



At The Centre

The Centre School

End of Spring Term Newsletter

April 2026

Principal's Message

A short but very busy term. The Brenscombe party returned just before the break and if the photos are anything to go by, it looks like they had an amazing time (see Page 7). Thank-you to all the staff who gave up their time to make this incredible experience possible.

It has been really pleasing to see how well some of our students have done in terms of their learning and behaviour over the course of this term. This is especially true of some young people that started back in September and perhaps struggled at first.

There is lots to see in this Newsletter including spring lambs, visits to London and festival celebrations.

I hope you had a happy Easter break, and I look forward to working with you all over the summer term.

Sue Raven



SAVE THE DATE!

Centre Celebration
Thu 18 June
From 5.30pm

Did you know? Nine lambs were born at The Centre School Farm during February and March 2026. Our students have played a vital role in the care of the ewes and the new arrivals.

Read more about the Farm on Page 2





AT THE FARM

By Richenda & Dunks

The farm has been a busy place this spring term and is finally starting to dry out, meaning students are no longer working in what often felt like a swamp! With the arrival of spring, the daffodils have begun to flower, and we have been lucky enough to enjoy some sunshine during farm sessions!

One of the biggest highlights this term has been the arrival of nine healthy lambs. Students have been heavily involved in supporting the lambing process, which has required a great deal of teamwork and preparation. This has included helping to prepare and set up pens ready for lambing, assisting with moving sheep safely in and out of the barn, and learning about the care and attention needed to keep both ewes and lambs healthy. Of course, there have also been plenty of opportunities for students to spend time with the lambs and enjoy some well-deserved cuddles with the new arrivals.



The polytunnel is also being given a new lease of life this term. New polythene is being fitted to prepare the space for the upcoming growing season, which will allow students to begin planting and developing their understanding of how food is grown. This work will help support future growing projects and provide more hands-on learning opportunities on the farm.

It has also been wonderful to welcome some new faces to the farm this term. The addition of new students has brought fresh ideas, enthusiasm, and energy to farm sessions, and it has been great to see everyone working together to care for the animals and maintain the space.

The farm continues to be a valuable part of school life, giving students the chance to develop practical skills, responsibility, and confidence while working outdoors and caring for the animals.



Festival Celebrations

February 2026



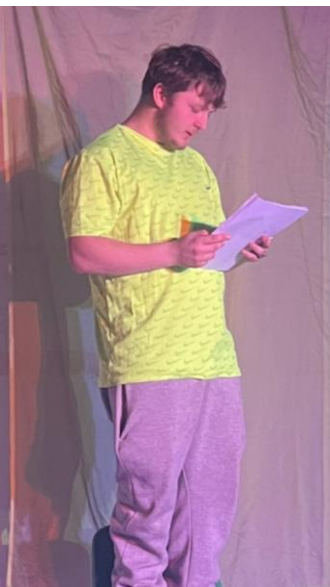
Our classrooms exploded with colour, energy, and excitement as we took a virtual journey to Rio! Students were captivated by the rhythm, movement, and spectacle of Carnival — diving into a world of vibrant costumes, powerful music, and electrifying dance. The experience sparked curiosity, creativity, and a real appreciation for how celebrations bring people together across the globe.

Geography brought the energy with fast-paced quiz-style challenges all about Brazil. In DT, creativity came alive as students designed and crafted bold keyrings inspired by the iconic Brazilian flag.

Croxie and Toria led powerful discussions about life in the favelas, exploring themes of community, identity, and how different cultures express meaning and respect in unique ways. In Science, students ventured into the wild, discovering Brazil's most dangerous and fascinating animals.



By Laura



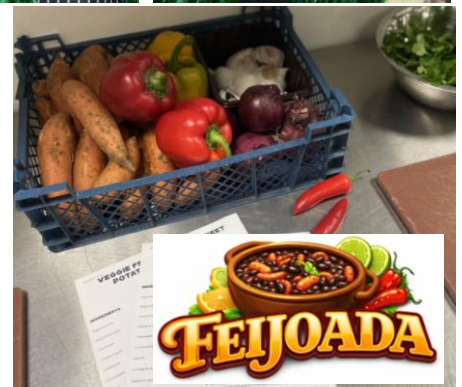
COOKING UP A BRAZILIAN STORM



Brigadeiro



Pão de Queijo



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Festival Celebrations

March 2026

EASTER CHRISTIANITY

By Laura



This term has been packed with energy, creativity, and curiosity as students have explored different cultures, celebrations, religions and beliefs. The enthusiasm and engagement from so many students has been fantastic to see!



Students explored the Easter story, focusing on key themes of **hope, forgiveness, love, and new life**. They discussed how these values apply to everyday life, including fresh starts and showing kindness to others.

- In Art, this came to life through a bold, collaborative piece using our “power words” rise, hope, love, forgiveness, and freedom.
 - In Science, students explored hibernation and how animals adapt to seasonal changes
- Through rich discussions and activities, students developed confidence in sharing ideas and deepened their understanding of respect, culture, and community. It’s been an inspiring and high-energy journey, with students fully engaged, curious, and eager to learn!

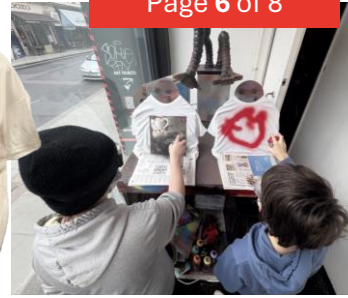


ART TRIP

YEAR 7 AND 8

BANKSY

LIMITLESS



By Laura, Kilo and Harlee



Carlton



Lewis



We had a fantastic day in **London** visiting **Banksy Limitless**. The students were exceptional throughout the trip. From travelling on the train and navigating the London Underground, to visiting **Big Ben** and seeing the **London Eye** for their architecture project, they represented the school brilliantly.

Our students were polite, engaged, appreciative and a genuine pleasure to travel alongside. For some, it was their first visit to London, which made the experience even more meaningful. We were incredibly proud of how they conducted themselves and the enthusiasm they showed throughout the day.



Oscar B

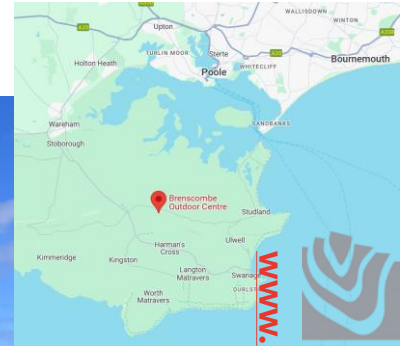


OUTWARD BOUND

By Sam

Brenscombe 2026

Here are some images from our March 2026 trip to Brenscombe Outdoor Centre in Dorset. The pictures capture just a fraction of the amazing experience we had.



Over four days, our students went rock climbing, abseiling, cliff walking, fire making, speed boating, sightseeing and team building. Not to mention overcoming the challenges of living away from home. Our students were amazingly supportive of one another, learned a lot and had a brilliant week.

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If your child is ready to graduate from The Centre School at the end of this school year , and you are seeking advice and guidance regarding next steps, to contact the Pathways Advisor , Richard	Richard.Beckett@cambridgeshire.gov.uk



Key DATES for your Calendar

Date	Event
Mon 13 April	Staff Training Day - school closed to students
Tue 14 April	Summer Term Home Visits (you will be contacted by one of our team on Mon 13 April to confirm a time that suits)
Wed 15 April	Students return to school to start the Summer Term
Mon 4 May	Bank Holiday (school closed)
Mon 25 May – Fri 29 May	Half-term break
Thu 18 June	Centre Celebration Open Event. All families welcome – save the date! 5.30pm until 7.30pm (tour the school and help us to celebrate our students' achievements. BBQ and drinks!)
Fri 19 June	Staff Training Day - school closed to students
Fri 26 June	Final Day for Year 11, 12 and 13 students graduating from The Centre School this summer
Fri 3 July	Staff Training Day - school closed to students
Mon 20 July	Final day of the school year Early finish, taxis will collect students from 11.50am
Tue 1 September	Staff Training Day - school closed to students
Wed 2 September	Staff Training Day - school closed to students
Thu 3 September	Autumn Term Home Visits (you will be contacted by one of our team on Tue 1 September to confirm a time that suits)
Fri 4 September	Students return to school to start the new school year