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Term 6 2025/26

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Tuesday September 2nd 2025, we started the academic year which is now drawing to a close. The 10 months since have been full of learning, trips, visitors, fixtures and events - there is rarely a week when there isn't something on the school calendar. Term 6 has proved to be no different, despite the various heatwaves!

We have welcomed a number of visitors into our school. The Saltmine Theatre Group delivered a series of performances depicting bible stories, which captivated many of our pupils. We were also privileged to host a Jewish visitor who led a whole-school assembly and conducted workshops with individual classes, enabling our pupils to develop a deeper understanding of Jewish faith and culture. These experiences contribute significantly to our commitment to fostering cultural awareness and religious understanding amongst our pupils.

The children's experiences have also been enhanced through a range of educational visits. Year 1 visited the Holst Museum in Cheltenham, Year 5 went to both the Badminton Estate and St Cyr's church, whilst Year 6 spent an fun day at Redwood.

The weather has impacted our sporting calendar this term but we still managed to participate in a range of events. We sent teams representing our Y3&4 and Y5&6 pupils to the district cricket tournament, whilst a team of Year 5 and Year 6 took part in the district sports field events. Following three postponements caused by inclement weather, we were delighted to finally hold both our infant and junior sports days, which proved to be thoroughly enjoyable occasions for all involved. In the last week of term, our Year 6 pupils took on the responsibility of organising and running sporting events for their peers across the school, providing them with valuable opportunities to develop their organisational and communication skills in a practical context.

I am delighted that we have been awarded the Eco Schools award with distinction, a testament to the dedication of our Eco-Council and the leadership of Mme Brunet in promoting environmental awareness and sustainability. We have also been awarded the Bronze award from MyHappyMind reflecting our commitment to supporting the mental health and wellbeing of our pupils. Well done to Mrs Cook who has co-ordinated this.

It has been a truly wonderful year but none of the above could happen without the hard work and dedication of the staff here at Cam Everlands. I am incredibly proud of the sacrifices staff make and how much of their own time they give to ensure that our children have plenty of memorable experiences as they pass through the school.

I also share my sincere thanks to all of the families and friends who have come along to support the children in one of the many events we have held or taken part in. Your support for your children — and the school — is vital and we do not take it for granted.

On behalf of all of the staff and governors of Cam Everlands Primary, I wish you all a restful summer. For those leaving us, go well and aim high — you've got this! For those who will be returning in September, we look forward to seeing you on the 2nd!

Best wishes,

Dominic Knill, Headteacher



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Year 6 Leavers

As we approach the end of another busy and successful academic year, we also reach a significant milestone for our wonderful cohort of Year 6 pupils. For every one of them, this term marks the end of their journey at Cam Everlands Primary School and the beginning of an exciting new chapter in secondary school.

Year 6 have been fantastic role models throughout the year, demonstrating resilience, kindness, responsibility and determination in all that they do. Whether in the classroom, on the playground, during performances, sporting events or through the many opportunities they have embraced, they have represented our school with pride and have made a lasting contribution to our community.

While it is always difficult to say goodbye, we take great comfort in knowing that they leave us well-prepared for the opportunities and challenges ahead. We are incredibly proud of the progress they have made, not only academically but also in developing the confidence, character and values that will help them succeed in the future.

On behalf of all the staff and governors, I would like to thank our Year 6 pupils and their families for their support over the years. We wish them every success, happiness and fulfilment as they move on to the next stage of their education. They will always remain part of the Cam Everlands family.



Year 5&6 Play - Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies

The children of Year 5 and 6 put on an excellent show for their families at the end of term this year.

Rehearsals for the show - Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies - were interrupted firstly by the unseasonably hot weather and then by the Year 6 induction days at Rednock. This meant that the children had less time than was planned to rehearse. For anyone who was lucky enough to see the show, this lack of time to practice wasn't evident at all!

For almost 80 minutes in each performance, the cast enthralled the audience with their great acting, wonderful singing and comedic timing. For both the afternoon and evening performances, the hall was unpleasantly hot, but this was soon forgotten as the punchlines started coming thick and fast.

A huge well done to every one of the children and a big thank you to the staff who got them to such a great place in a short space of time!



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Staff leaver

Sadly, at the end of another school year, we have a goodbye to say to one of members of staff.

Mrs Stephens

Mrs Stephens, or Ange to her colleagues, enjoyed working at Cam Everlands so much that she left and came back!

Ange started working here in 2009 and has spent a total of 14 years here, punctuated by 3 years at Blue Coat Primary in Wotton.

In her time with us, Ange has held many responsibilities, initially supporting a child with considerable medical needs and then becoming an amazing class TA for many teachers. She has also supported children to improve their knowledge and confidence through the many interventions she has undertaken, always putting the effort to give them the best chance of success.

Ange has been an important part of the team here for her second stint but all good things must come to an end. She has decided that now is the right time to take her retirement which will allow her to spend time with her family, tend to her garden and enjoy life.

Everfest 2026

On a balmy evening in late June, our annual summer extravaganza, Everfest, took place.

The school field was filled with fantastic stands and activities, from the always-popular tombola to the inflatables, water warriors, bar and barbecue.

All of these things to do brought in the crowds and it was wonderful to see so many of our school community coming together to enjoy themselves.

A huge thankyou to our lovely School Association for organising the event. The money which has been raised will all be given back to the school where it will be used to provide the children with play resources, subsidise trips and visits and provide funding support for items such as the new welly racks.

Play

High quality play provision is a vital part of our offer at Cam Everlands. We understand how important play is for the children and also how many skills the children can learn through well-planned play.

Kim, our play lead, has been incredibly busy this term. She has, with the help of the School Association, requisitioned welly boot storage for each class meaning we will be able to open more of the site throughout the year. She has also spearheaded the creation of a new quite area on the field with the help of the Cotswold Wardens and Cotswold Mens Shed. Not only that, she has also created a digging area on the field and had a mud kitchen installed.

There are more developments planned for the future, so keep your eyes peeled for requests for pre-loved play resources.



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Attendance

Attendance has been a focus for the year and will continue to be next year.

Our target for the year was 96% and we fell some way short with our final attendance for the year being **94.3%**.

Here are some key figures:

Overall attendance:	94.3%
Authorised absences:	4.1%
Unauthorised absences:	1.6%
Days lost to illness:	1261 days
Days missed due to holidays:	210 days
Total days of lost learning:	2215 days

We will be continuing to prioritise improvements in our attendance next year as we need to continue the improvements we have seen this year.

Ultimately, the children should be in school unless they are ill but we have seen too many days of learning lost for other reasons this year which has undermined a lot of the good work which has been done.

Key dates 2026-27

Term dates

Term 1: 2nd September to 23rd October

Term 2: 3rd November to 18th December

Term 3: 5th January to 12th February

Term 4: 23rd February to 25th March

Term 5: 12th April to 28th May

Term 6: 7th June to 20th July

INSET days

Tuesday 1st September

Monday 2nd November

Monday 4th January

Monday 22nd February

Wednesday 21st July

All term dates are available on the school website.