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NEWS UPDATE

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E-News from CEES

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General interest and open events



Courses, visits and special events for schools

RESOUNDING ENDORSEMENTS FOR CEES DAY COURSES (green) AND RESIDENTIAL EXPERIENCES (blue) AT STIBBINGTON

We've learnt everything we need to know about plants in a day!

Ancaster Primary School, "In Darwin's footsteps", April, 2016

We love coming to Stibbington. I could have put a comment in every box (on the feedback form) saying how great we think it is. The staff are great and know their stuff. The course is always hugely enjoyable. The centre is clean and well suited to what we want. The food is great and is tailored to specific needs. Best of all it's a great chance just to get our children outside and enjoying themselves. Thanks as ever, see you next year.

Castor Primary School, March 2016

They learnt so much on one day, there's nothing left for me to teach them.

Park Lane Primary School, "From source to sea — investigating rivers",

This was my first residential trip and I thoroughly enjoyed it. I felt at ease with all the staff and relaxed when doing the activities as it was so well managed. Nothing was too much trouble as the staff tried to accommodate our wishes and made us feel at home. This then had an impact on the children as they had lots of fun whilst learning.

Newark Hill Primary Academy, April 2016

Super organisation and explanations. All activities were really successful and engaged children's interest in our new topic very successfully.

Swavesey Primary School, "Veni, vidi didici — a Roman Day", April 2016

Support for our geography topic on map skills and our Vikings topic for history was superb. Good quality, wholesome food that the children enjoy and staff very friendly and welcoming as always.

Hampton Hargate Primary School, March 2016

For **RESIDENTIAL** experiences, at Stibbington, the current Summer Term is fully booked and with just a few spaces remaining during next academic year, don't delay, enquire today! To find out more visit www.cees.org.uk/stibbington_residential.htm

For a full list of **DAY COURSE** topics to support subjects across the curriculum, visit: www.cees.org.uk/courses_intro.htm. CEES' Summer Term programme of day courses at Stibbington Centre, Burwell House and Wisbech Castle is almost full. To find out about availability for the remaining spaces later in the term, contact CEES as soon as possible.

THE VALUE OF CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Peterborough Learning Partnership has recently commissioned a [report](#) on the value of continuing professional development, with ideas on how this can be promoted within schools. The report considers how schools can continue to develop and train teachers at a time of budget cuts, whilst continuing to raise standards.

With Ofsted reports regularly highlighting the need for improvement in subjects **other than** English and maths, CEES continues to offer a broad range of practical courses to support subjects across the curriculum in primary schools.

[Teaching Geography and History at KS1](#) on Thursday 9 June, will explore how you can use your local area as a rich and free resource to inspire pupils' curiosity and fascination about the locality.

[Science through Art in the environment](#) on Thursday 7 July will share ideas for making the most of limited resources and using the environment to inspire creative art, to develop scientific understanding and explore scientific techniques. Feedback from Eastfield Infants School following a recent Art Workshop included: *"the course opened my eyes to the range of activities that can be done outside – for free!"*

To book places visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/learntogether/homepage/32/cees

Science

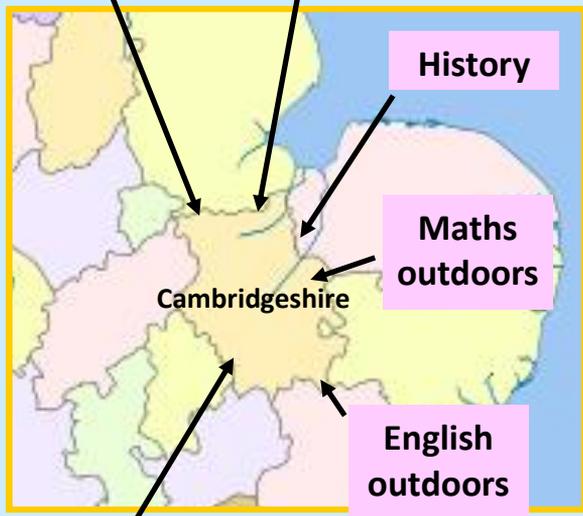
Geography

History

Maths outdoors

English outdoors

Art outdoors



CREATE A WILLOW ANIMAL SCULPTURE OR LEARN TO PLAY UKELELE?

These are just two of the exciting new options in our Summer Term programme of community classes at weekends.



Our short Ukulele Course, on Saturday mornings, 21 and 28 May will be led by renowned Ukulele tutor and founder of [The Raunds Ukulele Orchestra](#), Chris Gammon. Chris will start from the very basics and by the end of this short course, you will have learnt the most commonly used chords and then put them to work in some fun and catchy songs.

Sue Kirk is our leader for a two-day course on Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 June that will equip you with an impressive willow animal sculpture to adorn your garden.



Details of our exciting summer programme are on Facebook at the [Stibbington Community Classes page](#)

ARE YOU LOOKING TO BRING THE FAMILY TOGETHER BUT CAN'T FIT EVERYONE IN AT HOME?

Stibbington's residential centre is available for private hire for groups of up to 40 at weekends and school holidays. With competitive rates for self catering groups, and excellent facilities with good access to local attractions, it's too good to miss! We are delighted to be welcoming a number of new visitors over the summer holidays to the centre including families, choirs, community groups, Girl Guides and walking/activity clubs.

Visit www.groupaccommodation.com/properties/stibbington-centre-peterborough-cambridgeshire



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