



The Icknield Primary School and Pippins Preschool

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Friday 12th June 2026

Diary Dates	
June	15 th – Non-Uniform day (for pupils who bring in Summer fete contributions) 19 th – FIPS Summer fete 24 th – Y4/Y5/Y6 visit to Stapleford Granary 26 th – School Closed (Staff Training Day) 29 th – Sports Day
July	1 st – Y6 Transition Day to Sawston Village College 1 st – R2026 Getting to Know You session 1 2 nd – R2026 Getting to Know You session 2 3 rd – Y6 trip to Felixstowe 7 th – Y6 visit to SVC to see ‘Oliver’ 7 th – 13 th – Travelling Book Fair 14 th & 15 th – Y6 Summer Production (6pm) 17 th –Y6 Leaver’s Assembly (9:30am)
September	Thursday 3 rd – Pupils return to school



FIPS Summer Fair

The FIPS team are busily working away on final preparations for the summer fair next week. They have all sorts of plans for all sorts of exciting and fun activities for everyone to join in. The fair will run from 5:00 – 7:30pm on the school field and entry is free of charge.



Monday 15th June will be a non-uniform day for children who bring in a contribution towards the fair. FIPS are asking for donations of sweets and pre-loved teddies please!
Thank-you!



SchoolGrid – new lunch system

The new system lunch ordering system will be going live next week. Can we please ask that you register as soon as you receive your email from SchoolGrid. Thank you.

Water Safety Assembly

This week, the children enjoyed a visit from a water safety expert, from Cambridgeshire County Council, who taught them some very important lessons about staying safe near water.

He explained that **SAFE** stands for **Stay Away From the Edge**, reminding everyone to keep a safe distance from rivers, lakes, canals, and other open water.

The children also learned that open water can be extremely cold. If someone falls in, the shock of the cold water can make it difficult to breathe and can quickly lead to danger.

Mr Richardson shared some important advice about what to do if they ever fall into water. He encouraged them to **float on their back in a starfish shape, stay calm, shout for help, and try not to panic** until help arrives.

If they see someone in difficulty in the water, they should call **999** immediately and ask for the Coastguard if they are near the coast, or the Fire and Rescue Service if they are inland.



The session was both informative and engaging, and the children learned valuable skills that could help keep them safe around water.

Sports Day

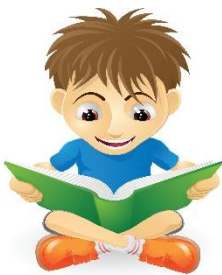
We are very excited about Sports Day which takes place on Monday 29th June. Children will take part in a range of events including some running races, some jumping games and even some fun dressing up events. KS1 events will take place during the morning from 9:30am onwards and KS2 from 1:30pm. Parents are encouraged to come along to watch their children enjoying the activities. Children should come to school in their PE kits on the day ready for the events. As a reminder, PE kits are a plain white t-shirt and black shorts with trainers. No football kits please.



Each child will be provided with a coloured band on the day to represent their house team.

We are hoping that the weather will be warm and sunny, so please remember to provide your child with a water bottle, sun hat and apply suntan lotion before school. Should this change, we will let you know as early as possible should it be necessary to cancel.

Book Amnesty



We have been having a tidy of our much-loved library area and are growing a little concerned about the number of new books that have not been returned. We were recently very fortunate to receive some books from the FIPS team as well as other local companies who clearly want to encourage our readers, but if the books are not returned to school then children cannot read the new titles. Could we therefore kindly ask that you check under beds, in the boots of your cars, in the bottom of book bags – anywhere where you might find schoolbooks that you didn't know you had. Could we please ask that you return any books that you locate so that the library can be re-stocked. Thank you.

Ducklings trip to Botanic Gardens



Ducklings had a wonderful visit to the Botanic Gardens in Cambridge earlier this week. They attended a fantastic educational workshop where they identified different plants, trees and flowers. They went bug hunting, made their own bookmarks using flowers from the gardens, explored the glass-houses, and hugged the tallest tree in Cambridge-a Giant red-wood! The children behaved beautifully and were such a credit to the school!
Well done Ducklings!



Foxes trip to Cadbury's World

Year 4 had a wonderful visit to Cadbury World this week. They went on a tour around the factory, which began with a journey through a Mayan cocoa forest where cocoa beans originate from. They then continued through the journey of a bean becoming a bar of chocolate. They were able to temper some chocolate themselves.



Reception 2026

We are looking forward to welcoming parents of our new Reception class to school on Wednesday evening next week. This is the first of many induction sessions for our new ducklings and their families and we are looking forward to getting to know them all and their children.

National Thank a Teacher Day



The UK-wide celebration of all teaching and support staff is back. National Thank a Teacher Day will be celebrated on Wednesday 17th June! As always, we will be celebrating all the amazing teaching and support staff in our school - from the dinner helpers to the teaching assistants and support staff. They deserve the spotlight for everything they do to keep things running smoothly.

Want to make someone's day? If you know a special teacher, dedicated support staff member or even a whole school team, let them know how grateful you are by sending a free e-card on the Thank a Teacher website.

With celebrations across the UK get involved on social media using the hashtag #Thanka-TeacherDay. There will be plenty of exciting updates ahead of the day, so don't forget to follow Thank a Teacher to hear the latest on competitions, giveaways and celebrity shout outs.

Premier Holiday Camps

Premier will be running their helpful holiday camps at Bellbird Primary School during the summer holidays. For more information and bookings please click on the link below:

<https://www.premier-education.com/holiday-clubs/>

Cambridge City FC - CITYFEST

CITYFEST Returns for 2026 – Bigger, Better, and Back This June

Following the huge success of its debut year, CITYFEST is back for 2026 – and is shaping up to be even bigger and better.

Taking place from **Wednesday 17th to Sunday 21st June 2026** at Cambridge City Football Ground CITYFEST will once again become a vibrant hub of football, community, entertainment and celebration. Last year's inaugural festival exceeded all expectations, bringing together supporters, families, local businesses and the wider community for an unforgettable week of events;

- Wednesday 17th June Quiz (7:30pm)
- Thursday 18th June Bingo (7:30pm)
- Friday 19th June Corporate Funday (1:00pm)
5 a-side football tournament (4:00pm)
Fun Fair, Beer & Music festival (5:00pm)
- Saturday 20th June Youth 5 a-side football tournament (9:00am)
Community Fun Day (2:00pm)
Fun Fair, Beer & Music Festival (5:00pm)
- Sunday 21st June Youth 5 a-side football tournament (9:00am)
Church Service (10am)
Fun Fair

For More details click here [CITYFEST 2026 | CCFC](#)