



Newsletter 34

16th June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

What a wonderful week it has been in school. We have been celebrating our annual Arts Week, and the building has been alive with colour, rhythm and creativity from morning to home time. The children have thrown themselves into an extraordinary range of activities — dance, African drumming, playground proms, craft, drama, percussion, composing music, portrait drawing, and even hoops and silks skills. Their enthusiasm has been a joy to see.

A particular highlight has been our whole-school focus on water lilies. Every child has created their own drawing or painting, inspired by the beauty and calm of these iconic flowers.

A huge thank you to all the parents, carers and friends who have supported Arts Week by sharing their talents and expertise. Your generosity enriches the children's experience in ways that truly matter. Thank you to Mrs Miller for organising and coordinating the week.

We are also grateful to FOSH, who have been busy running the Father's Day Shop this week. We hope all dads — and uncles, granddads and other special people — enjoy a wonderful Father's Day on Sunday.

This weekend is the Bluntisham Beer Festival, a lovely family-friendly community event. Do come along if you can. FOSH will be running the barbecue, with all proceeds going directly to support our children.

With the weather warming up, please remember to apply sun cream before school and send children in with hats and water bottles so they can stay safe and comfortable throughout the day.

Wishing you all a sunny and enjoyable weekend.

Dates for the Diary

TOMORROW

Village Beer Festival

NEXT WEEK

25-26th Abbey Transition

25th OWL TRIP

JULY

1st - 2nd EAGLE Residential

2nd KITE Trip

3rd Sports Day (weather permitting)

Silent Disco (Adults Only)

6-10th Careers Week

9-10th Ivo Transition (TBC)

10th Northstowe Transition

10th School Disco

13th End of Year Reports

15th 6pm KITE Performance

17th 2:30pm Leavers Assembly



Sports Day

Get ready for our upcoming Summer Sports Day! On **Friday 3rd July** (weather permitting) join us for a fun-filled morning of group activities followed by an afternoon of exciting competitive races.

We have wide range of House colour pre-loved t-shirts available in all sizes!

Summer Challenge

It won't be long until Summer and this means just one thing, The **Summer Reading Challenge 2026** at your local library!

Designed for those aged 4-11 years, the challenge is to read 6 books, 1 book a week over the 6-week holiday. For every book read, a sticker is collected. Children who complete the challenge are invited to a special ceremony in September to collect a medal and certificate

This year's Challenge is
Read to the Beat!



READ to the BEAT
Summer Reading Challenge

delivered by The Reading Agency in partnership with public libraries and powered by Universal Music Group UK. The theme inspires children to explore the connection between stories and songs, discovering how reading and music both ignite imagination and creativity.

Music Live 2026 - Bringing Professional Musicians into Cambridgeshire Schools

Music Live is an exciting programme that brings high-quality, live performances from professional musicians directly into schools. Designed to inspire, engage, and spark curiosity in young people, the project offers pupils a close-up encounter with exceptional music-making in their schools. **THANK YOU** to **FOSH** for funding this opportunity with more activities to follow next week!

Silent Disco

Now that PITP is done and dusted...we're moving on! St Helen's first **adult only** silent disco is on **Friday 3rd July**.

Be quick! Ticket sales end at midday on this Sunday (Father's day - 21st June). This gives us enough time to order enough of everything!

£12.50, bring you own drinks, small bar available as well as glow accessories. Book now!

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/sthelensbluntisham/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=118282>



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YDP CAMBRIDGE SUMMER CAMPS

£25 PER DAY/£100 FOR THE WHOLE WEEK
(DISCOUNT APPLIES TO THE 5 DAY WEEKS)

27-31 JULY

**MIDDLEFIELD PRIMARY (28-31) & WARBOYS
PRIMARY**

3-7 AUGUST

SOMERSHAM PRIMARY & ST HELEN'S PRIMARY

10-14 AUGUST

**MIDDLEFIELD PRIMARY (11-14) & WARBOYS
PRIMARY**

17-20 AUGUST

SOMERSHAM PRIMARY & ST HELEN'S PRIMARY

24+25TH AUGUST

MIDDLEFIELD PRIMARY & WARBOYS PRIMARY

26 + 27TH AUGUST

**SOMERSHAM PRIMARY (27TH) & ST HELEN'S
PRIMARY**

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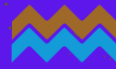
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YDP CAMBRIDGE SUMMER HAF CAMPS

ALL HAF CAMPS ARE 9AM-1PM. YOU CAN
BOOK AND PAY FOR ADDITIONAL HOURS

27-30 JULY

WARBOYS PRIMARY ACADEMY

3-6 AUGUST

SOMERSHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

10-13 AUGUST

WARBOYS PRIMARY ACADEMY

17-20 AUGUST

SOMERSHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

IS YOUR CHILD ELIGIBLE FOR FREE BENEFIT RELATED FREE SCHOOL MEALS? IF SO, YOU CAN APPLY FOR A FREE* SPACE AT ONE VENUE OF YOUR CHOICE (LISTED ABOVE), USING YOUR HAF CODE. LIMITED SPACES ARE AVAILABLE, SO BE QUICK! (MEALS, SNACKS & DRINKS PROVIDED DAILY.

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FOSH PRESENTS OUR FIRST EVER...
(ADULTS ONLY)

SILENT DISCO

3 CHANNELS
80'S, 90'S & 00'S
BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS

8pm-11pm
FRIDAY 3RD JULY
ST HELEN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

TICKET PRICE: £12.50
(PROPS AVAILABLE ON NIGHT, NOT INCLUDED IN TICKET PRICE)



Buy Tickets!



St Ives RUFC

MINI & JUNIOR SEASON LAUNCH & REGISTRATION DAY

 AGES
U7 - U16

 MINIS 9.30 - 11.00
JUNIORS 11.30 - 13.00

 BOYS AND GIRLS
ALL WELCOME

 COME JOIN US
6TH SEPTEMBER 2026

 LOCATION
SOMERSHAM RD,
ST. IVES PE27 3LY

 EQUIPMENT
BOOTS AND GUMSHIELD (U9+)

**TEAMWORK
RESPECT
ENJOYMENT**

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KINGDOM BUILDERS

Holiday Bible Club

For Primary School Children
Join us at
Bluntisham Baptist Church

20-24th July **10-12.15pm**

Family Celebration 26th July

Contact Michelle Gore 01487 843538
michelle.gore@bluntishambaptist.org

FREE





Free Healthy Relationship courses for parents

All relationships have their ups and downs, but if parents are regularly arguing in front of their children, it can have negative and lasting consequences. Help is available for parents who want to communicate in a healthier way. Family Hubs are running courses to support parents who would like to improve the relationship with their partner or ex-partner.

Courses bookable directly via the QR code.

****SUMMER TERM 2026****

Improve the communication with your partner to support your children

(Arguing Better)

Online via Teams: Tuesday 23th June and Tuesday 30th of June

Midday - 1 pm

Improve the communication with your ex-partner to support your children

(Getting it Right for Children)

Online via Teams: Wednesday 24th June and Wednesday 1st July

Midday - 1 pm

2026 workshop booking form





**ST IVES
FOOD
BANK**

An Activity of All Saints Parish Church
Registered Charity No. 1188642

Foodbank Newsletter – June 2026

Regular Donation Updates

Donation statistics for May 2026:

- Food stock in: 779 kg (est. value £2,244)
- Food stock out: 683 kg (est. value £1,967)
- This has helped: 54 people
 - 15 single parcels
 - 9 couple parcels
 - 4 small family parcels (3-4 people)
 - 1 large family parcel (5+ people)

Financial donations received: £1,883
Average monthly running costs: £4,500

Food stock in during 2026: 4,704 kg
Food stock out during 2026: 4,962 kg

Food donations in and out continue to remain low, with figures for May being slightly above those for April. Up to the end of May 2026, we have given out only 43% of what we gave out up to the end of May 2025. Donations coming in are up around 5% compared with the same period last year.

For the first time, we are including an estimated value of the food going in and out. This is calculated based on Trussell's value of £2.88 per kilogram, which will be updated as needed. Our thanks go to our friends in the Hunts Food Network for providing this as part of our shared goal to reduce food poverty in Huntingdonshire.

Discussions continue as to why demand has been lowered this year; we are working on the basis that demand will increase (perhaps suddenly) as the impact of rising global prices catches up later in the year. At the time of writing (12th June), June's outgoing donations have almost reached May's outgoing donations. Single parcels remain the most common size requested at 54%, followed by 27% for couples and 19% for families.

Reasons for Needing Help

Nature of Crisis	2026 est.	2026 ^[1]	2025	2024	2023	2022
Low Income	92	41	147	151	282	352
Outstanding Debt	25	11	20	36	38	58
Benefit Delay	63	28	72	81	62	82
Cost of Living	25	11	40	36	63	33
Unemployment	29	13	50	35	30	20
Sickness/Disability	90	40	43	47	52	61
Temporary Accommodation	54	24	76	100	27	0
Homelessness	13	6	31	21	18	7
Other	88	39	82	92	86	41

[1] Data to 12/06/2026



SUMMER CAMPS

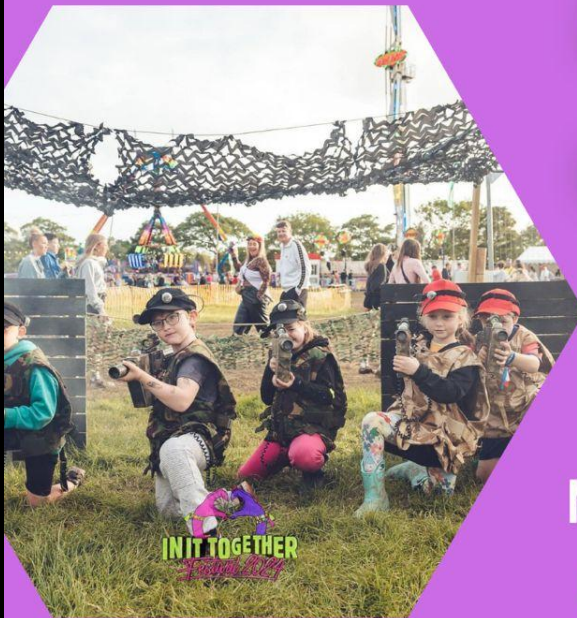


**WESTFIELD JUNIOR SCHOOL
ST IVES
PE27 5RG
AUGUST 3RD-13TH**

8:30-4:30PM

FREE!

**NO COST FOR THOSE ELIGIBLE
OR FROM ONLY £18 PER DAY!**



**INCLUDING- ARTS & CRAFTS,
MARTIAL ARTS, GIANT INFLATABLES,
ANIMAL EXPERIENCES, COOKING, AXE
THROWING, MINI GOLF, SPORTS &
GAMES, PLUS MANY MORE!**



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The Week In Pictures



