finding solutions. We have also continued developing our understanding of place value by partitioning tens and ones using cubes and rods. The children have been recapping their number bonds to 10 and 20 and exploring strategies to help them recall these facts more quickly and confidently. In English, we have been writing statements and developing expanded noun phrases by creating a bank of effective adjectives to improve our writing. In DT, the children designed and made linkages using split pins and card, exploring how different components can be joined together to create movement. In science, we have been learning that the shape of some solid objects can be changed and have practised recording our observations and findings in tables. Well done, Year 2!

Year 3

This week has been a very busy but productive one in Year 3. In our maths sessions, the children learnt how to add up coins and represent them in pounds as well as pence. In our English lessons, the children continued to work on recognising imperative verbs, prepositions and adverbs and started to plan their own instructional text on how to wash a woolly mammoth. In science, the children started to recognise the names of some rocks and name their properties including those that were permeable and those that were impermeable. In history, the children started to think like archaeologists and make

predictions about people who lived thousands of years ago.

Year 4

What a wonderful day we had at Wandlebury Country Park! We were fully immersed into Iron Age Britain and it was very exciting to be walking in the footsteps of local Iron Age settlers. The day inspired historical enquiry and learning; understanding how people would have lived, survived and built settlements during this time. We made bread on an open fire, learnt to "wind the wheat", wove sticks to make wattle walls and walked the Iron Age ditch. We saw first-hand how archaeologists made their discoveries at Wandlebury. The children were ALL excellent historians bringing their own questions and knowledge to the experience and it certainly brought our history curriculum alive. Why not pop in (if you have not already) to The Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology which has an amazing collection of prehistoric artefacts including those from Wandlebury. In maths, we practised using mental methods of adding and subtracting and also used number bonds to help us make sensible jumps using the counting on method. In English, we looked at the tools and techniques *Grimwood* author Nadia Shireen uses to make her writing funny. In science, we investigated the speed of melting ice in 4 different conditions and recorded our results.

Year 5

Year 5 has had another very busy week, with a huge focus on our topic, World War II. The children have been making medals and visiting the Imperial War Museum in Duxford. In English, Year 5 has been focusing on describing a setting based on our class story, *Cloud Tea Monkeys*, applying expanded noun phrases and prepositional phrases to add further detail to their writing. In maths, the class has been exploring adding and subtracting decimal numbers to one and two decimal places. In science, Year 5 experimented with filtering as they explored how this is a useful process for separating water from other substances, such as soil. They created their own filtering systems and then tested them using muddy water to see whether they could extract the water from the mixture. In history, Year 5 explored the Blitz during World War II and used their knowledge of secondary sources to gather information from photographs taken at the time. This helped them to develop their understanding of the events and what life was like during the Blitz. The week finished with the Year 5 and 6 trip to IWM Duxford, which the children thoroughly enjoyed. The visit gave them a real insight into World War II and helped to bring their learning to life. Well done for a brilliant week, Year 5!

Year 6

In Duxford we have been looking at different planes and war objects. We even got to go in the Concord and see weapons and even the Blackbird. We also saw around ten Spitfires launching off. In maths we have been doing



something new called algebra. In algebra we use letters as well as numbers. In English we have been writing a story of *The Highwayman*. We have also got a new book called *Survivors*.

By Milo and Saxon

Community news

Bottisham Village College Fun Day

Come along to Bottisham Village College on Saturday 26 September, 12pm–4pm, for a fantastic afternoon of family fun!

Classic Cars, Local Fire Brigade, HUGE Ninja Warrior Assault Course, Football Fun Factory, Nerf Gun game, BBQ, Pimms and other refreshments, Stalls, Games, And lots more!

Bring your family and friends and come along for a brilliant afternoon in the community.

Saturday 26 September | 12–4pm

Bottisham Village College

Everyone welcome.

Half term tennis

A colorful poster for the Cambridge Lawn Tennis Club's October Half Term Courses 2026. It features a yellow tennis ball in the top right corner. The text is arranged in three columns, each with a different background color (red, orange, and blue). The first column is for 5 to 8 years, the second for 8 to 10 years, and the third for 11 to 16 years. Each column includes the time slot, the level (Beginner/Improver), and the color of the court (Orange/Green). A central banner says 'TO BOOK YOUR PLACE' with the website 'www.cambridgeltc.com/coaching/half-term-tennis-camp'. At the bottom, there is contact information for the club, clubhouse, and email.

Cambridge LAWN TENNIS CLUB

OCTOBER HALF TERM COURSES 2026

Time	Age Group	Level	Court Color
10 to 11.30am	5 to 8 YEARS	Beginner / Improver	Orange / Green
10 to 11.30am	8 to 10 YEARS	Beginner / Improver	Orange / Green
11.30 to 1.30pm	11 to 16 YEARS	Improver / Intermediate	Orange / Green

THIS COURSE IS NOT SUITABLE FOR BEGINNERS

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE
www.cambridgeltc.com/coaching/half-term-tennis-camp

Cambridge Lawn Tennis Club
Stacey Lane, Wilberforce Road, Cambridge CB3 0EQ

Clubhouse
01223 312550

Email
info@cambridgeltc.com

Half term activity camp

A colorful poster for Tayplay's October Activity Camp. It features a cartoon penguin character in the top right corner. The text is arranged in a central column with a blue background. The first column is for the dates (Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October), the second for the location (CAMBOURNE SPORTS CENTRE), and the third for the camp details (PARENTS FIRST CHOICE FOR CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY CAMPS). The central column lists the camp's features: EXTENDED HOURS (8.30AM – 5.30PM), BOOK INDIVIDUAL DAYS, SIBLING DISCOUNT, CHILDCARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED (+GOV TAX FREE), and VARIETY OF DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES. The bottom section lists the activities: SPORTS, INFLATABLES, ROLLER SKATING, ARTS & CRAFTS, and LOTS MORE!. A QR code is provided for booking online, and the website 'www.tayplay.net/camps' is listed at the bottom.

TAYPLAY

OCTOBER ACTIVITY CAMP

CAMBOURNE SPORTS CENTRE

Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October

PARENTS FIRST CHOICE FOR CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY CAMPS

Feature
EXTENDED HOURS 8.30AM – 5.30PM
BOOK INDIVIDUAL DAYS
SIBLING DISCOUNT
CHILDCARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED (+GOV TAX FREE)
VARIETY OF DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES

ONLY £30 PER DAY

SPORTS

INFLATABLES

ROLLER SKATING

ARTS & CRAFTS

& LOTS MORE!

BOOK ONLINE

www.tayplay.net/camps