



HCCPS Times

Where has the summer gone?

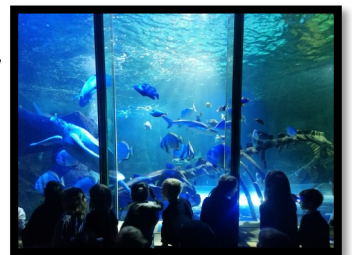
I can't believe where the last month has gone—one minute I'm wearing summer sandals and the next, winter boots are being dusted off! I would like to take this opportunity to extend a very warm welcome to all the new children who have joined our school family since the beginning of the academic year.

We have had a wonderful start to the school year; the children have settled back into school life and are following the school routines with ease. My wanderings around the school are the highlight of my day; it's lovely to see the children so engaged and excited by their learning.



Year 1/2 had a fabulous trip to Hedingham Castle, near Halsted, this week as part of their Castles and Fairytales topic. There the children observed jousting, handled weapons and learnt about medicines of the past. They also met the lady of the manor and were able to ask her questions to find out what life was like long ago.

Although it seemed like an eternity ago, Year 3/4 visited Hunstanton at the beginning of the Autumn term as part of their Sunny Hunny topic, where they compare our locality with that of the seaside town. The children visited the Sealife centre, walked along the costal path and looked at geographical features and also had the opportunity to play on the beach and do some rock pooling!



Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Thank you so much for all the well wishes and congratulations that I have received from many of you over the last week! My new husband and I had a wonderful day, surrounded by friends and family. We were also extremely fortunate with the weather!



Help needed!

KS1 at Cambourne are looking to develop an outside area for their children to access. We are looking for a volunteer with a background in ? to install a picket fence with gates in an area of the school playground. If you think you might be able to offer your services, please email blue@hardwick.cambs.sch.uk in the first instance and someone will get back to you. Thank you in advance!



Safeguarding

We have updated our annual safeguarding policy and you can now find this on the school website. You can find it [here](#)

Home-School Communication

We have recently updated our [home –school communication policy](#) and have now included a useful appendix at the back for parents to see who they need to contact in the first instance in the event of a query or concern arising regarding a particular issue. Please do take your time to have a look at this flowchart so you know who to address any emails to.

Beat The Streets

Beat the Street is a free, fun walking and cycling game which get pupils and their families out and about in their local area, having fun and keeping healthy. Between 24th September and 22nd October this game is coming to the streets of Cambourne. Players earn points by hovering contactless cards on sensors located all around Cambourne and we will be competing against all the other schools in Cambourne to be in with a chance to win prizes. For more information, please visit beatthestreet.me

Message from the office

If your contact details have changed, please can you make sure that you let the office know as soon as possible so they can update their records. It is essential that we have up to date information for at least 2 contacts should we need to get hold of someone in an emergency.

PE

It is lovely to see the children wearing the correct PE kit to school on their PE days. This is just a reminder that for health and safety reasons, earrings need to be removed for PE and hair needs to be tied back.

Parent WhatsApp Groups & Facebook

As a school we understand that parents and carers find WhatsApp groups a really useful way of communicating with and supporting each other. The messages in the WhatsApp groups come from parents in their personal capacity. The school does NOT post directly on any WhatsApp parent/carers groups. However, please can we ask that these groups should be used keeping in mind mutual respect and cultural sensitivity between all its members.

For those parents who are new to the school, we do have a closed Facebook page, where reminders and messages are posted. Please search Official Hardwick and Cambourne Community Primary School Page and answer the questions posed. Please note that failure to answer the questions, means that your request to be added to the page will be declined.

Safeguarding Spotlight

Please talk to your children about the importance of gaining consent before taking pictures of other children using mobile phones. We have had a number of reports in the past month, of photographs being taken without others' permission and then these photographs being shared with others on social media sites. This [Newsround article](#) is a great conversation starter to discuss topics such as these with your children.

Term Dates

	First day for the children	Last day for the children
Autumn Half Term 1		Friday 24th October 2025
Autumn Half Term 2	Monday 3rd November 2025	Friday 19th December 2025
Spring Half Term 1	Tuesday 6th January 2026	Friday 13th February 2026
Spring Half Term 2	Monday 23rd February 2026	Friday 27th March 2026
Summer Half Term 1	Monday 13th April 2026	Friday 22nd May 2026
Bank Holiday	Monday 4th May 2026	
Summer Half Term 2	Tuesday 2nd June 2026	Friday 17th July 2026