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Friday 9th October 2026

Diary Dates	
October	14th – 16th – Year 6 residential at Burwell House 14th – Year 1 and Year 2 Flu vaccination catch up session 15th – Year 5 Class assembly (9:15am) 20th – Uniform Grab & Go 22nd – Year 6 Class Assembly (9:15am) 22nd – FIPS disco w/c 26th – Half-term holiday
November	2nd – Staff Training Day 3rd – Pupils return to school 3rd & 4th – Parent/Teacher Consultations 5th – Y5 to Cambridge Central Mosque 6th – 10th – Travelling Book Fair 12th – FIPS KS1 Movie Night 13th – Y3 to Whipsnade Zoo 13th – Children in Need 16th/17th – Mrs Tarrant Mindfulness Sessions 17th – FIPS KS2 Movie Night 19th – KS2 Into Film trip to SVC 20th – Staff Training Day

Class Cafés

There were many Year 2 parents at the Year 2 class café this week. Mrs Ireland talked about the importance of writing and punctuation. The children wrote sentences about The Ugly Duckling part of the Tiny Concerts show they had seen last week.

Tiny Concerts

We are sure that the children told you all about the wonderful Tiny Concerts show that our friends at Stapleford Granary put on for us last week. It was an incredible show, and the children thoroughly enjoyed the puppets which were accompanied by a marvellous string quartet. The puppets re-enacted 3 of Hans Christian Anderson's famous stories, The Ugly Duckling, The Emperor's New Clothes and The Nightingale.

Thea, Year 6 said *"I enjoyed it because it was interactive and fun. The content was amazing – I also liked the design; it was very detailed."*

Harvest Festival

Thank you to everyone who made donations to this year's Harvest Festival. There were a large number of items such as soups, biscuits and pasta all of which were taken down to our friends at John Huntingdon's Charity for them to add to their Food Bank resources.

The Rev Waite visited us and told the children all about wonky vegetables and how they taste just as nice as 'normal' shaped items. She asked the children to be grateful for the food they have and to try to avoid waste whenever we can. There really is enough food to go around!

School Photographer

The school photographer was in on Tuesday this week.



We are using a new photographer this time. We hope that you like the images that they have taken.

Each child was photographed with their own unique QR code, which they will have brought home with them. You will need these to create an account on their online ordering website. Once registered, you can also sign up to receive an email notification when the photographs are available to view and order.

Please note that the photographs will be available to view and order approximately 10–15 working days after the photography session.

Parents evening – Booking now open!

Parent/Teacher consultations take place on Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th November. Please ensure that you make a10-minute appointment to meet your child's class teachers from 3:40 – 6:00pm on either day. If you have more than one child in our school, please remember to factor in some time between each of your appointments.

Bookings can be made via your MCAS account – please click on the parents evening button on the menu bar on the left hand side of the dashboard.

Bookings will close at midnight on Sunday 1st November.

Musician of the Month



We are studying the career and music of Stevie Wonder in music at the moment. Stevie Wonder is an American singer-songwriter, musician and record producer. He is widely regarded as one of the most influential musicians of the 20th century, and is credited as a pioneer and influence by musicians across a range of genres that include R&B, pop, soul, gospel, funk, and jazz. Blind since shortly after his birth, Wonder was a child prodigy who signed with Motown's Tamla label at the age of 11, where he was given the professional name Little Stevie Wonder. This year is the 50th anniversary of the release of his album "Songs in the key of Life" which is widely regarded to be one of the greatest albums in popular music, and included songs such as "Isn't She lovely", "Sir Duke" and "Pastime Paradise".

Burwell House

Year 6 are very excited about their residential trip to Burwell House next week. The class will be away from school from Wednesday 14th – Friday 16th October. This will be a great opportunity for them to build relationships with each other and to take part in some fantastic team building activities. We look forward to hearing all about it on their return.

Secondary School Applications

Applications for secondary schools for 2027 intake are open. The deadline for making your application is 31 October 2026, and National Offer Day is 1 March 2027

Applications submitted after 31st October will be classed late and will receive an offer on 23rd April 2027.

Applications can be made online, using the link below;

https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/schools-learning/apply-for-a-school-place/secondary-school

Parent survey

We value your views and would like to hear about your experience of our school. Whether it is how we communicate with you, support your child(ren), or work with families more broadly, your feedback helps us understand what we are doing well and where we can make improvements. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey using this link Edurio

Alongside a simultaneous staff survey and a survey of pupils, your feedback will provide key information for individual schools and the Anglian Learning trust leadership team to inform our ongoing self-evaluation and development activities.

The survey will close on Friday 23 October.
Thank you in advance if you are able to take some time to contribute.

Half-term activities

Football Fun Factory

Dave and the Football Fun Factory team are holding some Football Fun Camps at Sawston Village college during half-term. Children from 5 – 12 years old can get involved, make new friends and have fun!!

Camps run from 9:00 – 3:30pm Wednesday 28th – Friday 30th October. Click below to make your booking;

https://booking.thefootballfunfactory.co.uk/event/5028