



National Apprenticeship Week 2026 Skills for Life



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Get ready for **National Apprenticeship Week 2026 (9th – 15th February)**! This year's theme, "**Skills for Life**," focuses on how apprenticeships help individuals of all ages develop transferable skills for long-term growth and professional success.



Spotlight Event: Ely College Apprenticeship Fair

Join us for the annual **Ely College Apprenticeship Fair** to meet local employers and explore high-quality training opportunities in your backyard.

- **Date:** Thursday, 12th February 2026.
- **Public Session:** 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm.
- **Who should attend?** Parents, carers, recent school leavers, and any members of the public looking for a career change or their first step into the workforce.
- **Location:** Ely College, Downham Rd, Ely, CB6 2SH.
- **How to join:** While drop-ins are welcome from 3.00pm – 4.00pm



Local & Regional Support

- **Form the Future:** Check out the [Form the Future Events Portal](#) for upcoming apprenticeship talks and mock interview sessions across Cambridgeshire. Don't miss their "**Insights into Apprenticeships**" webinar for parents and carers on Tuesday, 10th February (5:30 pm - 6:30 pm).
- **Eastern Education Group:** Discover over 2,000 apprenticeship opportunities at their [Information Evening](#) on Wednesday, 11th February (4:00 pm – 7:00 pm) at the North Cambridgeshire Training Centre in Chatteris.
- **Unifrog & Amazing Apprenticeships:** Students can use their Unifrog login to search for live vacancies and compare pathways. For additional resources, [Amazing Apprenticeships](#) offers a dedicated 2026 resource hub featuring employer films and parent guides.



Why Consider an Apprenticeship?

According to the latest **National Careers Service** guidance, apprenticeships are a fantastic way to: **Earn while you learn:** Get paid to gain industry-recognised qualifications.

- **Gain real-world experience:** Work alongside experts at major companies like Aldi, BAM, BBC, or Costa Coffee.
- **Advance your career:** From Level 2 to Degree Apprenticeships, there are paths for every level of experience.



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Visit the official Government Apprenticeships website to search for live vacancies in Ely today!



Local Apprenticeship Vacancies in Ely (February 2026)

Employer	Role	Location	Key Details
Anglian Water	Treatment Apprentice (Wastewater)	Ely	£18,000 starting salary; applications close 13 Feb 2026 .
Anglian Water	Maintenance Technician Apprentice	Ely	Split time between college and hands-on site work.
G's Group	Engineering Apprentice	Barway (Ely)	No previous experience needed; full training provided.
Specsavers	Optical Assistant Apprentice	Ely	Retail and customer service focused; £7.75/hour .
Sharp UK Ltd	Digital Technology Degree Apprenticeship	Ely	Level 6 Degree Apprenticeship; up to £23,000 .
Busy Bees	Apprentice Educator	Ely	Childcare focused; mentoring and employee discounts provided.
Oak Farm Livery	Equine Groom Apprentice	Ely	On-site full-time role; KEITS Training Services .
Precise Component Manufacture	Apprentice Mechanical Engineering Technician	Ely	Closing date: 31 March 2026 via Cambridge Regional College .
Ivor Searle Ltd	Machining Technician Apprentice	Ely	Closing date: 1 June 2026 via Cambridge Regional College.

How to Find More

- **Government Portal:** Use the [Find an Apprenticeship service](#) to filter results specifically for the **CB6** and **CB7** postcodes.