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Cambridgeshire Schools Newsletter

Christmas HAF Programme: 21 - 31 December

The **Christmas HAF Programme** will run from 21 to 31 December 2026.

Children can access either a registered holiday scheme or a family experience (including swimming, skating, theatre, or a wildlife park visit) for up to 16 funded hours.

Pupils in receipt of **Targeted Free School Meals** are automatically eligible and will receive a voucher, including a booking code, by email and text on 9 November 2026.

Families experiencing financial hardship may also be eligible for funding by referral from their school or another professional. The professional referral form is open for requests **here**. Booking codes will be emailed from 9 November 2026 by the HAF Team.
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Please contact the HAF Team with any questions: **HAF@cambridgeshire.gov.uk**

Cycle maintenance workshops and bike safety checks for schools

Cambridgeshire County Council is offering fully funded cycle maintenance workshops and bike safety check visits to schools during the 2026/27 academic year. The programme helps schools promote cycle safety, active travel and independent travel skills. During visits, pupils take part in practical maintenance workshops covering bicycle safety checks, puncture repair and routine cycle maintenance. Free bike safety checks are also available for pupil and staff bicycles.

Schools interested in booking a day should email **activetravel@cambridgeshire.gov.uk** for more information.

Free programmes for schools on LGBTQ+ inclusion

The Kite Trust has launched a National Lottery-funded project supporting schools, families and local communities to better understand LGBTQ+ identity, and respond to rising levels of homophobia, biphobia and transphobia in Cambridgeshire. The 'Creating Supportive Environments' project offers free workshops, assemblies and one-to-one support for young people, helping schools to create more inclusive and understanding communities.

Go to the Kite Trust website to access free services to support LGBTQ+ inclusion in schools: **The Kite Trust Schools Programmes** or contact them at **create@thekitetrust.org.uk** to learn more.

Individual School Pupil Forecasts 2026

Here is a link to the individual school pupil forecasts:

Cambridgeshire Pupil Forecasts - Learn Together (cambslearntogether.co.uk)

Please download the forecasts and click 'Enable Editing' to allow the drop-down options to work. Your forecast is viewed by selecting your school's name from the drop-down list and clicking 'Enter'. The forecast sheet explains how to interpret these forecasts but if you have any questions, please email **Place Planning Referrals 0 - 19**

Letter to headteachers from Public Health re national infuenza (flu) immunisation programme for 2026-2027

Please find the letter to headteachers from Public Health below. The letter details how your school can help to ensure the best possible uptake of the 2026-2027 school influenza (flu) vaccination programme, and includes links to resources:

Public Health Influenza (flu) letter for schools 2026-2027

Important e-scooter safety information from CCC Road Safety education

Cambridgeshire Police are continuing to advise that the use of non-authorised e-scooters on public roads is not lawful. The only e-scooters that are permitted to be used are the official council schemes, which are unavailable to under 18-year-olds.

e-scooters are classified as motor vehicles and need to be fully compliant, with those riding having a driving licence and insurance. As you are unable to obtain e-scooter insurance they are not to be used on public roads or in public areas. Official schemes do have insurance in effect, and check driving licences.

There is an increasing number of collisions involving e-scooters, so this information is provided to safeguard the public.

Children are often at increased risk as they don't have the understanding of roads, lack experience etc. If stopped they could face a fine, penalty points and seizure of the e-scooter.
The team wishes to advise parents and carers to consider the risks involved in e-scooter use, and protect children by prohibiting their use. As Christmas approaches, the advice is that they are not suitable presents for use in public spaces.

The risk of fire during charging of private e-scooters can also cause serious human and physical harm.

For school staff - students may already be riding these unauthorised e-scooters onto school sites. If so, this is creating a risk of injury to other children or staff, as well as a potential fire risk. We strongly advise these are not to be stored on site due to the potential risk and harm they pose. Failure to do so could result in serious injury.

Cambridgeshire Police will be completing enforcement action in your community, including near to schools. Any person using an e-scooter will be stopped, have the vehicle seized and may face further legal action.

Please advise parents urgently via all communication channels. Please see the posters below:

CCC e-scooters and the law poster
CCC e-bikes poster

For more information and advice on e-scooters contact Casualty Reduction Officer, **PC Boddington**, Cambridgeshire Police.

For more Road Safety education advice, please contact: **Road Safety Education**

Updated School-age Childcare (SAC) guidance - allergy safety

The DfE have updated the **Delivering school-age childcare provision: non-statutory guidance for schools and trusts**, to strengthen the information on allergy safety in before- and after-school childcare.

The updated Food and Nutrition section makes clear that schools' arrangements for supporting pupils with allergies apply to SAC, including provision delivered by an external provider. Schools should ensure staff delivering food provision are included in allergy awareness training, are familiar with the school's allergy safety policy, understand how to recognise and respond to allergic reactions and anaphylaxis, and have access to appropriate medical equipment.

Should you require further support, please contact the Early Years, Childcare and School Readiness Service: **eycinfo@cambridgeshire.gov.uk**

Research invitation: Understanding the outcomes people hope to achieve through the

EHCNA process

Help us understand the outcomes that people hope to achieve through the EHCNA process – a short survey for schools and settings across Cambridgeshire

Cambridgeshire Educational Psychology Service is inviting school and setting staff to complete a short, five-minute survey about the outcomes they hope the Education, Health and Care Needs Assessment (EHCNA) process will achieve for children and young people. The survey is particularly relevant to SENCos, headteachers, senior leaders, inclusion leads, teachers and early years setting leaders involved in EHCNA decisions. Responses will help improve understanding of what drives EHCNA requests and may inform future service development and research in the context of national SEND changes. Staff can access the survey here: **Understanding the outcomes people hope to achieve through the EHCNA process survey form**
Participants may also choose to leave their details to hear about optional follow-up focus groups. Find out more from the participation poster linked to below:

Cambridgeshire Educational Psychology Service Participation poster

Year 11 at risk of becoming NEET - new referral via Establishment Portal

To ensure timely support for young people at risk of becoming Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET), all referrals for Year 11 students should be submitted using the Risk of NEET Referral Form available within the new Establishment Portal – form to request access if needed. **CCC Liquidlogic Establishment Portal - New User Request Form – Fill in form**

During the transition period, the existing Microsoft Forms referral option remains available. However, schools are encouraged to use the Establishment Portal wherever possible, as this will streamline the referral process and support more efficient case management by the Youth Progression Service.

For more details contact Mark Cowdell, Youth Progression and Transitions Manager **mark.cowdell@cambridgeshire.gov.uk**

Private Fostering Awareness Day (4 November) - letter to schools from CCC Fostering and Family Time Service

The Fostering and Family Time Service has asked us to share this letter to schools about Private Fostering Awareness Day (see below):

Private Fostering Awareness Day letter to schools

Schools play an important role in identifying and safeguarding children who may be living away from their birth parents. The letter provides information about private fostering,

highlights the importance of identifying children who may be living in private fostering arrangements, and signposts colleagues to the training and support available.

Private Fostering Awareness Day and **Free Online Event on 4 November** aims to improve understanding of private fostering and the role that professionals, including school staff, play in identifying and supporting children living in these arrangements.

Physical Education for ECTs and inexperienced primary school teachers

Approximately 28% of primary school teachers feel unqualified to teach PE, and over 75% report anxiety regarding activity safety (such as gymnastics or apparatus work). Many ECTs receive limited PE-specific training during their Initial Teacher Education leaving them with very superficial levels of knowledge and low confidence. This has the potential to leave children with low quality, unsafe experiences of PE.

The PE service runs a very successful one day workshop - **Physical Education for ECTs and inexperienced teachers - 05 November 2026**

This course is for ECTs and those teachers who have not taught PE for a while in the primary phase who want to develop their understanding of the PE Curriculum, health and safety implications and how to deliver high quality PE.

Book here: **Physical Education courses and workshops**

If you have any questions about support for inexperienced teachers, or indeed any aspect of PE then please do not hesitate to contact me. We should be your first port of call

Ian Roberts (**pe.adviser@cambridgeshire.gov.uk**)

Cambridgeshire Music Schools and Settings CPD Conference



Cultivating Musical Excellence: From Curriculum to Culture - Building Exceptional Musical Experiences for All
29 June 2027, 9.30am-3.30pm | Cambridgeshire Music, Histon

Open to music and non-music specialists, this conference will feature keynote speakers, primary, secondary and SEND workshops, and consideration of forthcoming National Curriculum developments. The day will explore how high-quality curriculum design and a strong musical culture can create exceptional musical experiences for all young people. Tickets go on sale 9 November: £75 early bird (until February half-term), then £95. Book via the **Cambridgeshire Music website**

Training and events

Training provider: CCC

Physical Education for ECTs and inexperienced teachers

Audience- This course is for ECTs, and those teachers returning to the profession in the primary phase who want to deliver high-quality PE. EYFS, KS1 & KS2.
5 November 2026 – 9.30am-3.30pm, Papworth Village Hall
£140 for Cambs maintained schools, £162 for Cambs academies and non-Cambs schools

Supporting Physical Education for TAs and adults supporting learning
Audience-This course is ideal for Primary, Special and Secondary School teachers who teach Physical Education.
24 November 2026 – 1.30pm-3.30pm, online
£60 for Cambs maintained schools, £54 for Cambs Academies and non-Cambs schools

Inspiring leadership in PE programme
Audience: This package is ideal for Primary, and Special School teachers who lead Physical Education
02/12/26,27/01/27, 24/02/27, 41/03/27 & 05/05/27. All online - 1.30pm-3.30pm.
£54 for Cambs maintained schools, £60 for Cambs Academies and all non-Cambs schools (£270 (LA) or £300 Non-LA) if booked 'en bloc'

New to Leading PSHE in Primary & Special Schools
3rd November 2026, 9.30am-4.30pm. Armstrong House, Huntingdon. OR
18th May 2027, 1.30pm-3.30pm. Online
Online: £40 for Licence holders of the Primary Personal Development Programme, £55 for non-licence holders. Face to face: £115 for Licence holders of the Primary Personal Development Programme, £140 for non-licence holders
Audience: New/existing PSHE leads

PSHE Network Meeting for Primary & Special Schools
10th November 2026 OR 18th November 2026, 2.30pm-4.30pm. Online. AND
11th May 2027, Stanton House, Huntingdon OR 19th May 2026, Sunley House, Papworth Everard, 2.30pm-4.30pm.
Schools attend one in the Autumn term and one in the Spring term.
Free for Cambridgeshire Subscribers to PSHE Wellbeing Subscription, £50 for Peterborough and all other schools
Audience: PSHE leads

PSHE & Personal Development: Preparing for Ofsted
12th November 2026, 1.30pm-3.30pm OR 17th March 2026, 1.30pm-3.30pm Online
£40 for licence holders of the Primary Personal Development Programme, £55 for non-licence holders.
Audience: PSHE Subject Leaders and/or senior leaders at primary, secondary and special schools.

Quick links

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SEND OAP toolkits - Learn Together
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