

July

Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers

As you were made aware, Queen Emma had its Ofsted inspection carried out on 29th and 30th June. This follows an inspection in October 2022 that was deemed 'unreliable' by Ofsted itself and that was subsequently removed from public access as a result. I am pleased to report that our most recent experience was more positive for staff and children and we feel it was a true reflection of life in our school. Whilst we cannot share the results until the final report is published, I would like to say the biggest 'thank you' on behalf of all staff for your perpetual support and words of encouragement (both written and verbal) that have helped us to stay positive and determined throughout this time. This is just a small gesture that represents the enormous appreciation that we have felt from our parenting community, our wider community and indeed nationally. I think this shows what a remarkable place Queen Emma is.

Despite the twists and turns of this academic year, the staff in our school have strived to remain focused on school improvement and have not lost sight of the purpose of our work – educating and nurturing your children, together with you. We hope that this newsletter will show you that in spite of the storm, we have held our heads high to continue to educate your children to the best of our abilities.

The end of the summer term has been adventurous, active and enjoyable, whilst also filled with new learning milestones for our children. It was lovely to see so many families who were able to attend our sports days. This was a great mixture of team work and healthy competitive spirit. It is a time when our house teams are always willing to show their sportsmanship and camaraderie by taking part in class activities and earning valuable points for their houses. This really was a wonderful coming together for everyone. There can only be one winner however, and it was Hawking house who managed to accumulate the highest scores for sports days this year in Key Stage 2 and Franklin for Reception and Key Stage 1! Well done to them, but also to all of our children who managed to fulfil all of our school values throughout the morning.

Autumn Term Opens
4th September 2023

Half Term
23rd October to
27th October 2023

Staff Training Day
30th October 2023

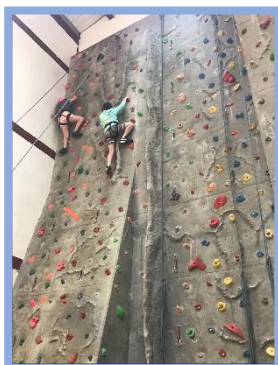
Autumn Term Closes
20th December 2023

Staff Training Days
4th January and
5th January 2024

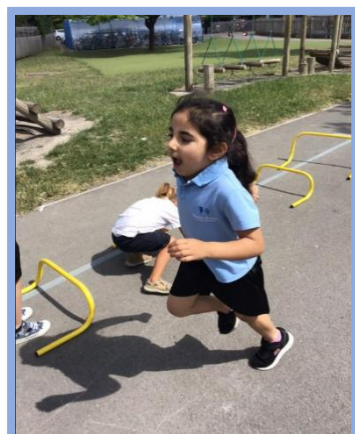
Spring Term Opens
8th January 2024



Year 6 challenged themselves through new adventures this half term, during their trip to Grafham Water over their three day residential. They put both their indoor and outdoor pursuit skills to the test by getting involved in activities such as mountain biking, archery and climbing the high ropes that tested everyone's resolve. Strategic thinking, communication and great teamwork skills also came into play when the children had to build their own raft and create a successful vessel that would not only float on water, but also take their entire crew. The children had a thoroughly enjoyable time, whilst also achieving new things that they had never tried before. We hope that they transfer these skills with them as they move to secondary school.



As we draw to the end of the year, it is an opportune time to reflect upon the beginnings of life at school for our Reception children, who have now been with us for a year, and also to those who will be reaching the end of their primary school experience in Year 6. We are proud of all of the children's achievements in the school, yet these year groups are particular milestones for all children and their families. Our Reception children have gained so much confidence and are well prepared to move on to a new year group and a new teacher. Year 6 went out with a 'bang' as they entertained us with their performance of 'What's the crime Mr Wolf?', that was a tale about how the traditional wolf in familiar fairy tales is often portrayed as 'the bad guy'. Year 6 showed us that everyone should have a fair trial and that wolves bring a great equilibrium to the ecology of our World. Thanks to the balanced argument they provided, our audience voted Mr Wolf 'not guilty' for the crimes he was accused of. As Year 6 enjoyed their end of year parties and celebratory assembly, we hope that we have prepared them for the next stage of their exciting school journey into secondary school and we wish them all the very best for their future endeavors. We know that amongst them there will be plenty of upcoming scientists, designers, sports people, entrepreneurs and even teachers. No matter which path they choose, we know that they will do it with our '7 Habits of effective learning' in mind. May they strive for their dreams and ambitions.





Whatever you may be doing this Summer, we hope that you enjoy it and on behalf of the school and the Federation, we would like to once again thank you for your enduring support this year. We look forward to welcoming our families from Years 1 to 6 back in school on **4th September 2023**.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Jarman
Executive Headteacher



Staff News

We will be saying a fond 'farewell' to Miss Chandler at the end of this term as she is re-locating to another part of the country. We wish her well for the future and want to thank her for all of her commitment to the children in her class this year. As you may be aware, Mrs Chetwynd is currently on maternity leave and her role will be filled by Miss Newman. For those of you who have seen Miss Strappelli recently, she will be leaving very early in the Autumn term to welcome her new arrival, as she commences her maternity leave. During this time, Miss Barnes will be the Early Years Foundation Stage Leader. New teaching staff joining us alongside Miss Newman will be Mr Ryan, Mrs Wilson and Ms Ahmed. We hope that they will be made to feel very welcome by everyone.

Class Move-Up Information – 2023/2024

We are pleased to provide you with information that tells you the teaching arrangements for the academic year 2023/2024.

Current Teacher	Current Class	Teacher 2023 / 24	Class 2023 / 24
		Mrs Aureol Layton (M, T, W) Mrs Sophie Elwood (W, Th, F)	Foxes Class
		Miss Sasha Barnes	Hedgehog Class
		Miss Lucy Coston	Owl Class
	Mixed Reception Class	Ms Humaira Ahmed	Dolphin Class
	Mixed Reception Class	Ms Sarah Halliwell (M, T, W) Miss Letitia Newman (W, Th, F)	Seahorse Class
	Mixed Y1 Class	Miss Emma Mertens (M, T, W, Th) Mrs Ann-Marie Cook (F)	Penguin Class
	Mixed Y1 Class	Mrs Maura Rutter	Polar Bear Class
Mrs Rachel Holman	Penguin Class	Mrs Sally Prosser-Betts (M, T, Th, F) Mrs Alison Turnbull-Jackson (W)	Macaw Class
Mrs Maura Rutter	Polar Bear Class	Miss Abbie Wilson	Toucan Class
Mrs Sally Prosser-Betts	Macaw Class	Mr Patrick Ryan	Kestrel Class
Miss Chloe Spillett	Toucan Class	Mrs Cath Hart (M, T, W) Mrs Alison Turnbull-Jackson (Th, F)	Falcon Class
	Mixed Y4 Class	Miss Chloe Spillett	Giraffe Class
	Mixed Y4 Class	Miss Susie Clark (M, T, W) Mrs Allyson Foster (Th, F)	Zebra Class
	Mixed Y5 Class	Mrs Rachel Hyde	Jaguar Class
	Mixed Y5 Class	Ms Marcy Osborne	Panther Class

School Uniform and PE Kit

Please do use the Summer holiday period to ensure that your child has the correct uniform and PE kit for school in September. To clarify the expectations, these are as follows:

School uniform:

Grey skirt, pinafore, trousers or shorts
Blue and white checked summer dress
Royal blue school sweatshirt or cardigan
Pale blue polo shirt
Black shoes
White, black or grey socks / tights
No jeans please

PE kit:

Children need plain black shorts and a white t-shirt. Depending on the weather, children will also need a tracksuit and trainers for outdoor games lessons. Children will continue to arrive in their PE kits, when it is their PE day.



Cubs



We have had another amazing term. Our stories and topic this term were 'Dinosaurs', 'Aliens Love Underpants', and 'Elmer and the Lost Teddy'. The children have experienced and been engaging in mark making with different types of media and have produced some amazing art work. The children really enjoyed making their own 'Elmer' by using the top of a milk bottle, glue and tissue paper cut into squares. The children also designed their own underpants and created some beautiful colourful Aliens.

Foxes

Foxes Class have been enjoying the familiar stories of 'The Billy Goat's Gruff', 'The Three Little Pigs' and 'The Rainbow Fish.' Through these storylines we have been learning about weight, size and capacity. We have made sturdy bridges, strong houses, ordered pig sizes and investigated full, empty, half full and half empty containers. We have also loved acting out the stories using character masks and joining in with repeated refrains. We have sequenced the stories and retold them using stick puppets in our class puppet theatre. We now wish all Foxes Families a lovely relaxing summer and thank you for your support over the year.



Hedgehog



This half term, the children in Reception loved our trip to The Raptor Foundation. They enjoyed a range of activities including dissecting owl pellets, looking at a variety of reptiles and watching a flying display! They were very excited to find out more information about the animals and came back to school, keen to share the facts they had learnt with others. Throughout the duration of the trip, children remembered our school rules 'Be Ready, Be Safe, Be Respectful' and made sure that they listened carefully to instructions. Well done Reception!

Owl

This half term, the children in Reception have been learning about different places around the world. We have looked at the desert, rainforest, farm, under the sea, cities and space! The children have completed a lot of challenges based on these areas including writing poems, diary entries, singing lots of different songs, junk modelling and playing with the small world set ups of these areas. One of their favourite activities was making rockets both with junk modelling and outdoors with the crates!





Dolphin



What a busy half term we have had! We have loved immersing ourselves in our topic, 'Food, Glorious Food'! We particularly loved learning about our five senses in science. We used our senses to touch, look, smell and taste different foods. We found that lemons were particularly sour! In Design and Technology, we designed, made and enjoyed a healthy picnic. We shared delicious snacks together with our friends outside. Thank you for your continued support and we wish you a very happy summer. Well done Dolphins!

Seahorse

'Food, Glorious Food' has been wonderful finale to our year. In English, we enjoyed writing our own imaginative versions of the Three Billy Goats Gruff story. We also had fun writing thank you letters to Sophie from the famous children's book, 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea'. We made masks pretending to be the greedy tiger! In Maths, we learnt to identify and add coins as well as how to use the language of time and tell the time to o'clock and half past the hour. We had a fantastic Design and Technology day making fruit and vegetable skewers. We designed our skewers, made them and finally ate and evaluated them. Good luck Seahorse Class in Year 2 and thank you for such a fun year!



Penguin



In Science, Penguin Class has really enjoyed looking at plants. We looked at seeds, naming their parts and what is needed for them to germinate. The children then planted some cress seeds and watched them grow. In Design and Technology we have had great fun designing and making puppets. They were really excited about sewing them and bringing their designs to life. During P.E we have focussed on target games and working together as a team. We used bean bags, hoops and balls for our activities; listening and sharing with each other the best ways to complete their tasks.

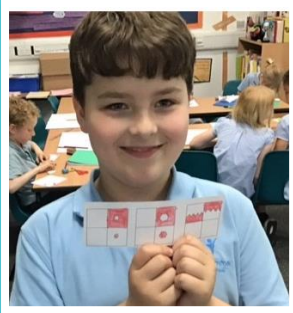
Polar Bear

We have really enjoyed our 'Journey to the East' and had great fun in Geography comparing Cambridge and Beijing. During Maths, we explored position, direction, mass, capacity and volume; we also completed our work on multiplication and division. In English, we wrote fantastic persuasive texts to encourage people to visit Beijing. We also enjoyed our topic day when we made tangrams and origami animals!





Macaw



It has been another busy term in Macaw Class learning all about plants. The children loved their visit to the Botanic Gardens and all the wonderful activities they were able to experience. In maths, the children have been learning all about fractions and the picture shows how creative they were in representing one-quarter. During English, the children have been learning all about poetry and rhyming structures and have amazed us with their creative ideas.

Toucan

Toucan Class have enjoyed writing their own poems this half term, and even visited the Botanic Gardens to consolidate their Science Unit. During their Art lessons, they have painted pictures in the style of Monet. What a fantastic term!



Falcon



Falcon Class have had a wonderful time finding out about the Golden Age of Islam. In Art we made geometric tiling patterns inspired by Islamic Art and in Design and Technology we investigated and made our own flatbreads with healthy toppings. Stories from another culture were written in English using a wide range of conjunctions and expanded noun phrases. We thoroughly enjoyed our trip to the stunning Mosque and found out lots about the Islamic religion. We also viewed the amazing patterns and calligraphy in the Mosque some of which were made in Turkey. Well done for a fantastic year, have a relaxing summer holiday!

Kestrel

Kestrel Class have had a superb end to the year! We have enjoyed learning about different cultures through our 'Golden Age Of Islam' topic. In English, the children have written stories about important characters and their magical powers that are not used for good intentions! Beautiful, geometric Islamic patterns have been carefully created in our art lessons and similar patterns were also spotted during our successful trip to the Cambridge Central Mosque. A variety of flatbreads have been tasted and given the seal of approval in our Design Technology lessons and the children have also worked incredibly hard on their recorder skills during music sessions. Kestrel Class have been amazing this year, enjoy the holiday and we look forward to the children returning as Year 5's!





Giraffe



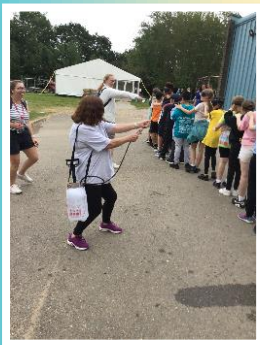
Our Ancient Egyptians unit was a highlight this term, where we explored their fascinating history and culture. The History off the Page day sparked our imaginations for our first English unit. Most recently we have written fantastic blogs uncovering the secrets of Tutankhamun's tombs. In Maths, we tackled equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages. It was impressive to see how well you grasped these concepts. In science, we experimented with materials and their properties, learning about dissolving, reversible, and irreversible changes. Well done Giraffe Class! Your enthusiasm, commitment, and growth this year have been exceptional.

Zebra

Zebra Class have had a half term that has been full of great experiences. We started with a fantastic visit from History Off The Page. The children relished the opportunity to take part in activities including; amulet making, soap carving and creating canopic jars. Through our topic of Ancient Egypt, the children have learnt about the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb. In English, the children travelled back in time to 1922 and created a modern day blog imagining they were part of the discovery. They have also really enjoyed performing as part of a group, copying and repeating simple rhythms during our djembe drumming music lessons.



Jaguar



We have had so many enjoyable moments throughout the year and this last half term has been no exception. With experiences such as BMX biking, Sports Day and our last Active Science lesson, we have certainly created some memories we will not forget. Perhaps the most impressive, was the Grafham experience where we all pushed ourselves to try skills we would not have otherwise. Hopefully, that will give us the courage to strive and challenge ourselves even more in the years to come. Well done to everyone for an amazing year.

Panther

While we spent a good deal of the term looking ahead towards our next year and the schools we will be going to in September, we have continued with some structured lessons designed to wrap up the half term. We learnt about volcanoes and earthquakes in Geography, Buddha and his teachings in RE and how to push the human body in Science. However, the most enthusiastic response came from our swimming lessons. We made our way to Queen Edith School weekly to enjoy a focused lesson in the pool. A treat for those warm summer days!





Queen Emma Primary School Parents, Staff and Friends Association (PSFA)



The PSFA are a group of parents, staff and friends of Queen Emma Primary School, focussed on developing a sense of community, organising events and raising funds to enrich the school environment.

Fundraising to benefit the school community

Outdoor Equipment: As you know, we are raising funds for equipment in the play areas. The new tables and benches which we have purchased should be arriving in school this week and will be in place in the back playground, ready for the start of the new school year! And the takings from the summer picnic have gone towards the updating of the outdoor area by the pond: this is going to be used as a 'forest' area for the children and we look forward to seeing it in action!

This term we were able to fund the Year 6 Leavers' books and party. We are sure they enjoyed a lovely party, and we hope that the books that the students have chosen will be lovely memories for them of their time at Queen Emma.

Looking ahead to next year, we are hoping to fund a shade sail for use during the summer months.

PSFA events

Bag2School: Thank you to all those of you who donated pre-loved clothing for the collection on 6th June!

Second Hand Uniform Sales: Thank you also to those who donated or purchased second-hand uniform via our online sales recently, and there will be an in-person sale before the end of term, in the back playground on Friday 16th July at 3.15pm.

PSFA Summer Picnic: We were delighted to host this much-loved annual event once again on Friday June 30th this year. Very many thanks to all those who supported the event, and for all the generous hard work, help and donations which we received, and which helped make the event such a great success. We were thrilled that so many families were able to join us, despite the grey weather, and it was lovely to see everyone enjoying themselves and having such fun. Thank you!

We were most grateful, also, for the generous sponsorship which the PSFA received for the event: our sincere thanks go to Bond Education Cambridge whose support helped fund the Premier Sport games and Bouncy Castle hire. Our takings from the picnic came to nearly £2,000 and the profits will go directly to purchasing equipment for the new 'forest area'.

Looking ahead:

Look out for the calendar when it is issued next term, as there are some much-loved PSFA events returning next school year, as well as some new initiatives, so do make sure these go in your diary!

We are especially excited that the Queen Emma PSFA Bake Sales are making a come-back; we haven't been able to host them since pre-Covid, so we are really looking forward to seeing them again! The current year 6 classes are

getting them going, with one of their final events this term: Queen Emma PSFA Bake Sale hosted by Year 6, back playground, Friday 16th July at 3.15pm.

For all these events to go ahead and run smoothly next year, we will need more volunteers to get involved! Please do get in touch with us; we would love to hear from you, however much/little time you can give:
queenemmapsfa@gmail.com

We wish you and your families a very happy summer holiday!
Queen Emma School PSFA



Get Activated

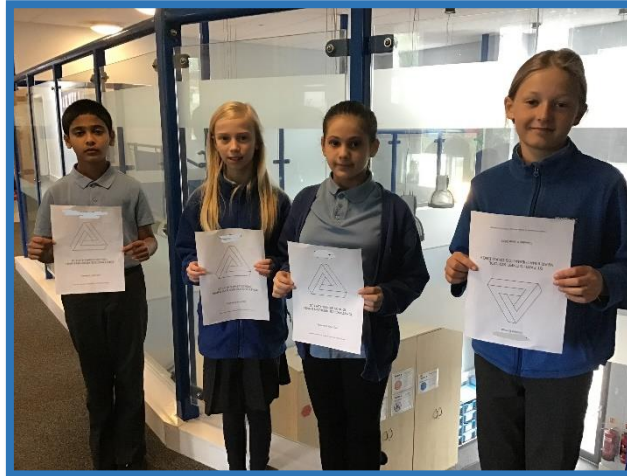
Families can 'Get Activated' with a summer of free or low cost activities

Families across Cambridgeshire can gear up for a summer of fun, with organisations joining forces to promote a range of enjoyable and healthy activities across the county.

The countywide campaign, Get Activated, is packed with free or low-cost activities to keep the whole family entertained throughout the summer months at a time when many household budgets are stretched. [Read more about the campaign](#)

Maths Challenge

Many congratulations to the four Year 6 children - Anya, Daria, Kshitij and Noah who represented Queen Emma in a Maths Challenge at St Faith's school on Tuesday 6th June. They should feel very proud of themselves as it as there were some tricky questions but they all persevered.



On Tuesday 11th July our team of four - Bowen, Meher, Qiao and William represented Queen Emma in the final of the Cambridge Maths Hub Year 5 Challenge. They worked really well together and demonstrated fantastic collaboration and communication skills! Here's what they said afterwards:

'I really enjoyed the memory round as we all had to work together to solve it.' Bowen

'It was really great fun because it challenged us!' Meher

'I enjoyed working as a team.' Qiao

'I preferred the relay round as I got to take all the answers to the box.' William

Well done to all of the children who have competed in Maths Challenges and represented Queen Emma this year.



Winning House 2022-2023

Congratulations to everyone at Queen Emma for earning a grand total of 849,993 house points across the year.

Congratulations to all our members of Newton House.

Newton House = 218176

Darwin House = 215183

Franklin House = 210544

Hawking House = 206090

Winning House – Summer 2

Congratulations to everyone who has earned house points this half term. Darwin House can enjoy their non-school uniform day on Monday 17th July.

Darwin House = 1400

Franklin House = 1316

Hawking House = 1305

Newton House = 1281

Pay 360 – School Payment System

Pay 360, our payment system for school meals and trips, will be obsolete from 31st July 2023. We are therefore moving to a new payment system, Parent Pay, which is provided by Schoolcomms. Information about setting up your account will be sent out to parents when we return to school in September.

With very best wishes,

The School Office Staff

School Lunch Menu Queen Emma - Autumn Term 2023

WEEK ONE					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
MAIN CHOICE	Breaded Fish Fingers (G) Garden Peas Oven Baked Wedges (G) Mixed Salad	Beef Lasagne (G/D) Garlic Bread (G/D) Green Beans Mixed Salad	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise/Beans /Cheese (G/D) Mixed Salad and Sweetcorn	Roast Chicken Roast Potatoes Broccoli, Carrots & Sweetcorn	Cheese & Tomato Pizza (G/D) Oven Baked Chips Baked Beans/Sweetcorn Mixed Salad
VEGETARIAN CHOICE	Cheese & Tomato Swirls (G/D) Garden Peas Oven Baked Wedges(G) Mixed Salad	Vegetable Lasagne (G/D) Garlic Bread (G/D) Green Beans Mixed Salad	Jacket Potato with Cheese and/or Baked Beans (D) Mixed Salad and Sweetcorn	Macaroni Cheese (G/D) Roast Potatoes Broccoli, Carrots & Sweetcorn	Cheese & Tomato Pizza (G/D) Oven Baked Chips Baked Beans/ Sweetcorn Mixed Salad
DESSERT	Fruit Crumble (G) Selection of Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Cherry Tiffin (G/D) Selection of Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Lemon Muffin (G/D) Selection of Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Fruit Jam Sponge (G/D/E) Selection of Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Raisin Cookie (G/D/E) Selection of Fresh Fruit Yoghurt

WEEK TWO					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
MAIN CHOICE	Beef Bolognaise Fusilli Pasta (G) Green Beans Mixed Salad	Homemade Chicken Pie (G/D) Mashed Potato Broccoli Mixed Salad	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise/Beans /Cheese (G/D) Mixed Salad and Sweetcorn	Roast Turkey Roast Potatoes Carrots & Sweetcorn	Chicken Goujons (G/D) Oven Baked Wedges (G/D) Baked Beans
VEGETARIAN CHOICE	Tomato & Vegetable Sauce Fusilli Pasta (G) Green Beans Mixed Salad	Homemade Vegetable Pie (G/D) Mashed Potato Broccoli Mixed Salad	Jacket Potato with Cheese and/or Baked Beans (D) Mixed Salad and Sweetcorn	Macaroni Cheese (G/D) Roast Potatoes Carrots & Sweetcorn	Vegetarian Dippers (G/D) Oven Baked Wedges (G/D) Baked Beans
DESSERT	Blueberry Muffin (G) Selection of Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Fruit Flapjack (G) Selection of Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Cherry Cookie (G/E) Selection of Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Vanilla Sprinkle Cake & Custard (G/D) Selection of Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Frozen Yoghurt (D) Selection of Fresh Fruit Yoghurt

This menu is subject to change due to supplier availability.

(D) contains Dairy, (G) contains Gluten. Children with D or G allergies will be offered suitable alternatives. If your child has special dietary needs please inform the school office.

Items cooked on the premises are cooked with reduced sugar wherever possible (e.g. the flapjack is sweetened with apple puree) and the portion sizes are child age appropriate.

The price of school meal is £2.50 per day for children in years 3 to 6. All children in Reception, years 1 and 2 are eligible for a meal free of charge under the universal infants free school meal scheme.

NORWICH CITY RDP

GIRLS FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT PATHWAY TRIAL SESSION - 2023/2024

GIRLS OPEN TRIAL SESSION

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT CENTRE
@ NORTHSTOWE SECONDARY COLLEGE

WHAT WE OFFER?

32 WEEK TRAINING SYLLABUS WHICH IS DESIGNED FOR
PLAYERS TO WORK ON ALL ASPECTS OF THEIR GAME

WHO FOR?

PLAYERS AGED BETWEEN 6 - 15 YEARS OLD (YEAR 1 - YEAR 10)

WHEN ARE THE TRAILS?

MONDAY 24TH JULY 2023 @ 5:00 - 6:30 PM - U6 TO U12

OR

WEDNESDAY 2ND AUGUST 2023 @ 5:00 - 6:30 PM - U13 TO U16

WHERE ARE THE TRAILS?

NORTHSTOWE SECONDARY COLLEGE, STIRLING RD,
NORTHSTOWE, CAMBRIDGE CB24 1DJ

PLEASE REGISTER YOUR INTEREST VIA THE QR CODE



REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

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