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Our School's Theologically Rooted Christian Vision is based on Matthew 7 vs 12

'Do to others as you would want them to do to you'

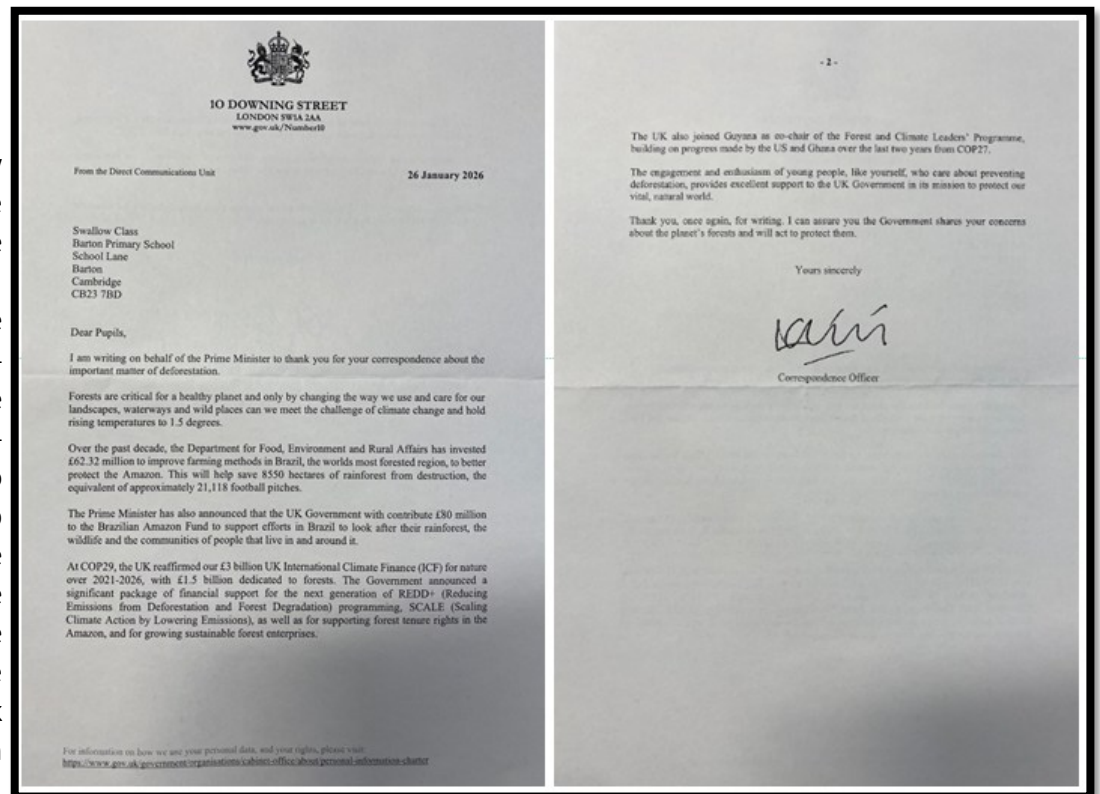
Our vision is taken from Matthew 7:12 "Do to others whatever you would have them do to you", following Jesus' example. We work together to help and support each other to believe, nurture, grow and flourish together in our learning and in our relationships, exemplified in the Parable of the Sower. We do this through our six core values: love, respect, integrity, justice, thankfulness and determination. Inspired by our vision, we want our pupils to make good choices academically and socially, to become creative and independent thinkers, evidencing a love for learning and a thirst for knowledge.

We aspire to promote the skills needed to persevere with learning challenges and the curiosity to enquire further. Our Christian ethos and school values focus on developing children's moral, spiritual, social and cultural understanding. These are woven, like a golden thread, into every aspect of school life.

Dear parents and carers,

Swallow Class

In the autumn term, Swallow Class worked on a persuasive writing unit focusing on the topical issue of deforestation. As part of this work, we planned and wrote persuasive letters to the prime minister, Sir Keir Starmer - hoping to persuade him to take greater action to stop deforestation. The envelope went in the post and we heard nothing more. We were just beginning to give up hope of ever hearing back when an envelope arrived on my desk!



We had received a very detailed response from the Prime Minister's Correspondence Officer, outlining all the ways the government are working to tackle climate change and protect the environment. We were blown away by some of the amounts of money (in the billions!) the government is donating to support crucial work in the Amazon rainforest. We felt really encouraged that our leaders share our passion for the environment and that they were taking some steps to reduce climate change and in particular deforestation. The response from Downing Street made us feel like our writing had had true purpose and a positive impact - we are delighted to have got a reply. We don't think we'll get another letter so special, or on such glossy, thick paper, for a long time to come!

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Kingfisher Class

Kingfisher class had a fantastic morning at the Cambridge Science Centre on Thursday. I am very proud to report that our Year 2 pupils showed staff at the centre what a brilliant example we were of Living out our Barton Values and remembering our Barton Bs! Well done everyone.

Our class got to do some very interesting tests around the use of our five senses and learn new facts about how those senses work. We used every part of our sense of taste, which the children weren't impressed by until we ended with our sweet taste!. Another test took advantage of our sense of touch to describe objects that were hidden from our eyes. We were offered different smells to try and had to guess what they were (excellent work to the group who guessed mint toothpaste correctly). Finally we saw how different coloured lights mixed to create new colours and found out how many hertz a sound could have until we could no longer hear it (unsurprisingly the year 2s outpaced our school adults with that test).

The students then had a chance to explore the different experiments in the Science Centre Gallery and had a lovely time being little scientists for an hour!

It was a wonderful trip and has added so much to our knowledge of the five senses. Thank you to all parent helpers, we hope you enjoyed the trip as much as we did.



Safeguarding at Barton CofE (VA) Primary School

Mrs. Julie Martin and Ms. Wendy Bartlett are the designated safeguarding leads at Barton Primary School.

If you have a concern about a child, please inform any member of staff. If you think a child is at immediate risk of harm you can access further advice and guidance here:

[Safeguarding children and child protection | Cambridgeshire County Council](#)





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£219,000
OFFERED AT:
Mr. Smiths Estates
MR. ESTATES



Mr. Smiths Estates presents a Once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. The fantastic Falconer house! This property is perfect for a growing family looking for new beginnings. Situated in a amazing neighbourhood full of opportunity, from jobs to education. With a flashy name and a vivid lush garden already taken care of, also including the best atmosphere in the world for free! It's perfect for you! Lovely vintage looks and well-proportioned perfect furniture, now there is no need to see more! This stunning never-ending adventure includes 3 bedrooms, a garage, a luxurious living room, a peaceful garden, an open plan fully-functioning kitchen. This masterpiece is ticking neatly ruling the nation with its serene beauty. Early viewing is highly necessary because it's flying off the market. And to forget its massive price of £219,000. Have you ever seen a house sound that good? So come and see in today! Because this property or else it will be gone!



Have you ever wanted to see where the chocolate chip cookies were first made? Here you can express and communicate with your inner Massachusetts through bewitching sites that are spine-chilling experience or watch a Boston Red Sox baseball game at the MLB's oldest stadium or visit the fifth largest museum in the USA! You can also see the 6th state's wildlife from the state animal the black-capped chickadee to the state flower the mayflower or even the state tree the American Elm. Or find a profession helping the local farmers produce 25% of the USA's cranberries!



HOME FEATURES:
3 bedrooms
livingroom
garage
garden
patio
kitchen

Whether you're looking to move house or considering your next family holiday — touch base with the experts in Year 6 in Owl Class.

Thank you to Sammy for his recommendations.



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The Prairie state's paradise awaits! Have you ever wanted your worries to melt away and your excitement to thrive? Then Illinois is the perfect holiday destination for you! From watching baseball at Wrigley Field to sunbathing on an untouched beach, Illinois has it all. Take a yacht on the Chicago riverwalk to discover a unique skyline perspective or uncover prehistoric structures under Lake Michigan. In Illinois anything is possible.

Lake Michigan (Adventure)

Are you the kind of person that longs for adventure? Then come for the thrills of Lake Michigan. Dive deep into the depths of the lake and



explore prehistoric structures waiting to be discovered. Take a kayak and sail down raging waters that will cause your adrenaline to run or hike up magnificent mountains with stunning views of the lake. Gear up, it's time to let yourself explore!

As detailed within our Yearly Operation Plan 2025-2026 Objective 1 reads - To develop and improve the opportunities and quality of writing across the school and so raise attainment in outcomes.

Year 6 writers are clearly evidencing raised attainment in their written work. Well done to Sammy, Toby and Lyra.



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£250,000
OFFERED AT:
Stonehill



Stonehill is proud to present a unique opportunity, perfect for families looking for a spacious layout situated in the heart of a lovely neighbourhood. The Falconer house is conveniently located near several highly-efficient transport links and displays breathtaking beauty around every corner. This unique house features an attractive kitchen, a cosy living room, three spacious bedrooms, a lush, tranquil garden and an outbuilding garage. This property maybe the final puzzle piece to your dreams. Don't miss out on this opportunity, check out this house now!



- HOME FEATURES:
- a kitchen
 - a living room
 - three bedrooms
 - a garden
 - an outbuilding garage

£350,000 including
OFFERED AT:
a garage



House seller is proud to present a unique a rare opportunity, perfect for a growing family, looking for a forever home. This conventional fully-functioning house is packed with, three bedrooms, two bathrooms and a lush garden. This amazing property is one of a kind. This house was built in the 1960's so it has more history than you could ever expect. If you purchase this extraordinary 2-story home you also get a spacious garage that has lots of potential.

You could make it into a home gym, or a small flat for friends to stay in. This house is 100% perfect for you! This property is so spacious you can host as many parties as you like - to rent or purchase.

- HOME FEATURES:
- One large kitchen
 - a big attic
 - a basement full of facilities
 - three bedrooms
 - two bathrooms
 - a sizeable garage
 - and a garden

As part of our persuasive writing, the pupils in Owl class have used their skills learnt in the writing of their holiday leaflets to write a house advertisement. Exploring our class reader *Skellig* by David Almond, the children put their estate agents hats on and put the falconer house on the market. A rather appealing opportunity, read on and put your offer down!



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Hello Hawaii,

The Aloha state is calling.

Are you struggling to find somewhere that is suitable for your younger ones? well, come to Hawaii! Hawaii

is packed with adventures ranging from aquariums to hiking volcanoes. There are views from every angle, there is something for everyone depending on if you get drawn to the sea or if you get drawn to inland.

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Are you longing for a holiday that is filled with fun? every day. there will be an amazing activity including hiking volcanoes relaxing on a beach or spending time with your loved ones. so why not take a vacation to Hawaii? you will never have a dull moment.

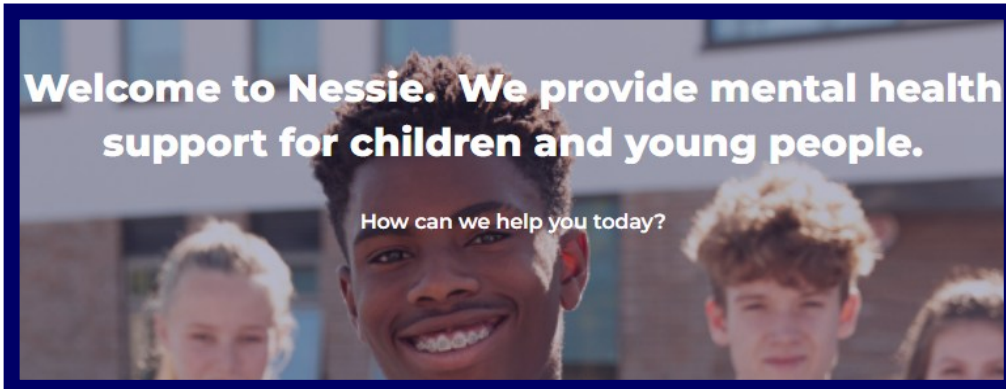
Aloha is the cure for everything!



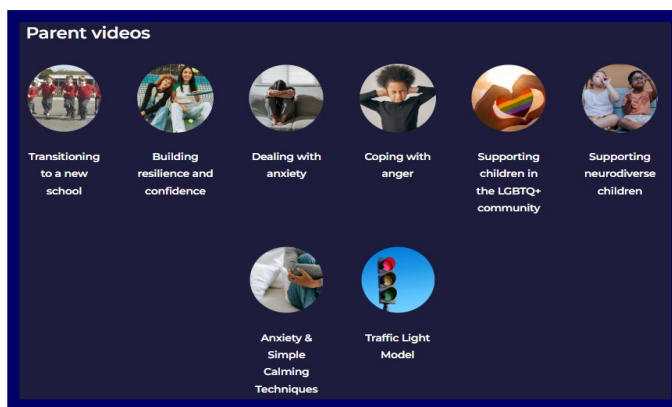
Well done to Lyra—you too should be very proud of what you have achieved this week, both in your writing, and with your self portrait, thank you for sharing your art work with us in Collective Worship this morning.



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Many children and young people we support are anxious about talking to a therapist. This could be because they have experienced trauma; they may be fostered or adopted; they may be neurodivergent; or perhaps they prefer more flexible, creative approaches.



We provide support through partnering with local schools, county councils and community organisations within Hertfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Peterborough and the surrounding counties. [Parents](#) can also reach out to us directly.

Nessie is funded to provide free support in many locations, and schools or families can also fund support directly.

We support the mental health of children and young people in three ways:

We offer 1-1 and group [therapy](#) for children and young people

We offer [training and supervision](#) to professionals

We offer [webinars and support](#) to parents and carers.



See the link for further information—<https://nessieined.com/>



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Recommendation from MHST - Self-help guide for parents
Does your child suffer from fears and worries that affect their behaviour or keep them awake at night?

Fears and worries are very common among children with around 15% thought to suffer from anxiety disorders; the most commonly identified emotional or behavioural problems among children. However, if left unchecked, they can cause more serious problems such as school avoidance, difficulties in making friends and long-term problems with anxiety and depression.

Written by two of the UK's foremost experts on childhood anxiety, this extremely useful guide will enable you to

understand what is causing your child's worries and to carry out step-by-step practical strategies to help him or her to overcome them.



FOBS NEWS AND EVENTS

FOBS have a QR code for donations, just scan the code with your phone's camera and it will take you to the FOBs Just Giving Page.
6th February - Swallow Class Cake Sale

Pinpoint Annual Conference - Thursday 10 March 2026

Organized and run by Pinpoint Parent Carer Forum, Cambridgeshire

FREE ADMISSION

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

The **Pinpoint Annual Conference** is a free, informative and supportive event bringing families and professionals together to share knowledge, insight and good practice. **The conference is for parents and carers of children and young people with SEND, alongside the professionals who support them.**

Thursday 10 March 2026 9.30am - 2.15pm at The Burgess Hall, Westwood Road, St Ives, Cambridgeshire, PE27 6WU
Free to attend - booking required.

The conference will feature expert speakers, practical information, and opportunities to connect with others who understand the SEND journey.

Secure your spot here: [Pinpoint Annual Conference – Pinpoint](#)

Health and Safety



Please be aware that we have received a couple of reports of children suffering with upset tummies. If your child has diarrhoea please do keep them at home for 48 hours after the last occurrence of an upset tummy. Thank you for helping to keep everyone well.

Amazon Wishlists

Garden Wishlist:

<https://amzn.eu/aekTeng>

Robin Class Wishlist:

<https://amzn.eu/jeA9hhv>

Kingfisher Class Wishlist:

<https://amzn.eu/iVJetZK>

Swallow Class Wishlist:

<https://amzn.eu/2ZoaTze>

Skylark Class Wishlist:

<https://amzn.eu/003PcpL>

Owl Class Wishlist:

<https://amzn.eu/8vE1QM>



PARENT REMINDERS

- **Bawdsey Manor**—a gentle reminder that the next payment for this trip is due by the end of February please.
- **World Book Day** is on March 5th and children are invited to dress up as a favourite book character. 2026 is also the National Year of Reading with the slogan: Everyone knows reading expands worlds, sharpens minds, and fuels creativity. But fewer of us are making time for it. It's time for the nation to Go All In.—find out more at www.goallin.org.uk

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Dates for the Diary

February

11th National Height and Weight Measurements (YR and Y6 only)

12th Y3-Y6 Trip to Starlight Express

16th-20th Half term

March

2nd Bikeability Y3/Y4—for those who have signed up

4th Welcome Wednesday

5th World Book Day (Dress up as a favourite book character)

13th Mother's Day breakfast

16/17th Parent Consultations (all years)

27th Last day of term

April

14th First day of the summer term.

School Term and Holiday Dates 2026/2027

WELCOME

WEDNESDAY

Spring Term	Summer Term
7 th January	15 th April
4 th February	6 th May
4 th March	3 rd June
	1 st July

Wednesday 2nd September 2026	All pupils return to school
Friday 23rd October 2026	Inset day (no pupils at school)
Monday 26th—Friday 30th October 2026	Half term
Friday 18th December 2026	Last day of term
Tuesday 5th January 2027	All pupils return to school
Monday 15th—Friday 19th February	Half term
Thursday 25th March	Last day of Spring Term
Friday 26th March to Friday 9th April	Easter break
Tuesday 13th April	All pupils return to school
Monday 3rd May	May Bank Holiday
Friday 28th May	Inset day (no pupils at school)
Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June	Half term
Wednesday 21st July	Last day of the Summer Term.

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Other

Camp highlights include:

- Two full days of football-based activities and games
 - Coaching focused on skill development, confidence, and enjoyment
 - A welcoming environment for players of varying abilities
 - Opportunities for standout players to be invited into our Development Centres
- The camps are open to children aged 5 - 14, with **limited spaces available**. [camp booking link here.](#)



ULTIMATE ACTIVITY CAMPS

GET SET FOR ULTIMATE EASTER & SUMMER HOLIDAY FUN!

Exceptional activity camps for children aged 4 to 14 at
Sancton Wood Prep School, Cambridge

ULTIMATEACTIVITY.CO.UK

EARLY BOOKING OFFER NOW ON!

THE OXFORD & CAMBRIDGE SINGING SCHOOL

The Singing School was established in 2013 to provide children with the opportunity to sing great classical music with world class coaches in a relaxed and fun environment and to develop their confidence and ability in singing and performing.

This Easter, we will be learning some beautiful seasonal music and, as always on our courses, we will be giving sessions on vocal technique, music theory, music appreciation and history.

To join our mailing list and for more information on our courses, please see www.oxbridgesingingschool.com or email oxbridgess@gmail.com

30, 31 March & 1st APRIL 2026
ST CATHARINE'S COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE

www.oxbridgesingingschool.com

Online FREE talk by Jane Keyworth

Anxiety Based School Avoidance

March 26th 7-8pm

Book online
www.facefamilyadvice.co.uk
 go to PARENTS - Live Talks page

All 16 parent talks **FREE** with our School Membership

british certified trainer



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CAMBRIDGESHIRE SKILLS

CAMBRIDGESHIRE & PETERBOROUGH COMBINED AUTHORITY

Cambridgeshire County Council

THE CENTRE FOR EMOTIONAL HEALTH
HOME OF FAMILY LINKS

Talking Teens - Understanding Teenagers

Parenting teenagers can be rewarding – and challenging. Talking Teens is a tried-and-tested course designed to help you build calmer, happier family relationships.

Why join?

- ✓ Gain practical parenting tips
- ✓ Connect with other families
- ✓ Build confidence & positivity
- ✓ Get support from experienced facilitators

Thursdays | 7.30pm - 9.30pm
Akeman Community Centre, CB4 3HG
Dates: 26 Feb – 19 March 2026

Duration: 4 weeks | 2 hours per week

⚠ Limited places available! Sign up today and give yourself and your child the gift of a more confident, connected, and positive parenting journey.

Register your interest or sign up by contacting 'Talking Teens' Course Leaders – Ros and Sarah by email; northcambridgeparentingpuzzle@gmail.com

Cost: If you're aged 19+ and live or work in Cambridgeshire as of 31 August 2025, you may be eligible for full funding (no fee) if you meet one of the following:

- Ordinarily resident in the UK on the first day of learning
- Unemployed or earning less than £30,491/year (Cambridgeshire & Peterborough)
- Earning less than £25,750/year (non-devolved UK areas)

Otherwise, fees may apply (up to £64).

The Four Constructs of the Nurturing Programme

Job Title: Casual Playworker

University of Cambridge Holiday Provision

Hours: 08:00-18:00 (shifts are reduced for playworkers under 18, for example 08:45 – 17:15 or 09:00 – 17:30) during school holidays (excluding Christmas and Bank Holidays)

Contract: Casual/bank work (2-4 shifts per week, school holiday period only)

Salary: £13.45 per hour

Start Date: Easter School Holidays (Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April) 2026

Are you enthusiastic, creative, and passionate about working with children? We are looking for friendly and energetic Playworkers to join the University of Cambridge Holiday Provision Casual Playworker team. The University's Holiday Provision provides a safe, fun, and stimulating environment for children from Reception Class to 12 years old during the state school holidays. As a Playworker, you'll help deliver a wide range of exciting indoor and outdoor activities, support children's play and social development, and always ensure their safety and well-being.

Key Responsibilities:

- Engage children in creative, physical, and play-based activities
- Supervise children and maintain a safe, inclusive play environment
- Encourage positive behaviour and build supportive relationships with children
- Clean, set up and pack away equipment and materials
- Work as part of a team to deliver high-quality care and play opportunities

Requirements:

- Experience working with children (paid or voluntary)
- A positive and enthusiastic attitude
- Ability to work well as part of a team
- A relevant qualification in childcare or playwork (desirable but not essential)
- A current enhanced DBS check (or willingness to obtain one)

What We Offer:

- A fun and rewarding work environment
- On-the-job training and support
- An opportunity to engage children in an enriching holiday experience

To apply: Please complete an application form and return it to playscheme@admin.cam.ac.uk

Please note that applicants must be 17 years or older
Closing date: Monday 23rd February, 23:59
Interview date: Week commencing Monday 9th March 2026
You must be available to work for at least 2 between Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April (excluding Bank Holidays) which these will include training days.

We will also be recruiting Playworkers during May in preparation for the Summer holidays.

For more information and an application form, please email playscheme@admin.cam.ac.uk or visit www.childcare.admin.cam.ac.uk

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

MUSIC CAFE

at St Mary's Church Comberton,
Church Lane, CB23 7ED

Saturday afternoons 2.30 - 4.00pm

January 24th
February 28th
March 28th
& April 25th
(4th Saturday of the month)

Anyone playing an instrument can email musicalliz@btinternet.com beforehand, to get onto the programme. Children also welcome to apply through their teacher or parent/carer.

Entry free, but donations welcome.

refreshments & music from local musicians starting at 3 pm

Lifts offered to those without transport musicalliz@btinternet.com

GIRLS HALF TERM
FOOTBALL CAMPS

SWAVESY VILLAGE COLLEGE
043 18 712 2255 | 51M-59M | 0462 716
CAMBRIDGEUNITED.COM/CAMPS

Get Ready for a Half-Term at Cambridge Girls Only Full Day of Football Camps!

Not sure what to do this February Half Term, well we have the best Girls Only Football Camps for you!

For the first time we are hosting a full day of Girls Only Football Camps and we would love to see you there.

Full Day Girls Football Camp Details:

- **Date:** Wednesday 18th February 2026
- **Times:** 9 AM - 4 PM
- **Ages:** 7 – 16 years old
- **Venues:** Swavesey Village College
- **Cost:** £35 for the day

You'll get the chance to **make new friends, learn**