



May Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers

Now that the better weather has finally arrived, we are pleased to let you know that the children have been enjoying using the school playing field once again. We are already looking forward to our sports day and in the run up to this, the children will be practicing their sporting skills in a range of activities. We hope that you will be able to join us, so please expect more details to follow.

For our Year 6 children, this has been a very important term as they completed their statutory end of Key Stage 2 assessments. These assessments are designed to find out what children know and remember from their entire time at primary school. We know how hard the children have worked in the run up to these and how much effort they put into them. We are very proud of the way in which they took responsibility for themselves and supported each other through any ups and downs. Now that these are over, we hope that they can look forward with excitement to their upcoming residential and end of term leaver's party.

An avid group of children have been helping Mr Evans with our planting beds that are now springing into life. We are hopeful that they will bring us colour and wildlife opportunities, as well as produce. The children cleared the beds and have planted honeysuckle, perennials, fuchsias, artichokes and beetroot, to name a few. The children have thoroughly enjoyed getting their hands dirty and contributing positively to our school environment.



Year 1 children enjoyed their local visit to a church this half term, where they learned about the functions of this type of building for those who are Christian as well as the community activities they support. The children learned about the different parts of the church and how these were used and also found out more about the role of christenings in the Christian faith.



A selection of children from Years 5 and 6 took part in a sports partnership netball match this half term, playing in nine matches against other local schools and winning three of these. Our children demonstrated excellent sportsmanship throughout each and every match. We were proud to have them representing our school.



Year 6 have been busily preparing for life on the roads with our partners who run 'Bikeability'. The children have learned how to navigate the streets on their cycles in our local area and how to be a safe road user. They have learned signals for manoeuvre as well as how to perform safety checks on their cycles. Well done Year 6, and we look forward to seeing you riding safely around our community.



We all wish you a good half term break and look forward to seeing you back in school for the remainder of the Summer term. Please be reminded that school re-opens for children to return on **Monday 3rd June**.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Jarman

Executive Headteacher

Winning House Revealed

Congratulations to members of **Franklin House** who earnt the most house points this half term.

We hope members of **Franklin House** enjoyed their non-school uniform day today. Congratulations to everyone who has earnt house points this half term. Keep up the amazing work.

Franklin House = 3146 housepoints

Hawking House = 2979 housepoints

Darwin House = 2926 housepoints

Newton House = 2661 housepoints

Staff News

We are pleased to inform you that Mrs Hyde is expecting a baby and will be taking maternity leave from September. Congratulations to her and her growing family!

Reminders

Please be reminded that scooters and cycles MUST be dismantled before entering the school grounds, by both adults and children. Please also be reminded that the large vehicle gate at the front of the school is not suitable for pedestrians and cyclists to use. Please use the smaller gate to access the site.

Parking

Please ensure that you continue to think about our children and community by parking considerately. We liaise regularly with the Cambridge County Council parking control team and notify them of any concerns we might have. It is not acceptable to park on the zig zag lines or to use the entrance to the school as a drop off point. It is also inconsiderate and unacceptable to park in front of the driveways that belong to residents. Your co-operation in keeping our children safe is appreciated.

Key Dates

Half Term

Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May

June

- 3 Return to School
- 13 Bags to School
Collection
- 17-19 Y6 Residential
- 27 Reception and KS1
Sports Morning
- 28 KS2 Sports Morning
- 28 PSFA Summer Picnic

July

- 2 Later Year Performance
- 3 Later Year Performance
- 3 Giraffe Class Assembly
- 10 Owl and Hedgehog
Class Assembly
- 16 Y6 Leavers Assembly
- 18 Y6 Leavers Party
- 22 Term Ends

Nursery & Reception

Cubs



This term in Cubs our topic has been 'Under the Sea'. The children have enjoyed spending time outside using the water tray and magnetic fishing rods to go fishing. Our favourite stories this term have been 'Barry the Fish with Fingers' by Sue Hendra and 'Shark in the Park' by Nick Sharratt. Cubs have enjoyed taking part in different craft activities such as making jellyfish using paper plates and designing our own rainbow fish.

Foxes

Recently in Foxes we have been exploring growing, alongside sharing the stories 'Jasper's Beanstalk' and 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. The children have planted beans, discussed what plants need to grow and how they grow from a seed to a fully grown plant. We have also planted sunflower seeds and, inspired by Vincent Van Gogh, created observational paintings of sunflowers by looking carefully at the colour of the stem and petals of the flower. The children have used blocks to create their own beanstalks, challenging themselves to make taller and shorter beanstalks.



Hedgehog



Hedgehog Class have had a great half term exploring our topic 'Come Outside'. At the start of the half-term, Miss Coston discovered a very strange looking bug in her garden! She showed the children a photo of it and they carried out research on minibeasts to try and work out what it was! Then, we learned the story 'The Very Ugly Bug', and the children had a go at designing their own insects. The children came up with excellent ideas for their bugs such as giving them huge googly eyes, sharp teeth and lots more! In our woodland explorer sessions, we had so much fun looking for real bugs using magnifying glasses and other nature detective equipment. To finish the topic, children wrote their own stories of 'The Very Ugly Bug'.

Owl

This half term in Owl Class, we have welcomed our new class chicks. We started by putting some eggs into an incubator which then took twenty one days to hatch. We made a home for the chicks using saw dust and a special heat lamp to keep them warm. On the nineteenth day, we saw little cracks and watched two chicks arrive! Overnight, a further five arrived too. We had to wait until the chicks were all fluffy for them to then be taken out of the incubator and into their new home. The children have been very careful with the chicks and made sure they are always looked after. At the end of the half term, the chicks will go back to a farm to grow up with other chickens.



Key Stage 1

Dolphin



Dolphin Class have had lots of fun this half term being Nature Explorers. We have loved learning about plants and watching our seeds grow. Topping them up with water and observing their changes has been a fun daily activity. Reading explanations texts in English has allowed us to learn about the life cycle of different creatures. It was great going out to the pond in the wildlife area to spot signs of frog life. Our art lessons have been a great opportunity for us to develop our painting techniques and explore primary and secondary colours, which we used to create abstract art inspired by Mondrian.

Seahorse

Our highlight this term has been our weekly Art lessons where we learnt about painting. To start our learning we experimented with different brush strokes and learnt about primary colours and how to mix them to make secondary colours. We then learnt how to make colours lighter or darker by either adding white or black. To end our topic we created pieces of abstract art based upon the artist Piet Mondrian. Our artwork looked fantastic and is proudly displayed in our classroom.



Penguin



What another exciting term it has been in Penguin Class. The children have fully immersed themselves in our History topic and been great 'History Detectives' by investigating the lives of Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. In Mathematics, we have worked on money and fractions and the children have been fantastic in both of these tricky concepts. In English, we looked at a film clip called 'Zahra' and the children had to write detailed expanded noun phrases to describe the setting and character in this beautiful desert-inspired film. Finally, the children have loved their first few 'Woodland Explorer' sessions and have enjoyed role playing and being creative in our woodland area.

Polar Bear

Polar Bear Class loved travelling back in time in our 'History Detectives' topic to find out about the life and work of two significant people: Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. In Mathematics, we immersed ourselves in learning about money and fractions. We had fun in Art exploring clay, learning the different techniques, such as rolling, pinching, squeezing and twisting, and then planning, making and evaluating our own clay animal. We have really enjoyed being outside for our woodland explorer sessions too!



Middle Years

Macaw



Macaw Class have had a busy term with their Design and Technology topic, learning all about levers and linkages. In Mathematics, they have been reasoning multiplicatively making connections between multiplication and division and using their resources to represent the different division structures. As scientists, the children have also been investigating light and dark.

Toucan

Toucan Class have had an incredibly busy half term, they have developed their multiplication and division skills in Mathematics. In English, the children began by writing fantastic narratives based on 'Thesus and the Minotaur' and have begun a poetry unit based on 'The Colour Collector'. During Science lessons, they have explored and experimented with light. Finally, Toucan Class got creative in Design and Technology by making and designing their own ships. They included moving flags by using levers and linkages.



Falcon



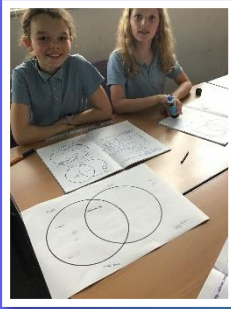
Falcon Class have been working hard this term on our topic 'Across the Atlantic'. We enjoyed finding out more about our local area and California. Our artwork has been based around the natural world. We sketched leaves and then used our drawing knowledge to design our own 'Green Man' based on local mythology. We also learnt about the artist Andy Goldsworthy and made our own environmental art. We have also been working hard in English and have written journey stories about an animal travelling from North America to London. We used the story 'Zeraffa Giraffa' to inspire our writing. In Mathematics we have continued to work hard on fractions including solving problems with mixed numbers and improper fractions.

Kestrel

Kestrel Class have had a very busy half term! We have written journey stories in English, using adventurous words to add interest to descriptions. In addition, we have been learning how to write a review. In Mathematics, we have continued to develop our skills by working on converting mixed numbers and improper fractions. We have continued to learn about electricity in Science. During Art, we have used pencil drawing and shading techniques to produce work on the theme of nature. In Physical Education, we have been developing skills in tennis and practiced running, throwing and jumping in our athletics lessons.



Later Years



Giraffe

During English, Giraffe Class have written their own mystery stories and newspaper reports. In French, we have learnt the names of different items of clothing and said which items we wear. In History, we have learnt all about the Ancient Egyptians. In Science, we have completed lots of science experiments. It has been a busy, but fun, half term.

Zebra

Spring term has been a hugely successful and enjoyable term for both Zebra Class and Mr Evans. We have welcomed new arrivals, prepared and performed our class assembly and continue to make excellent progress in all subjects. Members of Zebra Class are taking on more and more roles of responsibility and leadership both in the classroom and across the school, helping to keep the school clean, supporting KS1 on the playground, working on the garden and much more!



Jaguar



This term has been full on in Jaguar Class! In English, we have been focusing on improving our writing by using a wide range of punctuation, sentence openers and cohesive devices. The children have worked hard to publish three pieces of writing this term: an adventure narrative set in The Amazon, which involves finding a mysterious den; a balanced argument about whether or not the heron graffiti should be banned; and finally, a set of instruction about how to make some 'delicious' brownies! The children should be incredibly proud of themselves with how much effort they have put in, Well done!

Panther

We have made it through half of the summer term and it has definitely been busy! The most unforgettable part of the term has almost certainly been the SATs tests, which we have had in the back of our minds since September. Our revision sessions, as seen in the picture, have helped us to better understand the process before facing the tests themselves. Our students have taken these challenges in their stride by pushing through, even when feeling the pressure. We are all incredibly proud of the work they have put in to prepare themselves. They have truly earned their break!



Friendship Games

On Tuesday 1st May, ten children from Year 2 attended the Friendship Games at Coleridge Community College. They took part in a range of activities including running, throwing, jumping and climbing. Everyone had a fabulous time and enjoyed learning new skills. They worked hard to improve on their scores and were very successful. Well done to all who attended!





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



The PSFA are a group of parents, staff members 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 currently fundraising for equipment for the outdoor playgrounds. Thank you for all your continued efforts towards this target!

PSFA events

Bake Sales: Thank you to Year 2 for their fabulous Bake Sale on 26th April, with a lovely range of delicious treats! Year 2 raised £212.15, so very well done everyone!

As you know, the competition is ongoing between the year groups, to see who can raise the most at the 2023-2024 Queen Emma PSFA Bake Sales. Year 4 are still winning... but let's see how Year 1 and Reception do next half term! The Year 1 Bake Sale has been moved to Friday 7th June, and it will be the Reception Bake Sale on Friday 21st June.

Second Hand Uniform Sales: Thank you also to those who have donated or purchased second-hand uniform this half term. If anyone needs any uniform, please email us with any requests and we will look to see if we have the items in stock.

(Suggested donations: school fleece £4, school jumper/cardigan £2.50, trousers/shorts/skirts/dresses £1, polo-shirts 50p)

Next half term:

Year 1 Bake Sale, Friday 7th June, 3.15pm, Studio

Bags2School, Thursday 13th June

Reception Bake Sale, Friday 21st June 3.15pm, Studio

PSFA Summer Picnic, Friday 28th June, 4.30- 6.30pm, School field

Getting involved on the PSFA:

Thank you to everyone who attended the PSFA meeting on 13th May. We are delighted to let you know that we were able to welcome a new class rep, Soma Bhattacharya, who is joining as Rep for Hedgehog class. We are still on the look-out for new Class reps in Owl Class, Year 1 Classes, Penguin, Year 3 Classes, and Zebra Class, so do get in touch in you might consider any of these. It is not an onerous task – it just means being willing to promote our events and raise the profile of our activities, including opportunities to help out.

Thank you to all those who willingly give time to help with the PSFA events... and please make sure that Friday 28th June is firmly in your diaries for this year's Queen Emma Summer Picnic! We will need plenty of volunteers, willing to give up a half-hour slot to volunteer on a stall, so do put the date in your diary and look out for more details!

Perhaps you might consider pairing up with another family and sharing childcare so that you can take turns to help...?

Please do get in touch to find out more about any of these opportunities: queenemmapsfa@gmail.com

Easyfundraising: Don't forget this easy way to raise funds for school....

Nearly 3,000 retailers, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, thetrainline, Sainsbury's, Ebay and many more, will donate a percentage of the amount you spend to Queen Emma PSFA to say thank you for shopping with them.

You simply have to set up **Easyfundraising** on each device you may shop from:

1. Go to <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/queenemmapsfa>
2. Sign up for free and make use of it whenever you shop online!

We send you all our very best wishes for a happy and restful half term break.

Many thanks,
Queen Emma PSFA

PSFA Summer Picnic 2024

The PSFA summer picnic is on **Friday 28th June** from **4.30 – 6.30pm**. In preparation for this, each class will be preparing a selection box to enter into the raffle. At the picnic, you will have an opportunity to enter the raffle to win one of these boxes. All money collected will go towards the Queen Emma PSFA.

In order to make our boxes exciting we need your support! We are asking children to bring in an item that fits the theme of their class's selection box. Some ideas for each class are suggested below, but you are welcome to bring in alternative items. We do ask that the items you bring in will keep until Friday 28th June and are new. Please hand items into your class by **Wednesday 26th June 2024**.

	Nursery	Hedgehog	Owl	Dolphin	Seahorse
Box Name	It's a Mystery!	What a Treat!	Gardening	Great Queen Emma Bake Off!	A Night at the Movies
Ideas	...small gifts wrapped - what could be inside?	...sweets, bubbles, biscuits and small toys No chocolate please as it will melt!	...watering can, seeds, trowel, gloves, plant pots, picnic equipment	...ingredients, utensils, cookie cutters, recipe book	...popcorn, drinks, DVD, biscuits, marshmallows, sweets

	Penguin	Polar Bear	Macaw	Toucan	Falcon
Box Name	All Things Bright and Beautiful	Raving About Reading	Pamper Time!	Super Stationery!	Arts and Crafts
Ideas	...something bright or something beautiful!	...books, magazines, comics	...bubble bath, shower gel, face mask, soap, shower gel	...pens, pencils, rubbers, rulers, notebooks	...glitter, paint, scissors, glue, colouring pens, paper

	Kestrel	Giraffe	Zebra	Jaguar	Panther
Box Name	Rainbow!	Glitter and Sparkle!	Big Wide World!	At Home Olympics!	It's Games Night!
Ideas	...anything colourful!	...anything glittery or sparkly!	...books, foodstuffs from around the world	...sports related items – bats and balls, Frisbee, outdoor games, water bottle, picnic things	...small toys, games, jigsaw puzzles, crossword books, Sudoku books

We look forward to seeing what the children bring in and we thank you for all of your support.

Queen Emma Staff

School Uniform

Grey skirt, pinafore, trousers or shorts

Blue and white checked summer dress

Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan

Pale blue polo shirt

Black shoes or black trainers (children in Years 5 and 6 require a pair of black indoor shoes (often plimsolls)

White, black or grey socks / tights

Leggings may be worn instead of tights, but not instead of trousers

PE Kit

Children need plain black shorts, a white t-shirt and plimsolls/trainers. 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.

Jewellery

Jewellery may not be worn in school. The only exceptions are watches, studs for pierced ears, and cultural or religious adornments, which must be removed during lessons involving physical exercise. If such items cannot be removed the individual is not prepared in an acceptably safe way and cannot continue as is, so must take part in modified activity. The school will not accept responsibility for removing or storing studs. Long hair should be tied back for PE and DT activities.

Could your child be entitled to a FREE school meal?

If your financial circumstances have been affected by the COVID 19 crisis you could now be entitled to Benefit Related Free School Meals (FSM). Not only will this provide an allocation of £2.50 per day towards food and drink at school, it also allows the school to benefit from additional funding for a period of up to five years.

Am I eligible?

You are eligible for this if you are receiving any of:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (unless you're also entitled to Working Tax Credit, and earn no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop receiving Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400)

If in doubt, please fill out the simple online application form at

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

where you will receive an instant response as to your eligibility status. If you are eligible for FSM your child's school will be informed within 3 days.

If you have any queries regarding this information, please call the Education Welfare Benefits team on 01223 703200 or email ewb.fsm@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Or look at the website www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

**FOOD
FESTIVAL**
By Aspens

LUNCHTIME

TRADITIONAL

Week 1

Spring/Summer
2024:
22/4, 13/5, 3/6,
24/6, 15/7

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY



Beef Burger
& Hand Cut
Potato Wedges

Pasta Beef
Bolognese

Roast Chicken,
Stuffing,
Roast Potatoes
& Gravy

Hoisin Sticky
Vegetable &
Noodle Stir Fry

Golden Fish
Fingers or
Salmon Fingers
& Chips



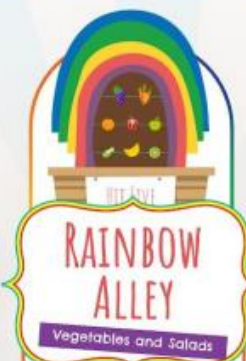
Homemade
Veggie Burger &
Hand Cut Potato
Wedges

Veggie Pasta
Bolognese

Cauliflower &
Broccoli
Cheddar Bake
with
Roast Potatoes

Sweet & Sour
Vegetables with
Wholegrain Rice

Homemade
Cheesy Leek
Sausage & Chips



Sweetcorn

Coleslaw
&
Salad

Carrots
&
Peas

Green
Beans

Baked
Beans



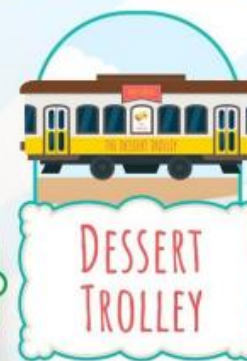
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Cheese or both

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with Tuna
Mayo or
Cheese

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Cheese or both

Jacket Potato
with Cheese or
Chicken Mayo

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Fresh Melon
& Pineapple
Sticks

Strawberry
Frozen
Yoghurt

Tutti Frutti
Jelly Pots

Carrot
Peeling Cake

Marble
cookies



QF1

LUNCHTIME

TRADITIONAL

Week 2

Spring/Summer
2024:
29/4, 20/5, 10/6,
1/7, 22/7

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY



British Chicken
Sausage Hot Dog
& Potato Wedges

Homemade
Margherita
Pizza
Slice

Roast Chicken,
Stuffing, Roast
Potatoes & Gravy

Chicken & Veg
Meatball Marinara
& Pasta

Golden
Fishcake
& Chips



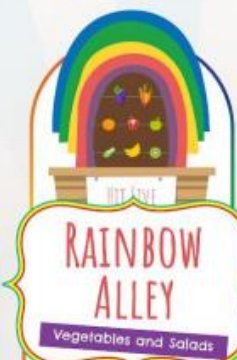
Veggie Sausage &
Cheese Hot Dog
& Hand Cut
Potato Wedges

Homemade
Pineapple
Topped
Pizza Slice

Cheese & Onion
Filo Pie
with Roast
Potatoes

Baked Mac
&
Cheese

Cheesy
Bean
Wrap



Sweetcorn

Potato Salad
&
Garden Salad

Carrots
&
Peas

Broccoli

Baked
Beans



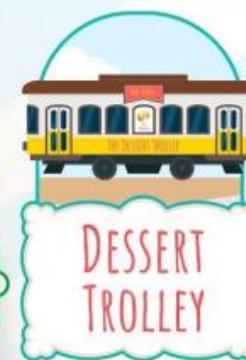
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Classic Apple
Crumble &
Custard

Orange Jelly
& Clementine
Slices

Vanilla Ice
Cream

Old School
Cake &
Sprinkles

Maple Oat
Cookies



LUNCHTIME

TRADITIONAL

Week 3

Spring/Summer
2024:
15/4, 6/5, 27/5,
17/6, 8/7, 29/7

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY



Chicken
Bangers,
Mash & Beans

Cheese & Tomato
Pitta Pizza with
Pasta Salad

Roast Chicken,
Stuffing, Roast
Potatoes & Gravy

Creamy Chicken &
Sweetcorn Pie &
New Potatoes

Golden Fish
Fingers
& Chips



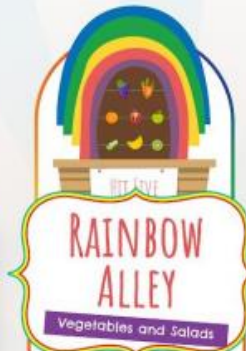
Veggie Bangers,
Mash & Beans

Cheesy BBQ Pizza
Pinwheel Swirl with
Pasta Salad

Root Vegetable
Bean Stew &
Roast Potatoes

Cheese & Potato
Pie with
New Potatoes

Veggie Finger
& Chips



Baked
Beans

Carrot
Sticks

Steamed
Mixed
Greens

Summer
Vegetables

Baked
Beans



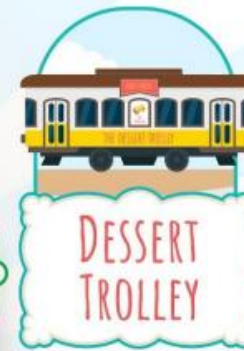
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Vanilla
Shortbread

Cinnamon
Apple
Cupcake

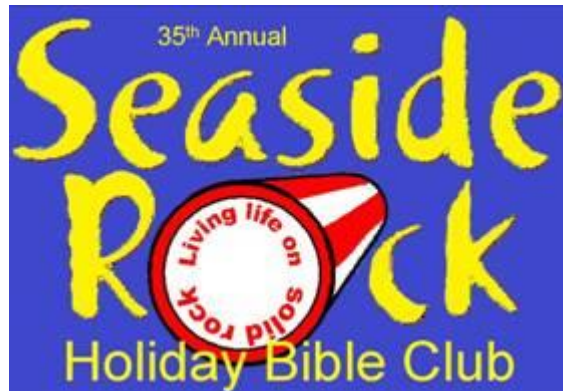
Strawberry
Jelly

Jammy
Crumble Bar

Sweet Potato
Brownie



Fun Friendly Affordable



Why not get on board at:
www.ch-bc.org.uk/HolidayClub

If you're thinking about the summer holidays, Cherry Hinton Churches would like to tell you about the Holiday Bible Club for 5-11 yr olds between Monday 22nd July and Friday 26th July; 10am-12:30pm. Now in its 35th year, the holiday club will have the usual mix of drama, songs, craft, games and the soaking of the yellow shirted helpers. Although it takes place at Colville School it is open to children from all schools. It costs only £10 per child for the week (or £5 if on pupil premium) and this year has the theme of Seaside Rock!.

Book places now at www.ch-bc.org.uk/HolidayClub or on forms available through schools later in June.



HALF TERM HOLIDAY TIMETABLE

CHERRY HINTON VILLAGE
LEISURE CENTRE

COLVILLE ROAD
Colville Road
CBI 9EJ

SESSION PRICES

Soft Play, Bouncy Castle £3.50 per child

Family Badminton and Table Tennis £5 for 1 hour

Wednesday 29th May

Soft Play and Bouncy Castle 14:00-16:00pm

Friday 31st May

Family Badminton and Table Tennis 12:00-16:00pm

Please book in advance through the BETTER UK APP or for more details please email

cherryhintonvillageleisurecentre@gll.org