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HCCPS Times

School's Out—But the Memories Stay!

What a term it's been! As we approach the end of the school year, I find myself reflecting on everything our school community has achieved together, and I wanted to take a moment to share some of the highlights that have made this half term such a special time at Hardwick and Cambourne Community Primary School.

One of the real adventures this term has been watching our Year 4 pupils head off on their residential trip to Grafham. There's something magical about seeing young learners step outside their comfort zone, try new things, and come back with stories that will stay with them for years to come. The resilience, courage, and joy they showed was truly wonderful to witness.

Similarly, our Year 6 pupils have had an incredible experience at Hilltop for their residential trip. These moments are so important – they're chances for our oldest pupils to build friendships, challenge themselves, and create memories before they move on to secondary school. I know that the staff who went thoroughly enjoyed watching them grow in confidence throughout the time they were there which was absolutely brilliant.

We've also celebrated our 1st ever Language and Culture Fair, which was a hugely successful event. It was fantastic to see our school communities come together to explore, learn, and appreciate the rich diversity we are lucky to have within our school. The energy, creativity, and enthusiasm from pupils, staff, and families made it a truly memorable occasion.

Our Year 2 pupils have been having their own adventures too, camping overnight on the school fields. They played games, toasted marshmallows, sat around the fire to listen to a story, sneaked a visit into an empty school, before bedding down for the night with their friends in tents.

Of course, we must also take a moment to wish our amazing Year 6s all the very best as they move forward to their next chapter. They've been an absolute credit to our school – their maturity, kindness, and spirit have been inspiring. We can't wait to hear about all the wonderful things they'll go on to achieve.

As we close out this year, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to our parents, pupils, and staff. It's the combination of your support, enthusiasm, and commitment that makes our school such a special place. Whether it's been helping with trips, supporting learning at home, going the extra mile in the classroom, or simply being part of our community – it all matters, and it all makes a difference.

Staffing News - Waving Goodbye

As another school year comes to an end, we unfortunately have to say goodbye to some valued members of our school family. On behalf of the whole school community, I would like to express our heartfelt thanks for their dedication, commitment, and the positive contribution they have made during their time with us.

Cathy Swift is leaving the Hardwick teaching team this year as she embarks on adventures new! She has shown great dedication, care, and commitment to our pupils, making a positive difference to the lives of many children. She will be greatly missed by staff and pupils alike, and we would like to thank her for all she has contributed to our school community. We wish her every happiness and success for the future.

After 10 years of dedicated service, Sue Webb has decided that the time is right for her to retire. Throughout her time at the school, Sue has supported and inspired countless children, making a lasting difference to the lives of so many pupils and families. Her kindness, commitment, and care have been greatly valued by everyone in our school community. Sue will be greatly missed, but we know she is looking forward to this exciting new chapter, and we wish her a long, happy, and well-deserved retirement filled with many new adventures.

We are also saying goodbye to Naomi Mallabone, who is heading off to university after spending a highly successful gap year with us. Naomi has been a fantastic addition to our Teaching Assistant team, bringing enthusiasm, warmth, and dedication to everything she has done. She will be greatly missed by both staff and pupils, but we know she has an exciting future ahead of her. We wish her every success with her studies and hope she has a wonderful time up north!

We are also saying goodbye to Daisy Chu, who has supported children at the Cambourne Campus over the past few years. Daisy has been a committed and valued member of our team, providing care, encouragement, and support to the children she has worked with. We wish her every success and happiness for the future.

After many years of dedicated service, Tina Brunsden left her role as a Midday Supervisor just before the end of this term to join the kitchen team at Hardwick. Throughout her time with us, Tina has been a valued member of our school community, and we would like to thank her for all she has contributed over the years and wish her every success and happiness in her new role.

A final message from Mrs Swann:
Thank you so much for all your kind words and good wishes since I shared the news that I'll be leaving Hardwick after 15 wonderful years. It has been a real privilege to be part of such a special community, and I will miss you all more than I can say. I wish everyone at Hardwick all the very best for the future.

Saying Hello

As mentioned in my previous newsletter, we also welcome Sam Bareham to Hardwick as class teacher and Key Stage 2 leader and Elliott Lyon to the teaching team at Cambourne. Sam will be teaching Wrens class and Elliott with be teaching Falcons class.

We are delighted to be welcoming a number of new Teaching Assistants to our team across both campuses in September. They include Victoria Green, Maddie Lees, Charlotte Cutmore, Anjana Govinda Panicker, Georgina Keyhoe, Joanna Thomsett and Abi Tod. We are excited for them to join the HCCPS family and know they will make a valuable contribution to our school community. We look forward to welcoming them and wish them every success as they begin their journey with us.

Other Staffing News

Following interviews for the Head of Hardwick Campus position last term, the governors and I made the decision not to appoint a candidate. We will be re-advertising the role in September, with the hope of welcoming a successful applicant to the team from January.

Mr Lander is going to be working across both sites next year. He will be covering PPA at Cambourne on a Monday/Tuesday and then he will be teaching in Badgers on a Wednesday and in Hedgehogs class on a Thursday afternoon and Fridays at Hardwick.

Term dates for next academic year

Here are the term dates for next academic year.

	First day for the children	Last day for the children
Autumn Half Term 1	Thurs 3rd September 2026	Fri23rd October 2026
Autumn Half Term 2	Mon 2nd November 2026	Fri 18th December 2026
Spring Half Term 1	Tuesday 5th January 2027	Fri 12th February 2027
Spring Half Term 2	Mon 22nd February 2027	Thurs 25th March 2027
Summer Half Term 1	Tues 13th April 2027	Fri 28th May 2027
Bank Holiday	**Monday 3rd May 2027**	
Summer Half Term 2	Tues 8th June 2027	Wed 21st July 2027

Dates for your diary for the beginning of next term

Year group welcome meetings have been planned for the first full week back. As the children don't return to us until Thursday 3rd September, we wanted to give you as much advance notice now so you will be able to join us. We will be holding these sessions in person, with the Powerpoints being shared via email after the meetings.

Year Group	Date and Time of Welcome Meeting
1/2	Wednesday 9th September @ 3.45
3/4	Tuesday 8th September @ 3.45
5/6	Monday 7th September @ 3.45

We wish you all a wonderful, relaxing, and enjoyable summer holiday. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Thursday 3rd September for another exciting year filled with learning, growth, and new opportunities.