



# Newsletter – 10<sup>th</sup> October 2025

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Dear Parents

Well done to the children in Year 2 who performed their Harvest Festival assembly so brilliantly this morning. The singing was beautiful and the dance moves were awe inspiring. It was a pleasure to watch you all.

Thank you also to everyone who brought in donations for the Harvest Festival. All the food will be collected by Aylesbury Vineyard for the local foodbank.

## **Read Write Inc**

Whenever a school makes a significant change to teaching there will always be questions that parents have. I've attached some 'Frequently asked questions' that have been coming up in discussion with parents. You may find the answer to something that you have been wondering about here but, if not, please email the office with your query and we'll get back to you.

## **OPAL**

The weather is now becoming wetter and colder. Please can you make sure that your child has the following in school:

- A change of clothes (named and stays in school)
- Welly boots (named and stays in school)
- A waterproof coat

## **Library – Book Change Days**

Year 2: Fridays

Year 1: 1P - Monday

1H - Tuesday

1B - Wednesday

## **PE**

This is a reminder that children must have their PE kits in school, including plimsolls or trainers. **School shoes cannot be worn for PE.** On PE days, children should not wear earrings (unless they can remove them safely themselves).

## **PE days**

Tuesdays - 2C & 2S

Wednesdays - 1B & 2M

Thursdays – 1H & 1P and all Reception classes

## **Lip Balm**

If your child needs lip balm in school, please make sure that it is named and handed directly to the class teacher. This prevents children from sharing their lip balm. Thank you.

## FoTIS Updates

### Raffle Prize Donations

Do you work for a company that could donate a prize to the Winter Fayre Raffle? The winter raffle is drawn at the Winter Fayre, which this year will be held on the 22nd November. Annually it's one of our largest fundraisers but each year we rely on prize donations to make it a success. Even if the business you work for doesn't offer a product or service that could be a prize, many businesses have funds set aside for donations or charitable endeavours. A small gift card to any high street store can go a long way to raising thousands of pounds for the school. If your business can donate something then please email us and we'll coordinate with them: [contactfotis@gmail.com](mailto:contactfotis@gmail.com)

### We need your help

We have a WhatsApp group that we message on when we're looking for helpers.

FoTIS Volunteers 2025/26  
WhatsApp group



Whether it's baking cakes for a cake sale, helping at tuck shop or supervising sponsored bounce etc, we'll publicise it on that group and we'd love your help. Simply scan the QR code to join the WhatsApp group and support our fundraising efforts.

If you'd like to learn more before joining the group then do email us at [contactfotis@gmail.com](mailto:contactfotis@gmail.com) or find one of us in the playground during drop off/pick up.

### Dates for your diary

Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Little Acorns Christmas Art Work templates will be sent home. A lovely way to get your little one's artwork on your Christmas cards
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Non-Uniform Day - £1 suggested donation Tuck Shop in the playground after school
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Little Acorns Christmas Artwork templates to be returned to school in book bags
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Non-Uniform Day (in exchange for a donation towards the children's tombola for the Winter Fayre)
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Non-Uniform Day (in exchange for a donation towards the adults' tombola for the Winter Fayre)
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Winter Fayre in the school hall

<b>TERM DATES 2025-26</b>		
	<b>Open on morning of</b>	<b>Close at end of afternoon of</b>
<b>Autumn Term</b>	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2025
	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2025
<b>Spring Term</b>	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2026
	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2026	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2026
<b>Summer Term</b>	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2026
	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2026	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2026
<b>Staff Training Days</b>	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2025 Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2025 Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2025 Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026 Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2026	
<b>Bank Holiday</b>	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2026 (school closed)	

<b>TERM DATES 2026-27</b>		
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<b>Autumn Term</b>	Thursday 3 September 2026	Friday 23 October 2026
	Tuesday 3 November 2026	Friday 18 December 2026
<b>Spring Term</b>	Tuesday 5 January 2027	Friday 12 February 2027
	Monday 22 February 2027	Thursday 25 March 2027
<b>Summer Term</b>	Monday 12 April 2027	Friday 28 May 2027
	Tuesday 8 June 2027	Wednesday 21 July 2027
<b>Staff Training Days</b>	Tuesday 1 September 2026 Wednesday 2 September 2026 Monday 2 November 2026 Monday 4 January 2027 Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May 2027	
<b>Bank Holiday</b>	Monday 3 May 2027 (school closed)	

<b>KEY DATES - 2025-26</b>	
<b>October</b>	
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 visit to Road Farm, Gt Missenden.
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Parent involvement morning – Oracy
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	FoTIS Non-Uniform Day – suggested donation £1 FoTIS Tuck Shop after school
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Staff training day (children not in school)
<b>November</b>	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Staff training day (children not in school)
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Diwali dance with Kalpesh
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	FoTIS Non-Uniform Day – donations for children’s tombola
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Flu immunisations (Reception-Year 2)
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	FoTIS Non-Uniform Day – donations for adult tombola
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	FoTIS Winter Fayre
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	SEND Coffee Morning with our SENDco, Mrs Gerhardt, 9.00 -10.00 am
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	FoTIS Tuck Shop after school
<b>December</b>	
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Christmas production, 9.15 am
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Jumper Day FoTIS Tuck Shop after school
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Christmas production, 9.15 am
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Christmas production, 9.15 am
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas party day
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Carols around the tree (afternoon)
<b>January</b>	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Staff training day (children not in school)
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>	SEND Coffee Morning with our SENDco, Mrs Gerhardt, 9.00 -10.00 am
<b>February</b>	
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	FoTIS Sponsored Bounce
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Parent involvement morning
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	FoTIS Non-Uniform Day – donations for bake sale FoTIS Bake Sale after school
<b>March</b>	
<b>w/c 9<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS THIS WEEK</b>
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Discussions 5.30-7.30 pm
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Discussions 3.30-4.30 pm
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Discussions 3.30-4.30 pm

Monday 23rd	SEND Coffee Morning with our SENDco, Mrs Gerhardt, 9.00 -10.00 am
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Eid party
<b>April</b>	
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	SEND Coffee Morning with our SENDco, Mrs Gerhardt, 9.00 -10.00 am
<b>May</b>	
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 SATs week 1
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Pyjamarama Day
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 SATs week 2
<b>June</b>	
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Phonics check / Year 2 recheck week
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting for new parents (starting school in September 2026)
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Open Evening
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>	SEND Coffee Morning with our SENDco, Mrs Gerhardt, 9.00 -10.00 am – <b>Year 2 parents only</b>
<b>July</b>	
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Beach Day
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>	FoTIS Summer Social
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Move up day 1
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Move up day 2
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	SEND Coffee Morning with our SENDco, Mrs Gerhardt, 9.00 -10.00 am
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day (am)