



Colleges

Nursery School

NEWSLETTER

16th January 2026



Welcome back to Colleges in 2026 ☺

A warm Colleges welcome to the new children that joined us in January and to their families. They have been welcomed by their keyworkers and our existing children have shown them where to play and settle into Colleges life.

We are pleased to announce our main phone line is back up and running. The number is 01223 712 168. You can report your child's absence via our main phone line or text/call to our mobile number: 07345 739 213

Alternatively, you can email us at: office@colleges.cambs.sch.uk

Woodland Adventures

Mrs Creasey has started the New Year leading the first Woodland Adventures for our 3 and 4 yr olds. The children are learning about the wildlife they share their woodland with. They have also been building housing for Hedgehogs-follow this [link](#) to view some pictures.

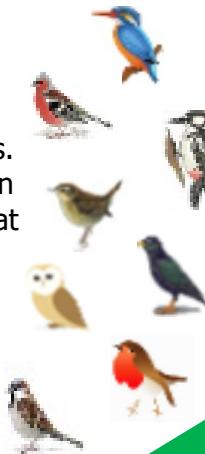
Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered but we always need more! If you do want to volunteer please see Mrs Creasey ☺

National Bird Month

Across the nursery we are celebrating 'National Bird Month'

Some of the activities are making seed balls for the birds, bird spotting and creating nests. Our keygroups are named after british garden birds, see if you can spot any of these birds at home or at the park:

Owls, Chaffinches, Robins, Kingfishers, Woodpeckers, Sparrows, Starlings or Wrens. Please follow this [link](#) to the RSPB website for more information.



In the Daisy room next week we will be reading and exploring the adventures of the Ginger Bread man





Clothes

Now that the weather is colder and often wet please ensure that your child comes dressed appropriately and keep their change bags topped up with clothes.

To help staff manage the increase in clothing layers please label your child's hats, scarves, gloves and coats.

We do have spare wellies at nursery, but if your child arrives in their own please label them too.

Please understand with the numbers of young children we have at nursery it's impossible for staff to know where all the children's gloves etc. are at any given time.

Thank you for your patience. ☺



Can you help us?

We wish to undertake a few renovation projects around the nursery garden in the Spring.

Staff worked hard on our January training day to clear and re-organise our big shed.

As this shed is nearly 20 years old we are planning to replace the shed with new storage.

We would appreciate some physical help to remove the old shed and some basic woodworking help to build the new storage and if possible to carry out some repairs on our vegetable beds and troughs.

Please speak to the office or Miss Morrison if you can help over the course of the Spring.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Screen time guidance for under-five's

Parents of under-fives in England are to be offered official advice on how long their children should spend watching TV/gaming or looking at phone/pad screens. Please follow this [link](#) for more information.

Developing a love of books and stories

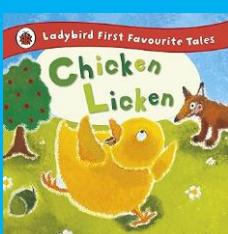
Staff have been organising trips for our youngest children to join in story time at Arbury Court Library on Thursday mornings, we plan to continue with this. The library Story Time is open to all under 4's locally. This term, we also be working alongside the Family Centre to deliver a Book Start session at Colleges. Around 30 children will receive a Book Start pack to take home.

Please note that we can only offer this opportunity to around 30 children this term.

We will give you more news when dates are confirmed.



If your child is not selected, please do not worry, as the programme will run again in the future Colleges will also be re-introducing its own picture book lending library which will be open to everyone. ☺



In the Sunflower room next week we will be reading and exploring the adventures of Chicken Licken

Save the Date

(Please note: dates and times may be subject to change. Newly added or altered dates will appear in **red**)



School Term & Holiday Dates 2025-2026

Autumn Term 2025

Term starts for Returning children - Thursday 4th September

Woodland Adventure

*Group 1 Wednesday 25th February and Wednesday 13th May
Group 2 Wednesday 4th March and Wednesday 5th May
Group 3 Wednesday 11th March and Wednesday 20th May
Group 4 Wednesday 18th March and Wednesday 3rd June*

Spring Term 2026

Term starts staff - Monday 5 January

Term starts children - Tuesday 6 January

Staff Training day - Friday 13 February

Half Term

Monday 16 February - Friday 20 February

Spring Term closes

Friday 27 March 2026 (last day of school)

Summer Term 2026

Staff Training day - Monday 13 April

Term starts Tuesday 14 April

May Day Bank Holiday

Monday 4 May (nursery closed)

Half Term

Monday 25 May to Friday 29 May

Staff Training day - Monday 1 June

Summer Term closes

Friday 17 July 2026 (last day of school)

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