

Cambridge Park Academy

Spring 2026



A very warm welcome back to all of our pupils, parents, carers and staff!

We hope that you have all had a fantastic break with family and friends over the festive period and managed to spend some quality time together.

Last week saw a really positive return to school and it is always one of our greatest highlights to see just how happy our pupils are to return to school – there are not many schools where everyone is just so eager and full of smiles to be back!

Whilst the Autumn term in schools is a long one, there are always some brilliant moments and reflecting back on the learning, the lessons, the experiences and most of all the Christmas events, there were many great memories made for both pupils and staff including our annual visit from THE REAL Santa!



A particular highlight for me was our visit to the Panto (“oh yes it was!”) which was an amazing experience – just looking out at our pupils and staff to see the levels of



support and engagement made me incredibly proud to be part of the CPA team. This is a very special school and visits like this show that there are no limits to what our pupils can achieve and participate in!

It was also great to see so many of you at our Open Evening shortly before we broke up and the positive feedback and stories of success for your children that you gave to staff meant a huge amount, teaching can be a challenging job (as is parenting!) but knowing that you are making a difference and having

that positive relationship with families also makes it the most rewarding job in the world!

We are always keen to recognise the hard work of staff and their dedication to our school and this was rewarded recently with our Christmas Bingo Celebrations, New Years Quiz and the launch of our Trustwide Long Service Awards for staff. We handed out certificates, pin badges and signed cards from our CEO Rachel Wilkes to 54 members



of staff who have worked at CPA for more than 10 years. 24 of those have worked with us for 15 or more years with 8 having worked for 20 or more years...a huge well done to everyone!

I just wanted to mention one more 'staff shoutout'...but it is an important one! Rachel Wilkes (our Trust CEO) was given an OBE in the New Years Honours List for her services to education - it is an incredible achievement and having worked with Rachel for many years, I can truly say it is well deserved. Rachel has made a huge difference to the educational landscape on both sides of The Humber and has made an enormous contribution to the lives of so many children across our Humber Education Trust schools – well done Rachel from all of us.



Looking forward, I say roll on the better weather – I think we have all had enough of the cold now. It won't be long until the days start to become lighter and brighter and we see those first signs of spring start to creep into life! It makes a big difference

to school life also and means we can get out and about on our educational and community visits and bring the curriculum to life a little easier! Keep up to date with everything that is going on both inside and outside of the classrooms this Spring term by following our Facebook feed which is packed with highlights...[Follow us here - We Are CPA](#)

So, thankyou ALL again for everything you do to support our wider school community and, whilst I hope to see many of you during the term, I will most certainly see you at our annual CPA Easter Bonnet Parade which will be here once again before we know it!

Useful dates for the Spring Term

23.1.26	Coffee morning - Nurtrio
6.2.26	Coffee morning – Community Dentist
13.2.26	Valentines Disco
13.2.26	End of Term
23.2.26	Start of Spring Term
27.2.26	Coffee morning - FOCUS
5.3.26	World book Day
12.3.26	Deputyship & Lasting Powers of Attorney Workshop
13.3.26	Coffee Morning – NEL Parent Carer Forum (NELPCF)
20.3.26	Red Nose Day
27.3.26	Coffee morning – Easter Bingo
2.4.26	World Autism Day - wear something blue
2.4.26	Easter Parade
2.4.26	End of Spring Term
20.4.26	Start of Summer Term

Mr Kernan (Principal)





A warm welcome back to Spring term from myself – Mrs French (Assistant Principal) - I hope you all had a wonderful festive season and enjoyed time with family and friends. Pupils have returned full of energy and enthusiasm, ready to embrace the exciting learning opportunities ahead!

We are now a full term in to our 'Curriculum For All', which we launched back in September. This framework designed is to provide rich, exciting, and ambitious opportunities for every pupil throughout their journey with us at Cambridge Park Academy.

This curriculum has been carefully developed to build upon the aspects of education and social development that matter most for our pupils and preparing them for adulthood.

Key features include:

- Three interlinked curriculums that work together to support academic, social, and personal growth.
- A Progressive Pathways Model, adapted from traditional learning pathways (formal, semi-formal, and personalised), ensuring flexibility to meet individual needs.
- A Stage Correspondence Tool, created with our Trust colleagues, to help parents and stakeholders understand how our stages align with widely used age and stage reference points.

Our approach is fluid and responsive, ensuring pupils progress at their own pace with timely and accurate assessment guiding their journey. We are already seeing fantastic engagement and progress across all pathways, and it is clear that our 'Curriculum For All' is providing the meaningful learning experiences we envisioned.



The Autumn term was packed with memorable experiences and achievements. Pupils showcased their talents in our Christmas concerts and carol singing, spreading festive cheer across the school community. They enjoyed exciting trips, including a pantomime visit and a cinema outing, which were met with great enthusiasm. Learning themes focused on Celebration, Journeys, and Enterprise for Post-16 students, encouraging creativity and real-world connections. Kite Class visited the farm, while primary pupils embarked on a journey to the park, exploring nature and what they may need to take on their journey.

A highlight of the term was a team of our students proudly won the Junior Seafood Chef of the Year Challenge, demonstrating incredible skill and determination. We also came together to support Children in Need through our fantastic Run Pudsey event, raising awareness and funds for a great cause. These experiences, along with many more, made Autumn a truly special term for our pupils.



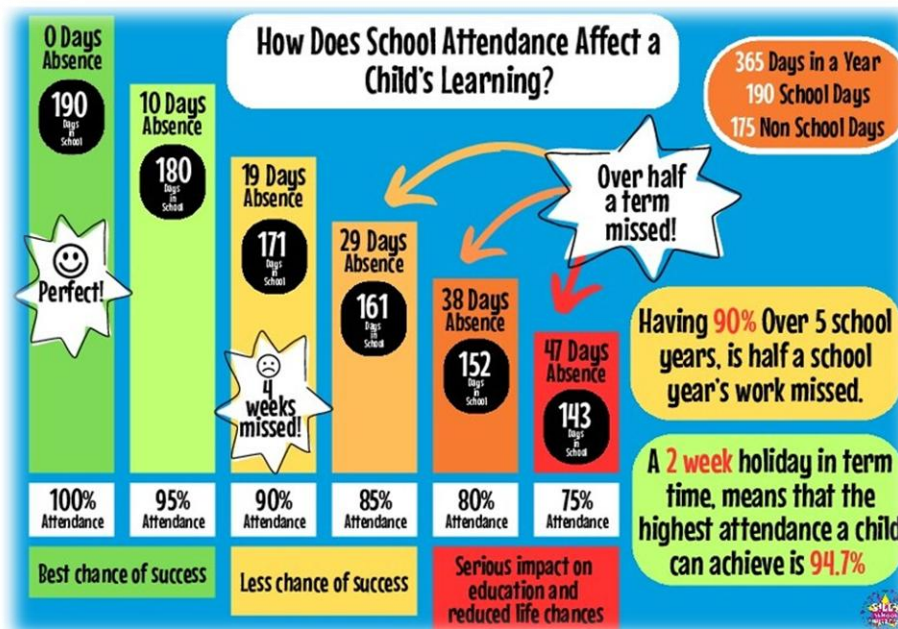
The Spring term promises to be just as exciting, with a range of engaging themes and activities planned. Pupils will explore imaginative topics such as Castles and Dragons, sparking creativity and storytelling. They will also delve into Transport and Journeys, broadening their understanding of movement and travel. For older students, learning will focus on Industrial Britain, Electricity, and Clean Air, providing historical and scientific insights that connect to the modern world. These themes are designed to inspire curiosity, encourage problem-solving, and prepare pupils for the next steps in their educational journey. We look forward to seeing the incredible work and enthusiasm that these topics will bring!



Welcome to the Spring term from me, Mr Gardiner (Assistant Principal) Designated Safeguarding Lead & School Attendance Champion

Attendance Update

Spring Term Attendance Challenge- Pupils that achieve 100% attendance for Spring 1 half term will be invited to a 'drinks and treats event' with members of our senior leadership team. The image below is a helpful guide to good attendance. If you require any help and support with your child's attendance, we are always happy to assist.



Safeguarding

I am delighted to announce that starting on the Monday 26th January we will be hosting a monthly safeguarding Q and A for parents and carers to join via a TEAM's link. This will be an opportunity for you to ask any questions related to all things safeguarding and attendance. All you will need to do is register your interest and then you will be sent a TEAM's meeting invite to log into from your phone, tablet or computer.



This term our staff safeguarding briefings will be focusing on capturing the voice of the child, social media safety, AI and Information, advice and guidance for families.

The NSPCC offers a wide range of support for lots of safeguarding topics

Wider opportunities for families

We have recently collaborated with Lincs Inspire Library service. This is going to open new opportunities for our pupils and families to access the library and allow more opportunities for a love of reading. We are going to be organising class visits and arranging for parent/carer visits. All pupils and parents/carers at CPA can get a free membership. This will then allow access to books, a safe and warm meeting place, internet services, advice and guidance, resources such as practicing a driving theory test, volunteering and work experience opportunities and community events.

Best of all it is FREE!



Happy New Year from me, Mr Leech (PE Teacher)

This Autumn Term has seen pupils across the academy engaging enthusiastically in a wide range of Physical Education activities, developing both physical skills and important personal qualities such as teamwork, resilience, and confidence.

Key Stage 3

Classes: Birch, Elm, Hazel, Oak, Yew

KS3 pupils took part in the Explore, Solve, Challenge learning theme, which introduced them to Outdoor and Adventurous Activities (OAA). Through a variety of collaborative and individual challenges set around different areas of the school, pupils developed problem-solving skills, communication, and leadership.

As part of this unit, pupils also began to learn the foundations of map reading and orienteering, gaining valuable skills that encourage independence, spatial awareness, and decision-making.



Key Stage 4

Classes: Hawk, Kestrel, Kite, Owl

KS4 pupils focused on the Evade, Invade, Capture unit, which placed a strong emphasis on developing effective movement skills. Pupils explored how to use evasion and invasion tactics to find space, retrieve objects, and score points within game-based scenarios.

This learning built upon previously taught fundamentals and provided a strong foundation for future units centred on attacking, defending, and invasion games, helping pupils to refine both their tactical understanding and physical performance.

Primary

All Primary Classes and Ash, Merlin, Willow

Our younger pupils enjoyed the Play, Move, Explore unit, which used a range of modified activities and equipment to support the development of fundamental movement skills. Children had opportunities to improve their locomotion, balance (both static and dynamic), and object control through fun, stage-appropriate physical activities.

Alongside this, the Agility, Balance, Coordination (ABC) learning theme was delivered through a weekly carousel of activities. These lessons provided an early and structured introduction to the fundamentals of movement, supporting pupils in developing confidence, coordination, and enjoyment in physical activity. Activities were carefully linked to cover multiple movement areas, helping pupils progress towards mastery.

Extra-Curricular Highlights

This term also included a number of exciting extra-curricular opportunities:

KS3 Panathlon events

Basketball and football fixtures against Orchard

Sports Leadership training days

Hosting a regional multi-school Boccia competition

These experiences allowed pupils to represent the school, develop leadership skills, and enjoy inclusive competitive sport.

Overall, the Autumn Term has been a positive and active start to the year, with pupils showing excellent engagement and enthusiasm across all areas of Physical Education. We look forward to building on this progress in the coming terms!

Celebrating Success: Our Christmas Carol & Activities Event

Greetings from Ian Ceclich and Hayley Whitney-Smith
(Pastoral and Parental Engagement Team)

This Christmas, Cambridge Park Academy was filled with festive cheer as parents and carers joined us for a wonderful celebration. The event featured beautiful carol performances, engaging stay-and-play activities, and an incredible production by one of our KS4 classes.

Your feedback was overwhelming, many of you told us the event was amazing and that it gave the children a fantastic opportunity to showcase their hard work and



talents in front of so many people. It was truly a special moment for our school community, and we are thrilled that you enjoyed it as much as we did.

Thank you to everyone who attended and supported the event. Your involvement makes these occasions so meaningful for our students.



Continuing Our Parent/Carer Training Offer

At Cambridge Park Academy, we are committed to providing ongoing training opportunities for all parents and carers. As part of this offer, we are excited to announce the Deputyship/Lasting Powers of Attorney Workshop.

Workshop: Legal Options for Transitioning into Adulthood

Following last year's success, with over 20 parents and carers attending, this free session will help families understand key legal and financial options for young people with limited or no capacity as they move into adulthood.

Date: Thursday, 12th March

Time: 10:00am – 11:30am

Location: Cambridge Park Academy

Speaker: Mirium Barber, Partner & Solicitor at BG Solicitors

Topics include:

- Lasting Powers of Attorney (LPA)
- Deputyship and the Court of Protection
- Financial planning and disability benefits

Book your place now:

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

Or scan the QR code below:



Join Our Coffee Mornings and Workshops

Have you attended one of our sessions yet? They're informal, welcoming, and a great opportunity to connect with other parents and carers, share ideas, and gain valuable insights.

We understand that coming along for the first time can feel challenging, so we're here to help. If you'd like support, we can meet you beforehand and walk in with you.

To arrange this, please speak with your child's teacher or contact Hayley Whitney-Smith or Iain Ceclich via the school reception or by phone.



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Thankyou all for your continued support,

Mr Kernan and the CPA Team

