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Friday 27th February 2026

Weekly Round-up

Term Times

Celebrating Our Silver Artsmark Award!

We are delighted to announce that our school has been awarded the Silver Artsmark, a national accolade that recognises schools committed to embedding high-quality arts, culture, and creativity into every aspect of school life.

This achievement reflects the enthusiasm, imagination, and hard work of our entire school community. From vibrant classroom projects to ambitious whole-school productions, our pupils have embraced the arts with curiosity and confidence. Behind the scenes, our dedicated staff have worked tirelessly to expand creative opportunities, build partnerships with artists and organisations, and ensure that the arts remain a central part of our curriculum.

The Silver Artsmark celebrates not only what we have achieved so far, but also our ongoing commitment to helping every young person discover their creative voice. We are incredibly proud of this milestone and excited to continue enriching our arts provision even further.

A huge well done to all our pupils, staff, families, and community partners who contributed to this success. This award belongs to all of us—and we can't wait to keep growing, creating, and celebrating together.



**Artsmark
Silver Award**
Awarded by Arts
Council England



Make A Difference Day

We had a fabulous event last year where we made a significant improvement to our children's environment with the help of some amazing volunteers and the support of a fabulous PTA – If you would like to be involved this year please Save the Date – Saturday 18th April and drop Mrs Heather mheather@bpa.act-academytrust.org letting her know your skills you are able to offer and whether you are able to offer a morning an afternoon or a full-day.

Hockey Win!

On Tuesday, 14 Year 5 and 6s played to victory at the Quicksticks Hockey Tournament, run by Hunts School Sports Partnership. It was a fantastic day of great skills, teamwork and sportsmanship against some tough teams. Our B team played and won three games, while our A team played 4 and won 3. Both teams, however, went on to win the tournament winning their games in the semis and final. Huge congratulations to the players on the double win!



Epilepsy Awareness day

We are pleased to let you know that we will be holding an Epilepsy Awareness Day on Thursday 26th March. To help us mark this important day, children are invited to wear a purple accessory—this could be a hat, socks, badge, scarf, hair accessory, or anything small in purple—to show their support. We are kindly asking for a £1 donation, which will go towards supporting The Rowland family's charity fundraising. Your contributions will help raise awareness and provide valuable support for those affected by epilepsy. Thank you, as always, for your generosity and community spirit.

Year 6 Rotary Club Annual Quiz

Oisin, Harry E, Zac, Tom W, Hetty, Ivy, Seb, Archer and Bella were selected to represent Buckden School at the Huntingdonshire Rotary Club Annual Quiz. The children had to work as a team to answer 3 rounds of questions on: Things they learn at School, Things they Learn outside of School, Our World and Other Places. They were competing against 6 other teams from across Huntingdonshire and we were very impressed with their knowledge. We are proud to announce that they finished in joint 2nd place, earning £100 for our school.



World Book Day

It's World Book Day on Thursday, 5th March. We are asking the children to dress up as words. Please ask them to include the actual word as part of their costume. For example, if they are "sparkling" to create a sign that says "sparkling" on their costume. And, of course, we're looking forward to your costume, too!



Year 6 English Challenge
On Wednesday, Florence, Scarlett, Jonah and Annabel from Year 6 represented our school at the Year 6 English Challenge. This event took place at Little Paxton School and was just one of the heats which are being held across the county this term. The team were competing against 5 other schools in the local area and had to answer English based questions on authors, books, characters in both classic and current literature, as well as basic skills questions in using punctuation and grammar, spelling, word meanings and word puzzles. We are exceptionally proud to report that our team finished in joint First Place and have now guaranteed themselves a place in the County Final which is being held on 16 March.

Parking- We're really pleased to see the traffic wardens out front, helping to keep our children safe.

However, we have received further complaints from local residents regarding unsafe and inconsiderate parking. Please ensure you park responsibly to keep everyone safe and to respect our neighbours.

Koinonia for Year 3 and EYFS will take place on the last day of term, Thursday 27th March, starting at 2:30pm.

We warmly invite you to come into school to share and celebrate the children's learning from this term. This is a lovely opportunity to look through their work, talk to them about what they've enjoyed, and see the progress they've made.

Once you have finished looking at your child's work, you are welcome to take them home a little earlier for the end of term.

Please note that if you have children in other year groups, they will remain in class and will be dismissed at the usual time of 3:15pm, as their Koinonia sessions will take place on different days.

We look forward to welcoming you into school and hope you enjoy seeing all the fantastic learning the children have been doing.

Mrs Wall is launching a fun and engaging Maths Club for Year 4 this Monday after school.

The club will run from 3:15pm to 4:15pm, and is now available to sign up for on Arbor.

This club will focus on practical, hands-on maths activities that explore a wide range of mathematical skills. Across the four sessions, children will take part in enjoyable tasks designed to strengthen their understanding of the four operations, develop number sense, and build confidence in measuring skills—all set within real-life, meaningful scenarios.

We hope the children enjoy this exciting opportunity to explore maths in a practical and creative way.

Our Forest School is getting ready for lots of muddy, splashy outdoor fun — and we'd love your help! Mrs Lanwarne, who is currently training for her Forest School qualifications, is looking for any outgrown wellies, waterproofs, or woolly hats you may be able to donate.

If you have any spare items at home, we'd be delighted to give them a second life. These extras help make sure every child can enjoy outdoor learning in all weathers.

Donations can be dropped off at the school office at any time. Thank you for supporting Mrs Lanwarne and our Forest School adventures!



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ART EXHIBITION

3pm. Come and support your local young artists

2026

Conference

For parent carers of children and young people
with SEND, and supporting professionals

10 MARCH 2026
9:30AM TO 2:15PM

FREE
ADMISSION



- ✧ **The Burgess Hall**, Westwood Road St Ives, Cambridgeshire PE27 6WU
- ✧ **Marketplace (drop in)** open from **11am to 2:15pm** - support, information and advice from local services
- ✧ **Book** your free place: **www.pinpoint-cambs.org.uk/events** or **scan the QR code**

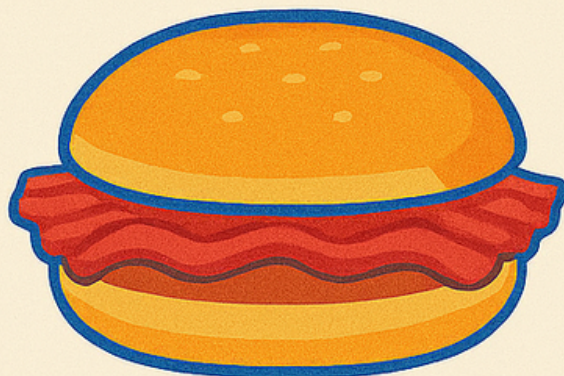


Pinpoint Cambridgeshire's Annual Conference – a day packed with expert speakers, practical workshops and useful resources empowering families and supporting parent carers across the county.

✧ **A day to connect, learn and feel less alone.**

BACON OR SAUSAGE

BAPS



**A TREAT FOR PARENTS
AT DROP-OFF**

EVERY FRIDAY MORNING

8:30 — 8:50

**OUTSIDE THE KITCHEN GATES
NEXT TO THE OFFICE ENTRANCE**

£3.50

CARD ONLY





FRIDAY 20 MARCH, 7PM - LATE BUCKDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

**COME ALONG FOR A NIGHT FULL OF LAUGHS,
PRIZES AND BINGO FUN**

**£5 per ticket (includes 6 bingo books)
Pre-order your Dauber Pen for just £1.50**

LICENSED BAR AVAILABLE ON THE THE NIGHT



**Scan the QR Code to Purchase Tickets
and pre-order your Dauber Pen
All money raised goes to enhancing
the childrens education experience**



Live it - Eco Fact

Earth's air gets cleaned
by... plankton!

Tiny ocean plankton
make more than half of
the oxygen we breathe
—way more than trees
do.

Live it - Eco Fact

Flamingos aren't pink when
they're born.

They turn pink because they
eat algae and shrimp
(nature's version of eating
too many cheesy Wotsits!).



Check out 'Everything
Enviromental' on the website for
plant based recipe. [click here!](#)

Live it - Eco Fact

Trees talk to each other!

Trees send secret
messages underground
using a "wood-wide web"
of fungi—kind of like
nature's own Wi-Fi.

**Catch Up on Past
Newsletters**



What's going on locally? click here to find out

Homework

Talk

Linking learning from the classroom to life at home can
help to improve language and communication skills.
We will continue these discussions in class next week.

EYFS

Year 1

Year 2

Year 3

Year 4

Year 5

Year 6



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