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Cambridgeshire Schools Newsletter

Easter HAF Programme



The Easter HAF Programme is operating very soon, between 30 March to 10 April. Eligible pupils in receipt of benefits-related FSM can attend a registered holiday scheme for up to 16 hours, fully funded. A daily meal and enriching experiences are available. Eligibility vouchers were issued to parents/carers by email or text on 02.03.2026.

[Click here request a booking code](#) for the additional [eligibility criteria](#).

Questions? Please email: HAF@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Reminder for Headteachers to complete the EYFS Profile support form

From Autumn 2026, EYFSP outcomes will be included in Ofsted's Inspection Data Summary Reports and will form part of inspection discussions. The Early Years Childcare and School Readiness Service is committed to supporting schools to refine practice and further improve outcomes. This includes analysing end of year outcomes for every school and ensuring our offer reflects local needs.

We understand that contextual factors can vary greatly for each cohort from year to year and therefore ask you to complete the following form to ensure adviser support is allocated based on current needs.

Please complete this by **Friday 20 March 2026**: [Cambridgeshire EYFS Profile Support](#)

Early Support cut-off date for Reception children

If you have a child in Reception (who will be moving into Year 1 in September) that you would like to refer into Early Support, please note the cut-off date for submitting Early Support pathway requests is **1st May 2026**.

In order to meet this cut-off date, the Early Help Assessment (EHA) needs to be triaged and authorised by the Early Help Hub before an Early Support pathway request can be submitted. We would encourage you do this as soon as possible.

If you would like support with any aspect of completing an EHA please contact the Early Help Support Officers EarlyHelpSupportOfficer@Cambridgeshire.gov.uk.

If you are unable to meet the 1st May cut-off date or you have any queries about Early Support, please contact us in the first instance early.support@cambridgeshire.gov.uk.

Cambridgeshire Primary Headteachers Conference 2026



The Summer Term **Cambridgeshire Primary Heads Conference** will take place on **Thursday 11 June** at Delta Hotels by Marriott, Huntingdon. This event will offer primary school leaders a valuable opportunity for professional development, strategic reflection, and collaboration with colleagues from across the county. The programme will include a keynote address by Steve Head, a highly regarded speaker recognised for delivering insightful, relevant, and engaging content that supports leadership in education. There is no charge to attend. We invite you to secure your place at this event using the registration link provided (select the Cambridgeshire Primary Headteacher Forum tab): [Primary Heads Conference registration](#)

Two Cambridgeshire schools trailblaze School Street Scheme!



We would like to encourage parents, teachers and young people to consider whether their school could benefit from the School Streets initiative, which seeks to improve safety at drop off and pick up times and encourage active travel to school. Watch what parents and pupils think of the initiative at two schools in Cambridgeshire here: [School Street Scheme](#)

If you think your school could benefit from a School Street please get in touch with the County Council's Active Travel team at school.streets@cambridgeshire.gov.uk.

Primary School Improvement Offer 2026 - 2027



The Primary School Improvement Offer enables all schools, whether Local Authority Maintained or academy, to buy a range of high quality support which can be tailored to meet the needs of each individual school. Please download the booklet below. We look forward to receiving your responses and working with you.

[Cambridgeshire Primary School Improvement Offer booklet 2026/27](#)

The offer will be discussed at tomorrow's [LA Maintained schools heads and chairs](#)

[briefing](#) (online session at 10am)

Kooth mental health and wellbeing support

Kooth provides commissioned, anonymous mental health support for ages 11–18 via [kooth.com](#); adults (18+) can access [qwell.io](#). Both accredited services offer a safe, non-judgmental space with no waiting lists or referrals. Users can access self-help, community support, and professional counselling sessions (weekdays 12pm–10pm; weekends 6pm–10pm).

Senior Engagement Lead, Chloe, is offering free wellbeing assemblies for secondary schools to ensure all young people know about the support available and Year 6 transition sessions designed to help students stay calm, confident and supported through the transition period.

Contact csymeou@kooth.com for more information or to book a session.

Free Young Driver Road Safety Workshop for sixth form students

The Vision Zero partners are working with PC AJ Boddington (Casualty Reduction Officer) to deliver free young driver workshops (16-18y) in Cambridgeshire secondary schools and colleges.

These bespoke workshops introduce key safety messages to learner or new drivers licence holders, as well as supplement safer travel and school travel initiatives.

The sessions are delivered in the form of a 1-hour in person talk, adapted to the cohort. To book a school visit and talk this term, contact PC AJ Boddington directly at adrian.Boddington@cambs.police.uk

New Education Case Management System Update

We have just completed the penultimate test of the data migration and will be testing of the end to end processes through March. Thank you to the schools who tested the portal and completed some attendance forms. The teams will incorporate your outputs into their testing scenarios.

If you have not returned the MS form for portal access, please remember to do so. As they are returned, we are setting up schools with accounts in readiness for go-live. This portal will replace the current version for your school admissions. If you do not complete the form you will not have an account to view your admissions, FSM Data or make an attendance referral.

The form needs completing per person and not per school, so if you have two people in school that need access, they will need to complete a form each.

Academy trusts will only need the one account and we can link all the schools to that one account.

All schools will be sent guidance on how to use the portal before we go live in June.

The link to the form is here: [Liquidlogic Establishment Portal - User Request Form \(2\)](#)

Any queries regarding the project, please email: CDS.PMO@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Pinpoint - Cambridgeshire's parent carers forum



Pinpoint is the local Parent Carer Forum and hub for information, signposting and events for all things SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities). Navigating the landscape of SEND can be daunting for parents and carers - which is why making sure they have the right support is key to helping their child or young person thrive.

Pinpoint is passionate about making sure parents feel informed, supported, and connected. The Pinpoint Tii Hubs offer monthly, online peer support - a space to meet other parents who truly understand the journey. Weekly, in-person Parent Connect sessions are also run across Cambridgeshire, giving families a warm welcome, a cuppa, and a chance to chat. And when it comes to expert knowledge, Pinpoint's information sessions offer trusted guidance from professionals who know what matters most. Together, it all adds up to support that's consistent, compassionate, and completely free.

For more information and how to book: [Pinpoint Events](#)

Cambridgeshire Primary Physical Education Hub

If you're a PE teacher and want to connect with others in the county in order to raise the profile of PE, the Cambridgeshire PE Hub is for you!

We intend getting PE teachers from different settings, different phases, different trusts / LA together, sharing knowledge and experience, on a regular basis. This free to attend meeting is open to teachers from any school / setting in Cambridgeshire.

The inaugural Cambridgeshire PE Hub will be held online **Tuesday 24 March 2026, 1.30 – 3.15pm**

This hub's focus is: **Influencing Key Stakeholders - What are the metrics that evidence a high value PE offer? With the national shift to attainment, how do we show that PE is more than this to SLT/Exec Teams?**

Booking is to be made here: [PE Workshops and courses bookings](#)

Ian Roberts – pe.adviser@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

MPCT Cambridge Military Academy events for year 11 students



Open Days take place **every Friday** at the [Military Preparation College of Training](#) in Cambridge. These provide an opportunity for interested students/young people thinking of enrolling onto a course to learn more about the Military Preparation College of Training at Cambridge ACF, Waterbeach. Call 0303 0033677 to book places.

Keep in Touch Days will be held on 27 March, 1 May and 19 June 2026, 1 until 2.30pm, giving learners an opportunity to connect, get to know MPCT instructors and experience what MPCT is all about. Please email help@learningcurvegroup.co.uk to book a place.

Free webinars for parents and carers - Cyber choices and online safety



The Police are advertising two information sessions for parents and carers on Cyber Choices and Online Safety. They will outline some of the risks that children are facing online and how the Cyber Choices programme can support them.

[Cyber Choices - National Crime Agency](#)

The second session will provide tools and techniques to improve the cyber security of the whole family.

The events are suitable for parents/carers of children in Year 5 and above.

The events are free and details of how to book are on the following flyer: [Parents and carers cyber choices and online safety events flyer 2026](#)

Please do advertise these events to your school community.

2026 St Ives Community Information Day - request for youth organisation involvement

The event will take place on **Saturday 16 May** from 10am to 1pm in the Corn Exchange and Free Church - please share this with local organisations looking to promote their services, look for volunteers and meet with the St Ives community.

Please complete the [St Ives Community Information Day 2026 form](#) to register how you would like to be involved by **Friday 27 March**.

For more information, contact Charlotte Fincham at stivescares@stivestowncouncil.gov.uk

Win a chick hatching experience by designing a wildlife garden (PECT competition)



[Peterborough Environment City Trust](#) (PECT) Climate Education and The Happy Chick Company have partnered to give schools the chance to win a chick-hatching experience and 6-months free membership to the award-winning Climate Education platform.

Human activity is having an increasing impact on our natural environment, affecting not only wildlife but also our own health and wellbeing. By engaging children and young people with biodiversity, as the custodians of the future, we stand a better chance of protecting what we have and enhancing it so that it can thrive for generations to come.

All details about the competition and how to enter can be found here:

[Win a Chick Hatching Experience and 6-Months Free Climate Education Membership - Climate Education](#)

All of the entries will be displayed at a special exhibition at The Peterborough Cathedral in Spring 2026.

Designs should be scanned and submitted to Hello@climateeducation.co.uk before **2nd April 2026**. Please ensure that you keep the original artwork so we can arrange for this to be part of The Peterborough Cathedral display. All entries need to include the following information on submission:

Childs Name

Age

School

School Contact Name

School Contact Email

Fenland and Huntingdon: Music Live! Cambridgeshire Music



Music Live arrives summer 2026!

Cambridgeshire Music are bringing exciting, high-quality live music to schools across **Fenland and Huntingdonshire** from 15th June - 10th July.

What's on offer:

In-school concert – £150

Optional workshop from £40

Please note: workshops are only available when booking a live in-school performance.

For more details, please visit cambridgeshiremusic.org.uk/musiclive2026 or email cm@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Training and events

Training provider: CCC

SIS – Leading Improvements in Phonics – Core Offer tab

For Phonics and early reading leads, English subject leaders and Year 1 teachers – A focus for this training will be the administration of the PSC. **Wednesday 22 April 2026** 1.30pm until 4pm – Over Community Centre. £75 per person for LA schools and £85 per person for Cambridgeshire academies, out of county schools or independent schools.

SIS - Preparing for Assessment – Core Offer tab

For Headteachers, Deputy Headteachers and Assessment Leads – A focus for this training will be the IDSR. Monday 23 March 2026 9.30am until 12pm – Over Community Centre OR Tuesday 24 March 2026 9.30am until 12pm – Online. £75 per person for LA schools and £85 per person for Cambridgeshire academies, out of county schools or independent schools.

SIS – Unpicking the end of KS2 TAF for Writing – English tab

For Year 6 teachers – The focus of this session will be register. Tuesday 24 March 2026 3.45pm until 5.15pm – Online. £65 per person for LA schools and £75 per person for

Cambridgeshire academies, out of county schools or independent schools.

[Developing an enabling environment in the outside area](#)

For Early years leaders, teachers, teaching assistants, and PVI staff. Wednesday 15th April 2026, 13.30 – 16.30, Sunley House, Papworth Everard. Members £32.50. Non-members £54

[Early Years Foundation Stage Profile Conversations](#)

For all school practitioners responsible for the end-of-year early years foundation stage profile (EYFS) profile assessments. Variety of dates in May and June 2026. Online. Free

[Introduction to making it REAL \(Raising Early Achievement in Literacy\)](#)

Practitioners working with families with children from two to five years old. Monday, 27 April 2026, 9.45 – 16.45, March Library or Monday, 15 June 2026 9.30 – 16.30, The Grove Primary School, Cambridge. £8 for Cambridgeshire settings and schools

[Getting the Most Out of Your Instrument Trolley Webinar \(Cambridgeshire Music\)](#)

For all staff delivering music and using instruments. Tuesday 19th May 2026. 16:00-17:00. £40 (or £20 when survey completed.)

[Planning and Progression in Primary Music Webinar \(Cambridgeshire Music\)](#)

For all staff who are designing a music curriculum and building progression into it. Wednesday 1st July 16:00-17:00 on Microsoft Teams. £40 (or £20 when the survey is completed)

Training provider: Diamond Education and Professional Learning

[Maths Subject Lead Day](#)

Primary Maths Subject Leads, 24th March 2026, 9:30 – 15:00
Face to Face Wintringham Primary, St Neots - £95

[Moderating Y2 Teacher Assessment](#)

Year 2 Teachers, 15th April 2026, 14:00 – 16:30
Face to Face Winhills Primary, St Neots - £60

[Moderating Y6 Writing](#)

Year 6 Teachers, 16th April 2026, 14:00 – 16:30
Face to Face Winhills Primary, St Neots - £60

Training provider: Science Learning East

[Science Technician Conference](#)

For Secondary science technicians. Thursday 21st May, 09.30 – 14.30. Venue: Sawtry Village Academy. £10

[Science Teacher Conference – Narrowing the Attainment Gap](#)

For Primary and Secondary teachers. Monday 06th July, 09.00 – 16.00. Venue: Astra Zeneca Discovery Centre, Cambridge. £50

Quick links

[SEND Information Hub \(Local Offer\)](#)

[SEND OAP toolkits - Learn Together](#)

[Cambridgeshire Learn Together](#)
[Cambridgeshire County Council](#)
[Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Teaching School Hub](#)
[Early Years, Childcare, and School Readiness Service](#)
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