



The Pathfinder Weekly News 07/11/2025

7th November 2025

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Headteachers update

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable half-term break. It has been lovely to see the children return to school this week full of energy and enthusiasm for learning. Our classrooms have been buzzing with activity, and it's been wonderful to see pupils settling back into routines so quickly.

Thank you to everyone that visited our Curriculum Fair on Thursday afternoon. Staff worked hard to showcase the great learning that is happening within each of the curriculum subjects.

As you may have seen from the letter emailed yesterday, next week, we will be welcoming a **SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools)** inspector to our school. This visit will give us the opportunity to share the many ways in which our school's Christian vision and values are lived out each day, and how they help shape our pupils' learning and personal development. Thank you for your continued support in helping us make our school such a warm and caring community.

As always, please keep an eye on upcoming dates and class updates in this newsletter and on our school website.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Claire Eskelson

Headteacher

Term Dates



The Pathfinder Church of England Primary School

Term Dates (2025 – 2026)

Autumn Term Dates 2025

Staff Professional Development Days	Monday 1 st and Tuesday 2 nd September 2025
First day of Autumn Term	Wednesday 3 rd September 2025
Last day of school before Autumn Half Term	Thursday 23 rd October 2025
Staff Professional Development Day	Friday 24 th October 2025
Autumn Half Term	Monday 27 th October to Friday 31 st October
First day back after Autumn Half Term	Monday 3 rd November 2025
Last day of school (Autumn Term)	Friday 19 th December 2025
Christmas Holidays	Monday 22 nd December 2025 – Friday 2 nd January 2026

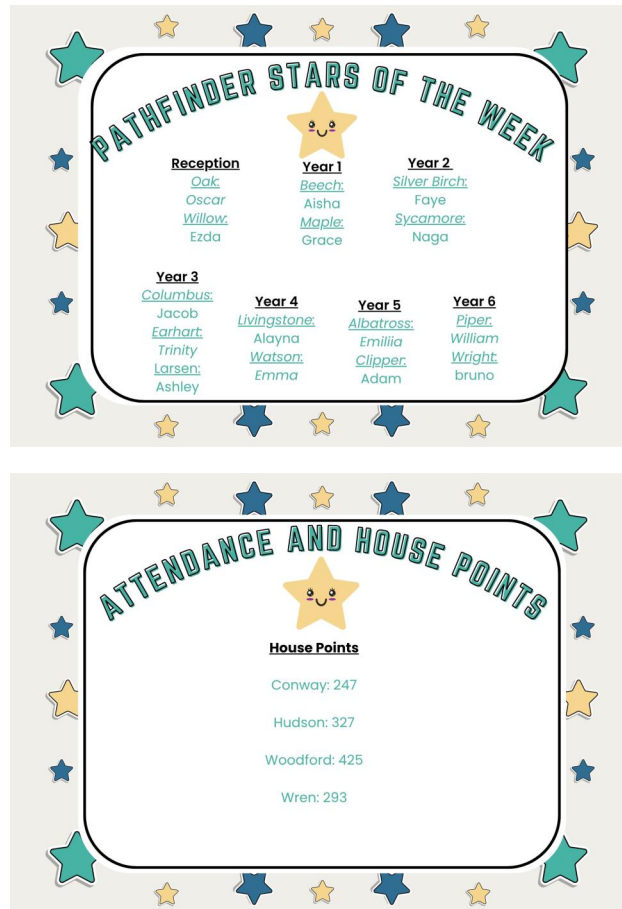
Spring Term Dates 2026

Staff Professional Development Days	Monday 5 th January 2026
First day of Spring Term	Tuesday 6 th January 2026
Last day of school before Spring Half Term	Friday 13 th February 2026
Spring Half Term	Monday 16 th to Friday 20 th February 2026
First day back after Spring Half Term	Monday 23 rd February 2026
Last day of Spring Term	Friday 27 th March 2026
Easter Holidays	Monday 30 th March to Friday 10 th April 2026

Summer Term Dates 2026

First day of Summer Term	Monday 13 th April 2026
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 4 th May 2026
Last day of school before Summer half term	Thursday 21 st May 2026
Staff Professional Development Day	Friday 22 nd May 2026
Summer Half Term	Monday 25 th May – Friday 29 th May 2026
First day back after Summer Half Term	Monday 1 st June 2026
Last day of school (Summer Term)	Friday 18 th July 2026
Staff Professional Development Day	Monday 20 th July 2026
Summer Holiday	Tuesday 21 st July onwards

Celebrations



Important School Notices and Reminders

- **ATTENDANCE** - If your child is absent from school please contact the school office before 9am
- **CAR PARK** - The Car Park is for Staff and Disabled parking only. If you require a Pathfinder Blue badge, please speak to the school office.
- **DOGS** - Dogs are not allowed on school site unless they are a registered assistance dog.
- **HELMETS** - Please ensure that your child is wearing a helmet if they are biking to school.
- **MEDICATION**- Please ensure that all medication is signed in at the school office.

Please ensure that any medication brought in to school is handed in to the School Office. A form needs to be completed for ALL medications (including hay fever eye drops). We have children /

adults in school with allergies that require us to check they do not come into contact with certain ingredients.

- **NUTS** - Please remember that we are a **NUT FREE** school.
- **OFFICE** - Please remember the School Office is closed to the public from 10am-12pm daily.
- **UNIFORM** - Please ensure all uniform items are named. This helps us to re-unite any lost items with their owners.
- **BIKES / SCOOTERS**- Can you please ensure that your child does NOT ride their scooter or bike in the school grounds.
- **SCHOOL LUNCHES** - Can you please ensure that you pre-order a lunch for your child. Teachers are currently spending a lot of time ordering lunches for children which is eating into their learning time.
- **SICKNESS**- Please note that if your child has been sick they now only need to stay away from school for 24 hours since their last episode. This has changed from the previous 48 hours required.
- **PARK**- We have received several reports from parents regarding our children behaving in an anti-social way, both at the park, and in surrounding roads. These incidents are taking place after-school and at the weekends. Please speak to your children about behaviour expectations within the local neighbourhood.

Lost Property

Please look through the boxes in the main school reception if you are missing any items.

[Northstowe Church News](#)

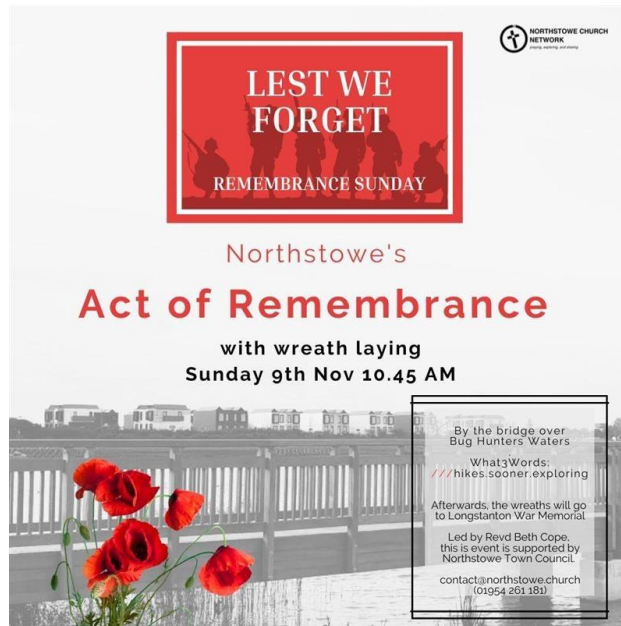
Last Friday, many families joined us outside The Pathfinder School for our All Hallows' Eve Campfire – an evening of lantern-making, thankful pumpkins, stories, and a beautifully bright fire. Did you know that Halloween gets its name because it comes the night before All Hallows' Day (also called All Saints' Day)? Just like Christmas Eve comes before Christmas, All Hallows' Eve was gradually shortened to Halloween.

These three days – All Hallows’ Eve, All Saints, and All Souls – form a Christian festival of remembering: giving thanks for people from the past, thinking about what we’ve learned from them, and celebrating the light that shines even in dark seasons.

That sense of remembering links closely with this week’s commemorations.

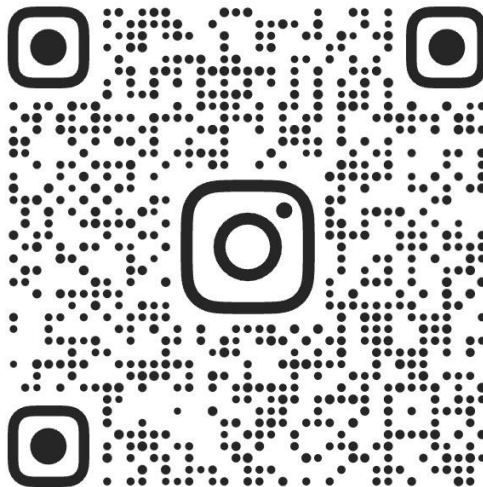
On Sunday at 10.45am, everyone is warmly invited to our Act of Remembrance by the Lake, where Pathfinder pupils will help tell stories of ordinary people's sacrifices and lay a wreath. They are also preparing to lead our School Act of Remembrance during the school day on the 11th.





Friends of Pathfinder school

FOPS have a new Instagram account! Please be sure to follow them for updates and events that they will be hosting. You can scan the QR code below or alternatively click this [Link](#) to be able to follow them

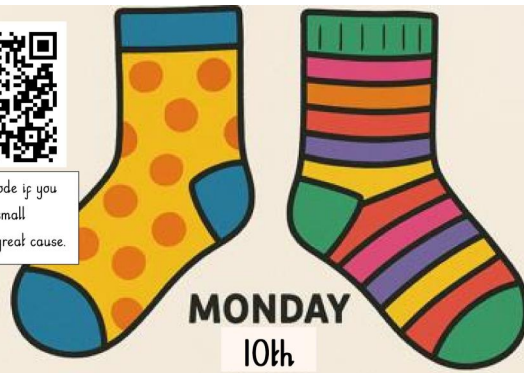


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Anti-Bullying Week - Odd Socks Day 10th November



Scan the QR code if you
could make a small
donation to a great cause.



MONDAY
10th
NOVEMBER

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

**STAND UP TO
BULLYING**

Children In Need - 14th November



Safeguarding

To report a concern to the school please email: safeguarding@pathfinderschool.org.uk

If you are unable to contact the school and a child could be at immediate risk do NOT delay, make a referral!

Call 0345 045 5203 (between 8am and 5.30pm) or 01733 234724 (after 5pm)

If you think a child is in immediate danger CALL 999

Community notices

Education Inclusion Family Advisor Newsletter September 2025

A Bit About Me

My name is Jane Rogers, I'm your school's link EIFA. As an EIFA I offer advice and strategies to parents and carers with a Primary School aged child who may be experiencing some challenges such as: routines, sleep, sibling rivalry, challenging behaviour, worries or self-esteem. I work individually with parents and our team also offers online workshops to all parents of primary aged children in Cambridgeshire. Please contact your school if you would like my support.

Parenting Top Tip – Back to school toolkit for Parents.

- **Model calmness** – Children pick up on your energy. Stay positive, even if you're a little nervous yourself.
- **Validate emotions** – Instead of saying "don't worry," try: "I know this feels scary, but I believe you can do this."
- **Create good routines** – Set morning and after school routines. Consistency helps children feel safe.
- **Role-play scenarios** – Practice everyday interactions such as, introducing themselves to new classmates, asking teachers questions, or managing breaktimes.
- **Stay connected** – Give your child/ren a small comfort item eg note in their lunch box, as a reminder of your support.

Activity Idea – Getting your children to school.

- **Rainbow walk** – Spot something from each colour of the rainbow.
- **Secret agent game** – pretend you're on a mission and whisper secret instructions, like "walk past the yellow house without being spotted".
- **Steps challenge** – "lets take giant steps like a dinosaur", "can we walk like a bear/crab/meerkat?"
- **Story chain** – you start the story with a sentence and your child adds the next. Building a silly or suspenseful story together.

Ensure that you keep in mind, some days your child may want a high energy morning, some they may not. Also sensory preferences matter, try to avoid overloading with too much information if they are already anxious.

Another Resource – EIFA Workshops

To book, please see the EIFA workshops poster or contact your EIFA.

- **Sibling Rivalry** – 23/09/2025 @ 12:00–13:30
- **Understanding and responding to Challenging Behaviours** – 02/10/2025 @ 12:00–13:30
- **Sleep** – 07/10/2025 @ 12:00–13:30
- **Supporting your Child with Feelings of Anger** – 09/10/2025 @ 12:00–13:30
- **Supporting your Child with Feelings of Worry** – 23/10/2025 @ 12:00–13:30

Does your child have, or potentially have, an additional need or disability? **Pinpoint** (www.pinpoint.cambs.org.uk) have lots of information, advice and tips. For **Cambridgeshire's Local Offer** go to www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/local-offer





Holiday netball club for 7-16's!

A jam-packed day of netball fun and madness with our fantastic coaches! All abilities welcome

**Thursday 30
October, 10-3.30**
**Netherhall School,
Cambridge**

Cost: £30 / £24 for siblings

Visit gkfit.co.uk/holiday
or email info@gkfit.co.uk



Book at:
[gkfit.co.uk/
holiday](http://gkfit.co.uk/holiday)

GK fit

KSAL CLUBS AT PATHFINDER

Monday Multi Skills



Thursday Football



KSAL has been running clubs at The Pathfinder Primary School since 2018, offering Multi-Skills and Football led by qualified coaches. We aim to get children active in a fun, supportive environment, building confidence, teamwork, and a love for sport.



Cambridge Country Club venue

Book@laacademy.co.uk

Did you know? Swimming is part of the school curriculum!

All schools must provide lessons in
either key stage 1 or key stage 2.
Pupils should be taught how to swim
confidently over a distance of 25 metres

Enroll Now!

- Builds confidence for pupils
- Allows pupils to advance any swimming techniques they have
- Chance to have fun with friends
- Important life skills for children to learn
- Allows students to feel safe in the pool and be aware of the dangers of water

Let your students learn
important life skills with
LA Academy!

More information:
Book@laacademy.co.uk
01223300348



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Nearly New
SALE

2-4 pm
Saturday 11th October
Cambridge Regional
College

Baby & children's
clothes, toys, books &
equipment and more!



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tailed new
recruits

Squirrels. The newest branch of the Scouts family tree. Where 4-6 year olds can join in too.

This is an age when minds are fizzing, when energy and curiosity levels are sky high, when little lives are full of wow and wonder.

1st Northstowe are looking to open a squirrel drey and are having an open session on 7th November from 5-6 pm at Northstowe Secondary College in the activity room. To register, scan the QR code




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Education Inclusion Family Advisor Team Countywide Online Workshop Offer

The EIFA team would like to present our newly updated workshops on a variety of parenting and family issues for **September and October**.

Please ensure you book onto each workshop individually by clicking on the link or scanning the QR code and completing the registration form.

Sibling Rivalry	Tuesday, 23 September 2025, 12:00-13:30	Book onto this workshop at: Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams or 
Understanding and Responding to Challenging Behaviours	Thursday, 2 October 2025, 12:00-13:30	Book onto this workshop at: Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams or 
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If you have any questions about our workshops, or the EIFA service in general, please contact earlyintervention@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

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Vacancies

We advertise all our jobs on MyNewTerm, for both teaching and support staff roles, so please check regularly.

<https://www.mynewterm.com/school/Pathfinder-CofE-Primary-School/147434>

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