



HCCPS Times

Harvest Highlights

Over the past month, our pupils have enjoyed a wide range of exciting enrichment opportunities that have brought learning to life beyond the classroom. From inspiring workshops to educational visits, it's been wonderful to see children exploring new interests, building confidence, and having fun while deepening their understanding of the world around them. These experiences are a vital part of our commitment to providing a rich and varied curriculum that nurtures curiosity and a love of learning.

Reception– Traditional Tales Day

What a joy it was to see our Reception children dressed up and enjoying a range of activities related to traditional tales. The children had a great day showing off their costumes and enjoying listening to their favourite tales with a delicious hot chocolate.

Year 5/6 Temple Trip

Year 5/6 had a fantastic time at Bhaktivedanta Manor where they learned all about Hinduism and Hindu worship. Some of the highlights included feeding the cows, eating some delicious vegetable curry and going on a bull cart ride! What a fabulous enrichment to their learning about India.

Harvest

We are thrilled to share that this year's Harvest Festival was a tremendous success, thanks to the incredible generosity of our school community. The donations collected were delivered to the Cambridge Food Bank, where they will help support families in need across the region. We are proud to announce that this was our biggest Harvest donation ever — a true testament to the kindness and compassion of our pupils, parents, and staff. Thank you all for making a real difference!



Science Week

We ended this half term with a bang during our science week where the children took part in science workshops across the school following a whole school assembly, all led by the Cambridge Science Centre. It was a real joy to see the children proudly take home their 'land yachts'. We hope you have enjoyed hearing about these workshops from your children.

Farewell

We are sad to say that Emma Wrench will be leaving us at the end of this half term. Emma has been an integral part of HCCPS supporting the school for many years whether that is in the kitchen and dining hall, cleaning the Hardwick site or supporting children in before and after school club. We will miss her greatly but wish her the best of luck.

*We look forward to welcoming the children back after half term on **Monday 3rd November** and we hope you have a lovely half term break.*

Pupil Governors

A few weeks ago, many of our pupils talked brilliantly to their peers about what qualities they would bring to the role of pupil governor and how they could improve school. Well done to all those who put themselves forward and delivered their speeches.

All the children in KS2 voted and we are pleased to announce that our Pupil Governors for this academic year are **Haidar Joolia** (Hardwick campus) & **Mateus Stan De Silva** (Cambourne Campus). They will be providing pupil voice to the Governors and I look forward to working with them over the coming months.

Attendance

Attendance plays a vital role in every child's learning journey, and we are so pleased with the commitment many families have shown in ensuring their children are in school and ready to learn each day. Regular attendance helps children build strong friendships, develop good routines, and make the most of the exciting learning opportunities we offer. We kindly remind all parents and carers to continue supporting good attendance by avoiding unnecessary absences and arriving on time — every day counts! Please find below a link to a recent video created by Cambridgeshire schools that highlights the importance of good and regular attendance: [CambsEYC Attendance film](#)

Wraparound Care

Now that our new wraparound provision is fully up and running, we wanted to share what a huge success it has been so far. Feedback from children has been really positive and it's been a joy to see them enjoying the many new resources and delicious breakfasts and after school snacks. We still have spaces, so if you are in need of before or after school care, please get in touch with the school office. We are also taking bookings for the next academic year and we encourage you to enquire early to avoid disappointment.

Reception places for 2026—Applications open

The application process for applying for a Reception school place has started, with the deadline for applications being 15th January 2026. It has been lovely to show so many prospective families round recently. Dates for school tours at both campuses have been extremely popular and continue to be available. These can be viewed on our school website, under the News and Events tab. The next school tour dates are:

Hardwick: Wednesday 5th November 6pm and Tuesday 11th November 10am

Cambourne: Tuesday 4th November 10am

If you are interested in coming to visit, please get in contact with the school office to be added to the list. Please do spread the word with your friends, family and neighbours!

Year 6 Applications for Secondary School Places

Year 6 families, just a reminder that the closing date for applying for a secondary school place for your child is 31st October. For more information and to apply, please visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions.

Diary Dates Reminder....

Here are a few reminders for important dates coming up next half term:

Monday 3rd November	First day of Autumn 2
Wk beginning 10 th November	Anti-Bullying Week (+ Monday 10th November Odd Socks Day)
11 th November, 5.30pm	Reception Maths Workshop on zoom
18 th November	Flu Vaccinations
24 th November	Reception trip to Audley End
28 th November, 2.30pm	Deck The Halls (parents invited)
5 th December	Festive Friday
8 th December	Hardwick Y1-6 visit to St Mary's Church (Hardwick)
8 th December and 15th December	Cambourne visit to Cambourne Church (half the school on each day)
9 th December 2pm	Y1/2 Christmas Play-Cambourne
10 th December, 2pm	Y1/2 Christmas Play - Hardwick
10 th December 5.30pm	Y1/2 Christmas Play– Cambourne
11 th December, 5.30pm	Y1/2 Christmas Play - Hardwick
12 th December	Festive Friday
17 th December, 2pm	Reception Christmas Play – both sites
19 th December	Festive Friday
19 th December, 3.30pm	End of Term
Mon 5th Jan 2025	School Closed - INSET DAY
Tues 6 th Jan 2025, 9am	Spring term 2026 begins