

Dear Parents and Carers

I know how much the Queen Emma community looks forward to the many Summer term events and particularly our Sports Days. Children from Reception to Year 6 emulated precisely what a Sports Day should be about once again this year. They used our values of respect, resilience, aspiration and collaboration to make each Sports Day morning a huge success. House teams worked together and classes encouraged one another to aspire in every sporting activity or competitive event they were part of. Certainly, my favoured event was the 'sponge drop', despite a malfunction that happened during the Key Stage 2 event! It was wonderful to see so many family members who were able to join us and who were able to cheer our children on from the sidelines. Once the points were totaled for each key stage, we ended up with separate winners for both Reception/Key Stage 1 and for Key Stage 2. Many houses were close in points for a large part of the morning. We did end up with the following scores, so congratulations to Franklin and Hawking houses, who were jubilant about winning.

Sports Day Totals		
Reception & Key Stage 1:	Key Stage 2:	
Franklin – 31,600	Hawking – 52,400	
Hawking – 31,150	Franklin – 50.200	
Newton – 26,500	Darwin – 49,400	
Darwin – 23,000	Newton – 42,000	

Thank you to Mr Ryan for his careful organisation of this morning and the staff, families and children for making is so enjoyable.









This half term, our Year 3 and 4 children were visited by volunteers from Castle School Special School, who listened to children read and played maths fluency games. This was an opening for children to learn from each other and to appreciate difference, showing tolerance and understanding. It was lovely to see all of the volunteers and children getting along and we hope that this begins a longer term relationship between Queen Emma and the Castle School.



You may have heard your children talking about something called 'Quiet Spaces' this half term. We were lucky enough to have colleagues from St Barnabas Church temporarily set up a specific area of our sister school, Queen Edith. This was a space for quiet reflection and contemplation. One of the many benefits of our Federation is that children from Queen Emma were invited to be part of this mindfulness activity. The children experienced a range of quiet activities that enabled them to spend time outside of their busy days to simply relax, unwind and find a quiet few moments in their day.



Children in Key Stage 1 and Reception have thoroughly enjoyed having a 'Loose Parts Bus' visit us for playtimes once a week, for a 4 week period this half term. This has been courtesy of Cambridge Kids Club who have provided this free of charge play opportunity for our children. The Loose Parts Bus was emptied onto the playground and contained all sorts of imaginative play resources that could spark children's imaginations, encourage skills of co-operation and help them to take risks in their play. We have seen everything from children wheeling each other around in wheelbarrows, to dressing up and even using new wheelie bins to create their own imaginary worlds. It has been so interesting to see the ideas they have come up with.



Year 6 worked together in true team spirit as they took on a wealth of outdoor challenges during their residential stay at Caythorpe Court, Lincolnshire this year. Much fun was had learning to navigate the waters on canoes, with the added requirement of excellent skills of communication to ensure each pair of children were doing their part to paddle in the same direction.....it was much harder than it sounds! Children encouraged each other through new ventures, such as scaling the high ropes or finding clues during orienteering activities. A firm favourite amongst the children was

the laser tag competition, during which careful tactics were deployed between the red and blue teams. Our children always relish the chance to set themselves new goals and to have a go at experiences they may never have tried before. Whilst arriving back at school a little more tired and less lively than usual, our children had a memorable time embracing the outdoor pursuits on offer. Whilst they were away, they also represented our school beautifully, with the excellent behaviour and courtesy that we would expect from them.















Years 5 and 6 were the epitome of professionalism and light humour as they performed over two consecutive evenings, their truly exceptional play titled 'Rock Bottom' to a full house each night. The play depicted the challenges of living in pre-historic times with the evil and obnoxious 'Lady Lava' who wished to cause disruption to all who lived in the town of Rock Bottom. The storyline went on to prove that good can overcome evil and that the key to success is positivity, perseverance and collaboration. Our children sang their hearts out and it was plain to see just how much they enjoyed raising the roof for their audience. No matter whether the children were in the chorus line, acting, singing solo or together, they all pulled together to pull off an absolutely terrific show – thank you!



As we bring the academic year to a close, we remember that for our leavers it is almost time for a new chapter. Year 6 will be as ready as they can be for life at secondary school and we hope that they stand by our vision of 'Learning for Life'. We know that they will go on to conquer whatever comes their way with an open and enquiring mind. Remember to question everything Year 6! We wish you well for your future endeavors and look forward to hearing more about your achievements when you hopefully decide to visit us again. We trust that you will take with you fond memories of your life at primary school and that we have given you the wings you need to fly. Thank you for being part of our school.

We all wish you a wonderful and safe Summer break, no matter how you spend it. We look forward to seeing you back in school on Thursday 5th September.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Jarman

Executive Headteacher



We are pleased to provide you with information that tells you the teaching arrangements for the academic year 2024/2025.

Current Teacher	Current Class	Teacher 2024 / 25	Class 2024 / 25
		Miss L Coston	Owl Class
Ms F Azam	Current Reception	Mrs C Koster (M, T)	Dolphin Class
	Classes mixed to	Mrs R Ahmed (W, Th, F)	
Miss L Coston	create 2 new classes	Mrs Rutter	Seahorse Class
Ms S Halliwell	Seahorse Class	Miss E Mertens (M,T, W, TH)	Penguin Class
Mrs T Dunn		Miss L Turner (F)	
Mrs C Koster	Dolphin Class	Ms S Halliwell (M, T, W)	Polar Bear Class
Mrs R Ahmed		Mrs S Elwood W, Th, F)	
Miss E Mertens	Penguin Class	Mrs S Prosser-Betts (M, T, TH, F)	Macaw Class
Mrs Rutter	Polar Bear Class	Mrs A Wilson	Toucan Class
Mrs A Wilson	Toucan Class	Mrs C Hart (M, T, W)	Falcon Class
		Mrs F Curdy (Th, F)	
Mrs S Prosser-Betts	Macaw Class	Mr P Ryan	Kestrel Class
Mrs C Hart	Falcon Class	Miss C Stubbs (M, T W)	Giraffe Class
		Mrs R Holman (W, Th ,F)	
Mr P Ryan	Kestrel Class	Mrs A Turnbull-Jackson (M, T, W, Th)	Zebra Class
		Mrs H Hemmings (F)	
Mr W Evans	Zebra Class	Mr W Evans	Jaguar Class
Mrs C Quarrell	Giraffe Class	Ms M Osborne	Panther Class

Message from the Governing Body

Dear Parents,

This is a heartfelt Thank You to you all on behalf of all the Governing Body for rising so magnificently to the schools' appeal for stationery items. I know this might seem a small thing to help with, but big problems are made of many small things, and your response has helped with our budget problems more than you might imagine! So thank you for your help and if you still have stationery items at home that you are not likely to need - you know where to send them!

A very happy and restful summer break to you all,

Dr Sean Lang Chair of the Governing Body

Nursery and Reception





Cubs

This term in Cubs we have been reading the stories 'Aliens love underpants' by Claire Freeman and 'Elmer and the lost teddy' by David McKee. The children enjoyed creating their own alien pictures and making funny aliens using green playdough. The children have also enjoyed listening to the story of 'Elmer and the lost teddy' during carpet times. We have spoken about our favourite teddies and why they are special to us and have used lots of coloured tissue paper to create our own Elmer the elephant pictures.

Foxes

This half term in Foxes, the children have been exploring the traditional tales 'The Three Little Pigs' and 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'. They have enjoyed learning the key phrases of the stories and using them to retell the stories, bringing them to life with masks and puppets. The children used a range of resources to make stick, straw and brick houses for the three little pigs, used their phonics and mark making to label pictures from the story and used construction resources to create bridges for the Billy Goats Gruff. We also explored size by comparing the footprints of different characters and weight to compare how heavy or light different building materials are using bucket scales.





Hedgehog

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, writing 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 learning about the animals that live in the different places and creating habitats for them in the classroom.

Qwl

This half term, we have been on our school trip to Banham Zoo. We got to see lots of different animals including tigers, snow leopards, buffalos, sea lions and wallabies. We saw animals from all of the different places, we have been learning about this half term. We rode on a train to explore the zoo, walked around to see all the animals and then even got to see the giraffes all together. We all loved our trip and were so excited to have zoo snakes and ladders and an animal mask to take home to remind us all about our amazing trip.





Dolphin



We have had a wonderful half term in Dolphin Class. During Art, we have been printing with sponges, fruits and vegetables to create repeating and overlapping patterns, which was a lot of fun. We designed and created tasty fruit kebabs during our Design and Technology day and have used percussion instruments, glockenspiels and our voices to tell the story of 'Fish In An Aquarium'. We have listened to lots of traditional tales and wrote our own based on the 'Three Billy Goats Gruff'. We had kittens, salamanders, and unicorns (just to name a few!) all trying to cross the bridge without being stopped by a villainous character. The stories have been a joy to read.

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' and made masks pretending to be the greedy tiger! 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 and unforgettable year!





Penguin

Penguin Class have had a busy final term in Year 2, learning about Beijing and comparing its human and physical features with Cambridge. In English, they have written their own adventure stories based on the book, 'Meerkat Mail'. In Mathematics, they have worked really hard on learning to tell the time to the nearest 5 minutes, whilst also revisiting concepts taught throughout the year. To complete their wonderful year, they made hand puppets in Design and Technology and worked in groups to prepare a small performance using their hand puppets. They have all worked so hard this year and should be super proud of themselves!

Polar Bear

We really enjoyed our 'Journey to the East' topic and had great fun in Geography comparing Cambridge and Beijing. In Mathematics, we explored position, direction, mass, capacity and volume; we also completed our work on multiplication and division. During English, we wrote fantastic adventure stories based on 'Meerkat Mail'. We also enjoyed our topic day when we made tangrams and origami animals!



Middle Years





Macaw

It has been another busy term in Macaw Class, we have been learning all about plants. The children loved their visit to Wandlebury and all the wonderful activities they were able to experience. In Mathematics, the children have been learning about fractions and they have really enjoyed finding different ways to represent the fractions. In art, the children have been experimenting with secondary and tertiary colours and learning how to use black and white to create shades and tones.

Toucan

What a fabulous final half term we have had together. The children have written fantastic disaster stories, carefully selecting powerful vocabulary to add excitement into their writing. The children have been inspired by Claude Monet and have created some wonderful paintings having learnt how to mix secondary and tertiary colours using powder paint. In Mathematics, the children have explored both unit and non-unit fractions. The children have worked so hard this year and should be very proud of themselves, they are all superstars!





Falcon

This half term Falcon Class have been learning about the Golden Age of Islam. As part of our topic we went to the central mosque in Cambridge. Our guide was very knowledgeable and we learnt about the ecological features of the mosque, as well as the religious features such as the embroidered cloth from the Kaaba in Mecca. In English we made our own information leaflets about Baghdad during this period too. In other areas of the curriculum we made our own short animations in Computing and made our own flatbreads with toppings in Design and Technology.

Kestrel

Kestrel Class have had a very busy half term! In English, we have written information texts about the city of Baghdad and worked on a story from another culture. In Mathematics, we have worked on naming and measuring angles and converting 12 and 24 hour time. We have learnt about animal habitats in Science. During Physical Education, we have been developing our skills in basketball and rounders. We have made animations in Computing and continued to learn to play the recorder in Music lessons.



Later Years







This half term Giraffe Class have been busy practicing and performing our production of Rock Bottom. During Art, we practised and made a printing tile. In English, we wrote our own narrative poem and illustrated it. In Science, we continued learning about properties and materials by completing some science experiments. It has been a busy, but fun, half term.

Zebra

Zebra Class has made huge progress this year, showing resilience and positivity! We are proud of all children for what they have achieved in the school production, which was a huge success for both casts. As each child moves into Year 6, we encourage them all to continue showing a can-do attitude to learning and life at school.





Jaguar

We took some time this summer term to practise, prepare and then perform two shows. Parents who were able to join us for the events witnessed confidence in the presentations and drama in the dialogue. Sharing our performance with the Year Five children was a wonderful opportunity to show them Year Six expectations and attitudes. Well done to all for a fantastic end to an amazing year!

Panther

We have ended our final year with some incredibly positive moments we will not forget any time soon. This half term many of us were able to participate in our residential activity, where we canoed, climbed high ropes, zip wired, built buggies and solved puzzles together at Caythorpe Court. We had busy days, eventful evenings, challenged ourselves and took reasonable risks; and when it was done we came away with some amazing memories to treasure.



Quad Athletics

A group of Year 5 children took part in the Quadkids Athletics event at the University Sports Ground, Wilberforce Road. They all had fun competing with other local schools in the 75m sprint, 600m run, long jump and vortex howler throw, winning several medals.



Mini Olympics

Children from Year 3 recently participated in an exciting Mini Olympics event alongside five other schools. Hosted by the pupils from Coleridge Secondary School, the afternoon was filled with various athletic challenges including long jump, hurdles, a hula hoop and sack race, and a combined race. Additionally, students enjoyed fun games like stuck in the mud, rock paper scissors it, and football. Our young athletes demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and teamwork throughout the event, impressing the hosts with their politeness, respect, and cooperation. Despite the hot weather, they showed great enthusiasm and resilience, engaging in plenty of exercise and making our school proud.



Rounders

Children from Year 5 and Year 6 were selected to represent Queen Emma at a rounders tournament hosted at Coleridge College. Well done to all who took part!

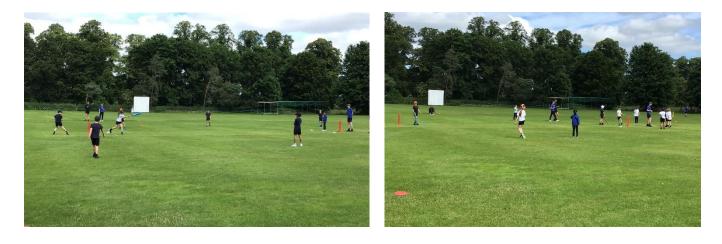








Children from Y4 represented our school in a tournament set on the picturesque grounds of Babraham Cricket Club. The tournament was structured with each team playing 5 overs per game, allowing 10 overs per pair, with fielders rotating to ensure everyone played as much cricket as possible. Players did our school proud with their positive attitude and impeccable conduct.



Winning House

Congratulations to everyone who has earnt house points this half term. Darwin House can enjoy their non-school uniform day on Monday 22nd July 2024.

Darwin House = 1703

Franklin House = 1639

Hawking House = 1461

Newton House = 1415







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 have been busy fundraising for equipment for the outdoor playgrounds and we are delighted that two shade sails have now been purchased for the back playground and will be installed over the summer, ready for a sunny autumn term! A shed is also being purchased to store outdoor equipment and we are delighted, once again, to have been able to fund the Year 6 leavers' books – we hope they are pleased with their lovely books and will treasure these as a memory from Queen Emma! Thank you for all your donations which have made these wonderful purchases possible this year.

PSFA events

Bake Sales: Thank you to Year 1 and Reception classes for their fabulous Bake Sales this term and the many tasty treats which were donated! As you know, the competition has been ongoing between the year groups, to see who could raise the most at the 2023-2024 Queen Emma PSFA Bake Sales, and we are pleased to announce that Year 6 raised £158.85, Year 5 raised £211.26, Year 4 raised £248, Year 3 raised £231.66, Year 2 raised £212.15, Year 1 raised £247.87, and Reception raised £172.70. So, Year 4 are the winners and will have £100 to spend as their teachers choose for them! And let's see what everyone can do with the Bake Sales in 2024-2025...!

Second Hand Uniform Sales: Thank you also to those who have donated or purchased second-hand uniform this half term. If anyone couldn't make it and still needs 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*)

Bag2School: Thank you to all who kindly donated their pre-loved clothing to this initiative; we raised £40 for the school – so thank you very much indeed!







Summer Picnic: We were delighted, once again, to host this much-loved event on 28th June and a huge thank you to the many volunteers who helped on the stalls, provided treats, donated to the raffle boxes and gave time to set up / clear up. Thank you, too, to all those who attended the event and joined in to make it such a success – we were delighted that so many families joined in all the fun and it was wonderful to see you all there enjoying such a happy and sunny afternoon together. The event raised a profit of £1602.46, so a huge thanks to everyone!

Getting involved on the PSFA:

Thank you to all those who have attended meetings and helped so willingly and enthusiastically at the many events this year! We look forward to working together with you all over the coming year and are very grateful for your willingness to get involved. We are delighted to let you know that Kate Dyer has taken on the role of Rep for this year's Toucan class – welcome! We are still on the look-out for new Class reps in the current Owl Class, Year 1 Classes, Penguin Class, Macaw Class, and Zebra Class, so do get in touch if you might consider any of these. It's a great way of getting more involved in your child's school experience by promoting our events and raising the profile of our activities. So, if your child's class is without a rep just now, might you consider standing? Please do get in touch to find out more:

queenemmapsfa@gmail.com

Easyfundraising: Don't forget this easy way to raise funds for school, even over the summer holiday!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 summer holiday!

With many thanks indeed, Queen Emma PSFA





Staff Training Days 3rd and 4th September 2024

Autumn Term Opens 5th September 2024

Half Term 28th October to 1st November 2024

> Staff Training Day 4th November 2024

Autumn Term Closes 20th December 2024

Staff Training Day 6th January 2024

Spring Term Opens 7th January 2024 Half Term 17th February to 21st February 2025

> Spring Term Closes 7th April 2025

Summer Term Opens 22nd April 2025

<u>May Day</u> 5th May – School Closed

> Staff Training Day 23rd May 2025

Half Term 26th May to Friday 30th May 2025

> Summer Term Closes 23rd July 2025

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



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.

Contact Details

If you have changed your contact details, please let the office staff know so that these can be amended on our system.



As mentioned in the previous newsletter, Mrs Hyde will be taking her maternity leave shortly and we will also be saying a fond farewell to Mrs Quarrell, who is re-locating and therefore leaving Queen Emma. We look forward to seeing Mrs Hyde upon her return and wish Mrs Quarrell the best of luck for the future, and wish to thank her for her work at the school. Mrs Chetwynd, who has been on maternity leave has decided not to return to Queen Emma and we wish her well with her growing family and new commitments.

Reminder

Please be reminded that scooters and cycles MUST be dismounted 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 our community by parking considerately. We liaise regularly with the 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. This creates a danger for our families and children.



Please remember to login to the Select website over the summer holidays to book your child's lunch for the first week back at school. There is a new menu when the children return to school and this can be found on the next page of this newsletter. The menu will start on Week 1.

A hiccup we have come across when ordering is the change of month. Please remember to tab to the right to book for the next month if the 1st of the month falls midweek.

The cut off for ordering or cancelling a lunch each day is 8.30 am via the Select website.

https://select.aspens-services.com/.

If your child is currently in Year 2 and moving into Year 3, they will no longer be eligible for universal free school meals. When they return in September you will need to pay £2.75 if your child choses to have a school lunch.



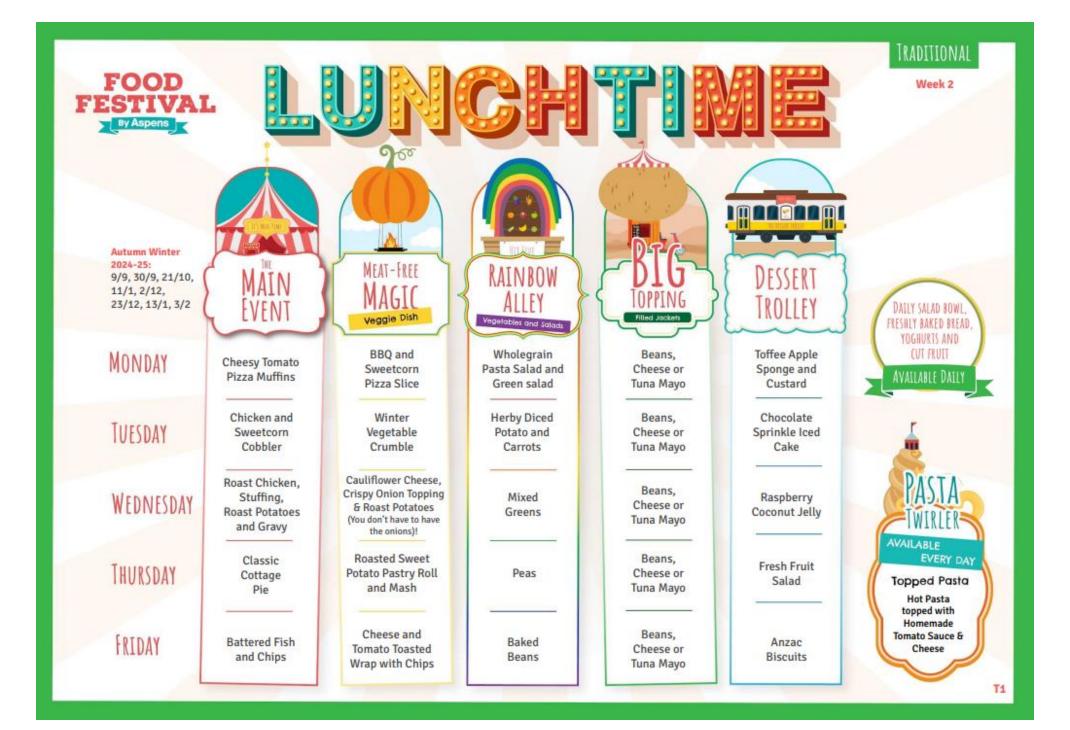
www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

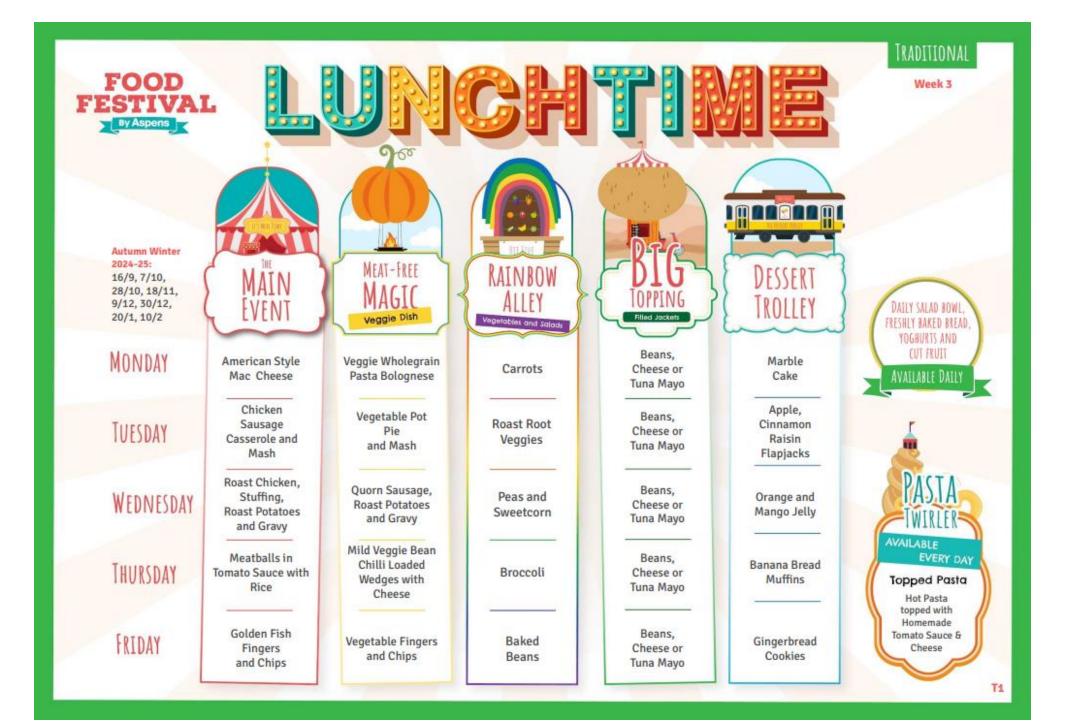
where you will receive an instant response as to your eligibility status. If you are eligible for FSM your child's school will be informed within 3 days.

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







Get Active this Summer!

FREE Active Family holiday events

The Active Lifestyles Team are organising a series of free 'Active Family' events every Tuesday (10am-2pm) during the summer holidays with sports and activities the whole family can take part in together.

Fun Family Play Zone

Grab a skipping rope, space hopper or hula hoop!

Activities with Local Clubs

Local clubs will be leading activities such as football, short tennis, orienteering, ball games, skating and scooting, archery, table tennis, crazy golf, a bouldering wall, boxing, family fitness, dance, curling and more!

'Olympic' Challenge A special challenge for Olympic year, with prizes to be won.

Find out about more activities!

Details about more activities you can do locally.

23 July: Coldhams Common Access via Abbey Swimming Pool, Whitehill Road CB5 8NT

30 July: Trumpington Recreation Ground Paget Road, Cambridge CB2 9JF

6 August: Cherry Hinton Recreation Ground High Street, Cherry Hinton, Cambridge CB1 9HE

13 August: Nuns Way Recreation Ground King's Hedges, Cambridge CB4 2LU

20 August: Nightingale Recreation Ground Trumpington, Cambridge CB1 8SQ

27 August: Pye's Recreation Ground Chesterton, Cambridge CB4 1ED

Come along with family & friends for a day of free, fun activities!

For more info follow us on Facebook @getmovingcam or visit www.cambridge.gov.uk/summer-events



Could you inspire the next generation of cyclists?

We are searching for Cycle Instructors to join our expanding Bikeability team.



We are looking for confident communicators to deliver fun and inspirational cycle training in schools.

If you have loads of enthusiasm to share and are looking for rewarding work to deliver during school term time, we would love to hear from you.

Role: Employed-Variable Hours

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£1 Fares: Your child can travel anywhere within the Combined Authority Region for just £1 per trip.

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