

# November Newsletter

**FLOWING**  
**STRENGTHENING**  
**DEEPENING**

LIKE A TREE FIRMLY PLANTED BY STREAMS OF LIVING WATER  
PSALM 1:3



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the second half of the autumn term, the run in to Christmas has begun! The last half term was certainly a busy one and included events such as Harvest, see the photograph below of the generous contributions packed up and awaiting pick up by the food bank. As you are aware another event was that our long wait for an Ofsted inspection finally came to an end, It had been over 11 years since the school was last inspected, a time before any of the children currently in the school were born! We are still waiting for the inspection document to be made public but I would certainly hope that this will happen

within the month of November. Thank you for your patience in waiting for this and again thanks to those of you who were able to make the time to give your views about the school.

In the last newsletter I made reference to two important policy documents, our new behaviour and attendance policies. Both of these have now been ratified and are on the school website, for ease I've linked them below.

Behaviour,

<https://holywellprimary.ovw9.devwebsite.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=406&type=pdf>

Attendance,

<https://holywellprimary.ovw9.devwebsite.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=404&type=pdf>

We've also been trying to refine the school's approach to written communications as we are aware that there are a lot of channels and that this can be overwhelming. A summary is below

Seesaw - Used as an informal communication tool between, teachers and parents. This might be used for reminders, homework type tasks, individual communications, celebrating good work etc. It's used much more extensively in Willow class as it supports the learning journal in this year group.

Facebook - Sometimes a Seesaw post might be used on the school's Facebook account but only if all correct photo permissions are in place.

Email - Generally speaking these communications will come from the office, subject leaders or myself and will involve whole school information. Class teachers will sometimes email about more formal matters which require a response, such as a class trip.

Newsletter - This is half termly and contains whole school and subject based information, not class specific information.

Website - All statutory information about the school and some useful links .

I hope this is a useful summary if you have any questions or points to raise about this please let me know. [head@holywell.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:head@holywell.cambs.sch.uk)

Yours sincerely

Paul Baddeley



### An eventful last lunch before half term.

Your children may have mentioned to you that there was a surprise visitor in the school hall for the final lunch of the half term. A rather startled bat somehow found its way into a very noisy and busy space. The children reacted brilliantly to what was quite an unsettling lunch time and we were able to manage the situation calmly as a result. The hall was emptied as soon as we were able and Mr Turner was able to carefully remove the bat.



## Parents/Carer Evenings and Workshops



These take place next week on Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th November. We will be using Pupil Asset as the means to book the appointments. The facility to make the bookings will be made live at 2pm on Wednesday 6th November, please note that until that time you will not be able to make a booking. Meetings will take place in school and are for 10 minutes, children's books will be available to look at while you wait. If you are unable to make it on either of those days or think you will require a longer meeting then please get in touch with your child's teacher as we can arrange appointments at other times and by phone as needed.

This year we are changing the way that we report children's progress to parents/carers. Rather than a lengthy written report at the end of the year, we plan on sharing smaller chunks of information more regularly so that this is more useful to you and can be discussed with your child's teacher throughout the year. To begin with this will apply to children in years 3- 6. The children have recently completed tests in school and the teacher will email you an analysis of the outcomes of these tests for your child. You should expect to receive this email this Friday (8th November). This information will then form an important part of the conversation you have with your child's teacher next week. Unfortunately we don't hold this level of test data for our younger children.

Class teacher's will then follow this up with virtual parent workshops the following week (see dates below). These will be hosted on teams and teacher's will send out invites nearer to the time but they should be useful in helping to address any common themes that

parents/carers can help with in their child's learning. These meetings will apply to all classes except Willow class who have already had an in person parent workshop this term.

## Poppies



Poppies will be available for sale in school from tomorrow until Remembrance Day next Monday. These will be taken around the classes on a daily basis. There is no minimum donation for one of the paper poppies but for some of the other items which will be available such as wristbands, reflectors and metal poppies, we would suggest a minimum donation of £1.50.

## Playground Project



As you are aware this year the school celebrates its 150th birthday. One of the bigger projects that we hope to achieve is to repurpose the land where the caretakers bungalow used to stand. The idea would be that we would be able to lay some artificial turf and create more playground space for the children which we could use all year round. We are some way into this project, Miss Fabisz has been able to secure a grant from Sport England which will help greatly with the costs and the HSA have also agreed to channel funds into this area. We will still need more help both financial and practical in order to complete the project however.

A team of volunteers from Astra Zeneca have already been engaged to clear the overgrown vegetation from the area later this month. Following this we would need the area to be excavated to a minimum of 100mm and would then require a layer of hardcore to be laid on top of this. (MOT Type 1 stone). If there are any of you who have the necessary resources, equipment and related insurances to help us with this it would be greatly appreciated. Please do get in touch. Likewise if any parents/carers have experience of how the school can raise further funds to support the project we would love to hear from you.

# Information From The Education Inclusion Family Advisor



## Your Education Inclusion Family Advisor



**Katie Smith**

Education Inclusion Family Advisors offer you an opportunity to ask for information, advice and support on any issue affecting your family life in a relaxed and confidential environment. These areas include:

- Challenging behaviour
- Routines
- Supporting emotions and wellbeing
- School transitions
- Parenting strategies
- Building resilience and confidence
- Any other family challenges you might be facing

As Education Inclusion Family Advisors, we offer support in various ways:

- Up to six 1:1 sessions with parents/carers (virtually or face to face in your child's school on request)
- Workshops on specific topics (currently held virtually)
- Signposting to other services such as parenting courses and support services

For more information, please speak to your school's office or contact me directly on [katie.smith@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:katie.smith@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)  
Or follow this link to request support <https://forms.office.com/e/BwG95k5WwN>



[cambridgeshire.gov.uk](https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

## Education Inclusion Family Advisor Newsletter November 2024

**Message from me**  
Hello, I am the EFA linked to your child's school. Whether you are experiencing challenging behaviour at home, looking for sleep or mealtime advice, needing some wellbeing support, or just in need of talking things through... please follow the link below to arrange a call:  
<https://forms.office.com/e/BwG95k5WwN>



**Remembrance**  
November is the month in which we remember our Armed Forces, on the 11<sup>th</sup> day, on the 11<sup>th</sup> Month, at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour (Armistice Day).  
The Sunday closest to this day (Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2024) is when we as a nation celebrate Remembrance Sunday with services and parades across the country. Live on BBC1 at The Cenotaph.

**Festival of Remembrance, Royal Albert Hall:**  
Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November, on BBC1/BBC Radio 2 at 9pm. The ceremony will also be available on BBC iPlayer shortly after.

[Teaching Remembrance | Learning Resources | Royal British Legion](#)

[Home - Little Treasures - Military Children Support](#)



[SSCFA The Armed Forces charity](#)



### Virtual Workshops

**What to do when kids push your buttons**  
Tuesday 5th November 2024 12-1.15pm  
or Tuesday 19th November 2024 6-7.15pm

**Supporting your child with feelings of worry**  
Tuesday 12th November 2024 12-1.30pm  
or Tuesday 3rd December 2024 6-7.30pm

**Supporting your child with feelings of anger**  
Tuesday 26th of November 2024 12-1.30pm  
or Tuesday 17th of December 2024 6-7.30pm

**Sleep** - Tuesday 10th of December 2024 12-1pm

To book a place, please click on the link below:  
<https://forms.office.com/e/c8SPp62FI>

### Activity Idea

#### Autumn air- dry clay leaves

While you are out and about pick up some nice, shaped autumn leaves.



Soften and then roll out some air-dry clay to roughly ¼ inch thick.

Lay the dry leaf on the clay and roll over it with a rolling pin.

Cut around the leaf with a play doh knife or similar and neaten the edges with a little water.

Once fully dry paint your leaf in autumnal colours and add a layer of mod podge or varnish.

Does your child have, or potentially have, an additional need or disability? Pinpoint ([www.pinpoint-cambs.org.uk](http://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](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/local-offer)



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# Your Education Inclusion Family Advisor

## Online Parent/Carer drop in

Individual 30-minute appointments available on the following dates.

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November

Please follow this link to book an appointment.  
<https://forms.office.com/e/zyw48is1Lv>



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## Education Inclusion Family Advisor County Wide Online Workshops

The Education Inclusion Family Advisor team offers a range of countywide online workshops. We welcome any parent/carers with a child/ren in primary schools.

### Virtual workshops:

**What to do when kids push your buttons** – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> of November 2024 12 – 1.15pm or Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> of November 2024 6pm – 7.15pm  
During the workshop we will be exploring strategies for parents to remain calm during challenging situations, understand what happens when children get angry and how to help the children develop self-regulation of emotions.

**Supporting your child with feelings of worry** – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> of November 2024 12 – 1.30pm or Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> of December 2024 6pm – 7.30pm  
A workshop that explores the definition of anxiety, its purpose and how it may affect children including advice around supporting children to understand how they are feeling and some strategies that may help them to manage these feelings.

**Supporting your child with feelings of anger** – Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> of November 2024 12.1.30pm or Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> of December 2024 6pm – 7.30pm  
A workshop that explores angry feelings including what is happening in our brain when we feel angry, how to explain this to children and some useful strategies to use when we have this difficult feeling.

**Sleep** – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> of December 2024 12-1pm

A workshop that explores some common sleep difficulties, looks at sleep hygiene, bedtime routines and suggests some strategies that may help support your child to get a good night's sleep.

To book a place, please click on the link below or scan the QR code:  
<https://forms.office.com/e/c8SPo62F11>



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[earlyintervention@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:earlyintervention@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

## Your Education Inclusion Family Advisor team

**Supporting your child with feelings  
of anger workshop**  
at  
**Huntingdon Youth Child and Family Centre**

On **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

The session will begin at 1pm and last approximately 1 hour with  
availability for questions after the session.

To book on to this face-to-face workshop, please follow the link

<https://forms.office.com/e/DH3RyTDr00>

Please be aware that spaces are limited.

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## Your Education Inclusion Family Advisor team

**Supporting your child with feelings  
of anger workshop**  
at  
**Broadleas Child and Family Centre**

On **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

The session will begin at 1.30pm and last approximately 1 hour with  
availability for questions after the session.

To book on to this face-to-face workshop, please follow the link

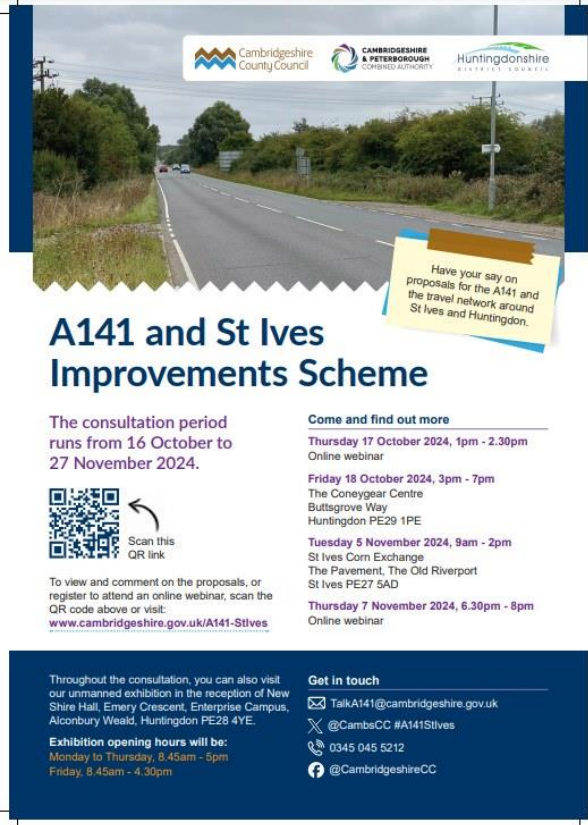
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## Notices



The poster features a photograph of a road with trees and a utility pole. At the top, there are logos for Cambridgeshire County Council, Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority, and Huntingdonshire District Council. A yellow sticky note graphic contains the text: "Have your say on proposals for the A141 and the travel network around St Ives and Huntingdon." Below the photo is the title "A141 and St Ives Improvements Scheme".

**A141 and St Ives Improvements Scheme**

The consultation period runs from 16 October to 27 November 2024.

Scan this QR link

To view and comment on the proposals, or register to attend an online webinar, scan the QR code above or visit: [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/A141-StIves](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/A141-StIves)

**Come and find out more**

Thursday 17 October 2024, 1pm - 2.30pm  
Online webinar

Friday 18 October 2024, 3pm - 7pm  
The Coneygear Centre  
Butts Grove Way  
Huntingdon PE29 1PE

Tuesday 5 November 2024, 9am - 2pm  
St Ives Corn Exchange  
The Pavement, The Old Riverport  
St Ives PE27 5AD

Thursday 7 November 2024, 6.30pm - 8pm  
Online webinar

Throughout the consultation, you can also visit our unmanned exhibition in the reception of New Shire Hall, Emery Crescent, Enterprise Campus, Alconbury Weald, Huntingdon PE28 4YE.

**Exhibition opening hours will be:**  
Monday to Thursday, 8.45am - 5pm  
Friday, 8.45am - 4.30pm

**Get in touch**

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✉ @CambsCC #A141StIves  
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## Dates



**New Dates In Bold**

- 5th November - TAG Rugby tournament Y6
- 8th November - Y3 Trip Flag Fen
- 5th - 11th November - Poppies for sale at school (See above)
- 11th November - Remembrance Assembly
- 11th November - Y5/Y6 Mixed Football Tournament
- 12th November - Anti-Bullying Assembly (Anti- Bullying week from this day)
- 13th November - Parent/Carer Meetings 3.30 -7pm (See above)
- 14th November Parent/Carer Meetings 3.30 - 5.30pm (See above)
- 15th November - Children in Need Day (Separate letter to follow)
- 18th November - Parent Carer Virtual Workshops (see above) Y1 - 4 - 4.30, Y6, 5 - 5.30.
- 19th November - Girls Football Tournament
- 19th November - Parent Carer Virtual Workshops (see above) Y3 - 4 - 4.30, Y4, 5 - 5.30.
- 20th November - Parent Carer Virtual Workshops (see above) Y2 - 4 - 4.30, Y5, 5 - 5.30.
- 26th November - Y4/5 Football Tournament
- 6th December HSA Christmas Fair 3.30 - 5.30
- 10th December - 9.30 - Willow - Wriggly Nativity
- 11th December - 9.30 -Ash - The Big Little Nativity
- 11th December - 2.15 - Elm - A Fireside Nativity

#### **KS2 Christmas Cabaret Dates to Follow.**

- 12th December - School Christmas Dinner
- 12th December - Christmas Jumper Day
- 13th December - HSA Christmas Disco
- 17th December Carols by Starlight on School Playground.
- 23rd December - 3rd January - Christmas Break (School Closed)
- 6th January - Staff Training Day (School Closed)
- 7th January - Spring Term Begins