



HCCPS Times

From Fall to Frost

November has been a busy month full of fantastic events, from author visits to Audley End. I am delighted to share with you some of the fantastic opportunities given to your children over the last month, with many more to come as we head towards the Christmas holidays...

Y5/6 Stardome visit

As part of their learning in science, Y5/6 welcomed the Stardome to both sites this month. The children were immersed in an incredible planetarium show, exploring the Milky Way, planets of our solar system and the constellations we see in the night sky. Throughout the experience, the children asked brilliant questions to deepen their understanding, something that our presenter was very impressed with!

Antibullying Week 2025

Some excellent discussions took place in the w/b 10th November as we focused on Anti-Bullying Week.



The theme for this year was 'Power of Good', and the children learnt about how to use their 'powers' to tackle bullying and unkindness head-on, and not being a bystander. Odd-Socks Days was a hit as ever, and the children also produced some beautiful poems based on friendship. A big thank you for all the generous donations, too. We have sent these on to the Anti-Bullying Alliance to support the good work they do.

Y3/4 Author visit

Year 3/4 were thrilled to welcome Nathanael Lessore, author of 'Solving Crimes is Not My Superpower'. The children described it as a "funny and very creative" visit. They particularly enjoyed acting out battles between heroes and villains and imagining what their own 'rubbish superpower' would be. Some children also got their copies of the book signed by the author himself!



Reception trip to Audley End

Reception classes from both sites got very festive this month on their magical visit to Audley End where they rode on the miniature railway, met Father Christmas and his elves and posted their Christmas letters too. A wonderful day was had by all.

Deck the Halls!

Finally, thank you to those of you who were able to attend Deck the Halls in our final week of November. It was lovely to have you in school and the classrooms and corridors now look suitably festive thanks to you and your children's creative efforts.

Festive Fridays

Just a reminder that children are invited to come into school wearing jolly jumpers and/or any festive clothing on the final three Fridays of term (**5th December, 12th December and 19th December**). Please make sure clothing (and footwear) is still suitable for the weather and physical activity if your child is has PE or a sporty Golden Afternoon on these days.

Chess Champions!

The new chess season kicked off on Sunday, and our A-team flew out of the blocks. They won all four matches: destroying Stephen Perse Bs 4.5-1.5, overcoming Cherry Hinton 4-2, thumping Trumpington 5-1, then beating our B-team 4-2. They are in 3rd place, in one of the promotion spots to the upper division. Our Bs also battled bravely and picked up 2.5 league points. As well as an impressively high standard of chess, behaviour was exemplary, and the children really did their school proud in every possible way. The league table can be seen here: [Cambridgeshire Chess Championship | League Table](#).

Parent school communication

Following on from the parent communication flowchart that was sent out last half term, please can we kindly ask that when writing to the school you explicitly address emails to the member of staff it is for the attention of. The parent communication flowchart can be found in the Home School Communication Policy on the school website: [click here](#)

Safeguarding focus

As the weather is starting to get colder, please can you make sure that your child has suitable clothing for outside play—raincoats, scarfs, hats and gloves. Please can you also ensure that they are named too.

Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone who supported the Poppy Appeal this year. The school raised a very generous £654.97!

Parking

Please can we remind you to be mindful when parking cars for school drop off and collection, including if parking off site. Please make sure you park in a designated space and if on the road, safe and legally.

Diary Dates Reminder....

8 th December	Hardwick Y1-6 visit to St Mary's Church (Hardwick)
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
15 th December	Cambourne visit to Cambourne Church
17 th December, 2pm	Reception Christmas Play – both sites
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