



CAMPTON
ACADEMY

Newsletter – Autumn 1 2026

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Important Dates

Tuesday 15th September – Year 2 Meet the Class (2.50pm)

Wednesday 16th September – Year 4 Meet the Class (2.50pm)

Thurs 17th September – Flu Vaccinations

Friday 19th September – Year 3 Meet the Class (2.50pm)

Monday 21st September – Year 1 Meet the Class (2.50pm)

Tues 29th September – Life Education in school

Tues 6th October – Individual photographs

Thursday 8th October - Harvest Festival at All Saints Church, Campton (10.00-10.30) – All welcome

Half Term Holiday:

Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October

Mon 2nd - Fri 5th November – New Reception visits

Thurs 3rd December – Beauty & The Beast Pantomime

Tues 15th December – Christmas Carol Service
TBC (10.00-10.30) All welcome

Weds 16th December – Christmas Lunch (TBC)

Christmas Holidays:

Monday 21st December – Friday 1st January

INSET Day: Monday 4th January

Children return to school: Tuesday 5th January

Welcome Back!

I hope you all had a wonderful summer break! Hasn't this autumnal weather brought us back to school with a bang?

I am thrilled to be spending more time at Campton Academy this year. On Mondays, I will be joined by Mrs. Hargraves, from the Central BEST team. Together, we look forward to continuing to build a warm, caring environment where every child belongs and achieves.

It has been a real pleasure seeing how quickly the children have settled back into school life after the holidays. Manages the changes into different classes well.

Following the parents' survey last term, many of you highlighted the limited availability of clubs, and this is a key focus for us this year. We are starting with two new partnerships:

- **Wednesday & Thursday:** After-school sports clubs hosted by our new PE provider, GLK (starting this week).
- **Friday:** After-school art club hosted by Arty Amber (starting 18/09/26).

These clubs are booked directly with the relevant company.

We are also working to expand our lunchtime activities, building on the success of our fantastic gardening club.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to speak with Mrs. Hargraves or me at the gate, or contact the school office to schedule an appointment.

Kind regards

Mrs Day

Safeguarding

Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Mrs Louise Day, Headteacher

LDay@bestacademies.org.uk

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads:

Mrs Bethan Ruffell

Mrs Faye Pearce

Mrs Lisa West

CMA-Support@bestacademies.org.uk



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After-school pick-up arrangements

Please telephone the School Office on 01462 813359 if going home arrangements for your child are different from normal arrangements that the class teachers are used to. Your **password will be required** for telephone requests.

Please do not email the School Office, as any failure in our Internet service will mean the messages will not get read. Class teachers are also highly unlikely to see messages sent via seesaw during the afternoon.

Names

Please name all your child's clothing/ belongings. Please refer to www.name-labels.com if you wish to purchase children's name labels. The school reference number is 3511.

School Lunch money (Years 3 & 4) - £3.20 per meal

Please ensure that lunch money is paid in advance. This should be done via your ParentMail account. If you have any queries regarding school lunches and/or payments, please contact Mrs Bright in the School Office.

Coats

Please ensure your child always has a coat/rain jacket with them every day in school. As you know, our weather is extremely changeable and we don't want children to feel cold when they are in the playground.

Water Bottles

Please ensure your child has a named water bottle in school every day, **it should only contain water.**

Jewellery and Watches

Please remember only smooth stud earrings are permitted in school. If your child has recently had their ear(s) pierced you will need to sign a form in the office. Please cover their earrings with suitable tape on P.E days. Necklaces and bracelets pose a health and safety risk and should not be worn unless for religious reasons. Watches may be worn; to aid with telling the time, an analogue face is preferred. Watches with 'smart' functions pose a safeguarding risk and are not suitable for use in school.

Snacks

Can we remind all parents that if you are packing your child a snack that this should only be fresh or dried fruit / vegetable.

Starting School

Was your child born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023? They will start school in September 2027, so you need to apply for a school place by 15 January 2027. Apply online at www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/admissions You can also complete a paper application which is available by contacting School

Admissions at admissions@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk or telephone 0300 300 8000.

Mrs Day will be holding **School Visits** during the **week commencing 2nd November**. Please contact the School office to book a slot.

PTA – Friends of Campton

Friends of Campton are actively seeking new members. These amazing volunteers raise much needed funds for our school. If you are interested in finding out more please contact: CMA-FOC@bestacademies.org.uk

School Photographs

'Braiswick' Photographers will be in school on **Tuesday 6th October 2026** to take an individual photo of every child in school. Brothers and sisters in school will also have a photo taken together.

Harvest Festival – Thursday 8th October 2026

We are in the process of organising a Harvest celebration with All Saints Church, Campton. We will be visiting as a whole school and parents are most welcome to join us.

We will be asking parents to send in non-perishable food donations on Thursday 8th October 2026. These will then be taken to the church.

Privacy Notices

Our Privacy Notices have been updated and can be found here:

<https://www.bestacademies.org.uk/page/?title=Governance&pid=7>

Values - Our value this term is

RESPECT

Please feel free to share with us any examples of your child showing this value, using your child's seesaw account or email lday@bestacademies.org.uk



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Subject visits and events

Following the success of previous events, we will be organising similar opportunities this year. These events will give parents the opportunity to find out how subjects are being taught, join us in celebrating key events and visit classrooms to see the impact of our curriculum first hand.

The children are always delighted to have the opportunity to share what they have been learning with others.

Further information will be sent via parent mail in due course.

Our first reading Café has been organised for **8th October this will be held before school between 8.15 and 8:40** and will give parents the opportunity to share some books with their child before the start of the school day.

Reading Challenge

Our reading challenge will restart this year. Each time a child reads (or practices their sounds if they haven't received a reading book yet) they will move a step closer to earning a challenge certificate. Children do not have to complete a whole book each session, every reading session will count towards their total. We suggest around 10-15 minutes per session for younger children and approximately 15-20 minutes for children in KS2.

Bronze Award = 25 reads

Silver Award = 50 reads

Gold Award = 75 reads

Platinum Award = 100 reads

Diamond Award = 150 reads

Super Challenge Award = 200 reads

Please remember to write in your child's reading record so we know they have read at home.

Absences: If your child is absent from school, please notify the School Office either **by phone (01462 813359)** or **on your My Child At School (MCAS) app**, (Please do not notify the class teacher, either in person or via Seesaw).

All absences must be reported by 9.30am.

Please see our website for full procedures:
<https://www.camptonacademy.org.uk>

Parking: Please park considerately, on school side of Rectory Road. We urge all parents to consider our local residents when picking up and dropping off.

Please remember it is an offence to park or stop on the yellow markings between 8am and 4:30pm.

We ask that the entrance to the school driveway is kept clear at all times. **Please do not park across or block the school driveway.** Parking on the school drive is for school staff only.

Uniform: Please take a look at our website for the correct school uniform:

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- Long hair must be securely tied back for health and safety reasons
- Please ensure your child has a warm coat in school every day.





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Campton Academy has achieved a Gold Award



We are delighted to announce that we, Campton Academy, have achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2025/26 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success. Achievements include our Sports day and several sports festivals.

With many of our children competing in local inter-school competitions this year, we are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

A special thanks to Redborne School Sports partnership.

We look forward to applying once again in 2027!



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