The Council’s **Education Capital Team** have handed over some exciting capital expansion and improvement projects over the summer holiday period.

The minor works summer programme included:

- Kitchen upgrades at 6 schools
- Replacement of the flat roofs at Meridian Primary School, Comberton and Priory Park Infant School, St Neots
- Internal condition works at Barnabas Oley C of E Primary School in Great Gransden, Stilton C of E Primary School and Westwood Primary School in March
- Internal remodelling and safety works at Harbour School Special School in Wilburton
- Internal remodelling works to provide 1:1 rooms at Duxford Primary School
- Extension to the car park at Spring Common Special School in Huntingdon
- Renewal of ceilings containing asbestos (under controlled conditions) and in other specific areas at St Helen’s Primary School in Bluntisham

Support for Early Years provision included:

The Council contributed £500k towards an extension to the existing Peckover Primary School in Wisbech, to provide a ‘nurture base’ offering 104 early years places, a breakfast and after school club. The project, which was managed by the Brooke Weston Trust, will operate for 48 weeks of the year with a holiday camp running outside of term time.

The team also helped re-locate the Seesaw Pre-School in Cambridge to its temporary location in advance of the major rebuild planned for the East Barnwell Community Centre.

Larger scale Primary School projects included:
Expansion of Bellbird Primary School in Sawston, from 330 places (1.5 form of entry (FE)) to 2 FE (420 places). The new building extension included 5 x classrooms, extension of atrium and remodelling of an existing classroom to provide a practical room. There were three new classes and two existing classes moved from temporary mobile accommodation into permeant classrooms.

The £2.4m project was delivered by Jeakins Weir and overseen by the Council’s Project Managers, Faithful & Gould.

Expansion of Barrington Church of England Primary School from 1FE (210 places) to 2FE (420 places). The new building extension included three new classrooms, pupil toilets and cloakrooms, dual purpose ICT and After School Club Room, Library Space, Group Room, Staff toilets and other ancillary spaces.

The £3m project was delivered by Coulsons Building Group and overseen by the Council’s Project Managers, Faithful & Gould.
Support for Secondary School provision included:

Expansion at Chesterton Community College from 6FE to 8FE. The expansion includes a new two storey purpose designed ‘gateway’ building to provide a new main entrance and reception facility, atrium ‘break-out’, main hall, dining hall, kitchen and art classrooms. The new two storey building was constructed on the site of the existing car park and linked to the original older 1930’s teaching wings.

In addition, an existing single storey block has been replaced with a new two storey building, which would be part of the new ‘gateway’ building and complete the link between the two sides of the school campus. This block provides science and refuse storage on the ground floor and graphics, storage and textiles on the first floor.

The £10m project was delivered by Willmott Dixon Construction and overseen by the County Council’s Project Managers, Faithful & Gould.
The Council contributed £2m to Sawtry Village Academy to help address serious health, safety and wellbeing issues, which had arisen following the exceptional circumstances resulting from the failings in leadership, which began before the school became an academy. These have now been addressed by the construction of a new three storey block including 18 general teaching classrooms. The previous English and Languages building will be demolished during the autumn term. The project was delivered and managed by Cambridge Meridian Academies Trust with £600k from Section 106 contributions and £1.1 million from the trust.

On 4th September the new Northstowe Secondary College will open its doors to pupils. For the first month it will be operating out of the Pathfinder Primary School. Phase 1a of the secondary school will be ready for occupation in early October, where pupils will move into the new building and enjoy the benefits of a multipurpose hall / theatre space and drama studios, a sports hall large enough for four badminton courts, a gym, two dance studios, and an all-weather floodlit football pitch. Phase 1b of the secondary school will be open in spring 2020.

The completed first phase of the secondary school will initially provide places for up to 600 pupils aged 11-16 and will be run by Cambridge Meridian Education Trust. It will then be extended in two further phases to 1,200 and finally 1,800 pupils. The timing of these phases will be dependent upon the pace of housing development and demand for places from families moving into the catchment
area. The Special Educational Needs Free School is anticipated to open in Easter 2020. The completed education campus will eventually also contain a Post 16 provision and a primary school.

The £45m project to deliver phase one of the secondary school and the SEN school is being delivered by Kier and overseen by the Council’s Project Managers, Faithful & Gould.