



Newsletter – 17th October 2025

Dear Parents

Year 1 and Year 2 have been 'out and about' this week. On Wednesday Year 1 visited Holy Trinity Church because they have been learning about baptism in RE, and on Friday Year 2 visited a local farm as part of their 'healthy eating' focus in Science. Bringing learning to life through visitors in school and going on educational visits is such an important part of our school curriculum. Thank you to all the parent helpers who joined us to lend a hand to make this happen.

Next week is going to be a busy few days at school so this newsletter has some updates, diary dates and reminders as well as suggestions for half term. It's also Diwali, so we'd like to take the opportunity to wish a very '**Happy Diwali!**' to all the children, families and staff who are celebrating in our Turnfurlong community.

Turnfurlong Infant School are winners!

I am very proud to be able share the news that TIS is the Buckinghamshire Primary School of the year in the Modeshift STARS Travel Awards 2025.

<https://modeshift.org.uk/news/modeshift-stars-regional-school-travel-awards-2025/>

A big 'well done' needs to go to Mrs Glen who works so hard on our travel plan every year. The next stage is the Regional Awards so wish us luck and watch this space.

Harvest 'thank you'

We received a 'thank you' certificate from The Aylesbury Vineyard this week. Together we managed to collect 114.3kg of food for the food bank following this year's Harvest Festival. Thank you for all your donations.

Parent Involvement Morning – Wednesday 22nd October 9.00-10.00 am

On Wednesday we are having our Autumn Term Parent Involvement morning. This term there is an oracy focus and we are looking forward to being able to share with you how we are developing children's speaking and listening skills across the curriculum through our 'Voice 21' work.

The morning starts with a presentation in the hall at 9.00am and parents can then spend time experiencing teaching and learning alongside their children in the classroom.

Please join us in the hall when you drop children off at school. Gates will be closed shortly after 9.00am. Please note that latecomers will not be able to access via the school office.

Sickness and diarrhoea

If your child vomits or has diarrhoea they must stay off school for **48 hours** after the **last time** they were sick or had a runny poo.

Keeping to this rule keeps stops nasty tummy bugs from spreading around. It's the same rule for staff too!

Don't forget!

Next week there is a non-uniform day on Thursday. The suggested donation is £1 and all money goes to FoTIS and our fundraising focus of books for the school library.

There will also be the 'end of the month' tuck shop so grab a treat to take home for the start of half term.

Half Term Activities

Spooky Science & Ghoulish Fun this October Half Term at Discover Bucks Museum!

This October half term, families are invited to Discover Bucks Museum for a week of spook-tacular fun and creativity. From thrilling science experiments to hands-on Halloween crafts, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

What's On for Families:

- **Spooky Science** – Be amazed by spine-tingling experiments that are as fun as they are fascinating.
- **Make Your Own Modroc Mummy** – Get crafty and create your very own Halloween keepsake.
- **Creative Autumn Art** – Unleash your imagination with themed arts and crafts activities.
- **Trick-or-Treat Fun** – Join in family-friendly activities with a Halloween twist.

Diwali at the Bucks Museum! (see attached leaflet)

When: Sunday, November 2nd

Time: 12:00-5.00 pm

Where: Discover Bucks Museum, Church Street, Aylesbury HP20 2QP

October Half Term Fun at Chiltern Open Air Museum

This half term, families can join in **Diwali Celebrations**, discover **horrendous history** on "**Miserable Monday**" and enjoy a seasonally spooky evening at our **Halloween Spectacular**.

<https://www.coam.org.uk/>

FoTIS Updates

Little Acorns Christmas Art Work

The Little Acorns Christmas artwork templates were sent home yesterday. This is a great activity for half term. Get your little one to draw a picture in the box, being careful not to go over the lines, and then return them to school on or before the 4th November in book bags. An order form displaying a proof of your child's artwork will be sent home a few weeks later and you'll be able to order all sorts of things displaying the artwork, including the very popular Christmas cards.

Non-Uniform day

Remember it's Non-Uniform day on Thursday in exchange for a suggested £1 donation. The FoTIS team will be on the gates collecting donations at drop off. We really appreciate your support!

Tuck Shop

It's also Tuck Shop on Thursday. Join us in the playground after school (weather permitting) to purchase a variety of sweets and treats, as well as the popular sweet cones. Card and cash accepted.

FoTIS Volunteers 2025/26
WhatsApp group



KEY DATES - 2025-26	
October	
Wednesday 22 nd	Parent involvement morning 9.00-10.00 am – Oracy
Thursday 23 rd	FoTIS Non-Uniform Day – suggested donation £1 FoTIS Tuck Shop after school
Friday 24 th	Staff training day (children not in school)
November	
Monday 3 rd	Staff training day (children not in school)
Tuesday 4 th	Deadline for returning Little Acorns artwork
Monday 10 th	Diwali dance with Kalpesh
Friday 14 th	FoTIS Non-Uniform Day – donations for children’s tombola
Monday 17 th	Flu immunisations (Reception-Year 2)
Friday 21 st	FoTIS Non-Uniform Day – donations for adult tombola
Saturday 22 nd	FoTIS Winter Fayre
Monday 24 th	SEND Coffee Morning with our SENDco, Mrs Gerhardt, 9.00 -10.00 am
Friday 28 th	FoTIS Tuck Shop after school
December	
Thursday 11 th	Reception Christmas production, 9.15 am
Friday 12 th	Christmas Jumper Day FoTIS Tuck Shop after school
Monday 15 th	Year 1 Christmas production, 9.15 am
Tuesday 16 th	Year 2 Christmas production, 9.15 am
Thursday 18 th	Christmas party day
Friday 19 th	Carols around the tree (afternoon)
January	
Monday 5 th	Staff training day (children not in school)
Monday 26 th	SEND Coffee Morning with our SENDco, Mrs Gerhardt, 9.00 -10.00 am
February	
Friday 6 th	FoTIS Sponsored Bounce
Thursday 12 th	Parent involvement morning
Friday 13 th	FoTIS Non-Uniform Day – donations for bake sale FoTIS Bake Sale after school
March	
w/c 9th March	NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS THIS WEEK
Monday 9 th	Parent Discussions 5.30-7.30 pm
Tuesday 10 th	Parent Discussions 3.30-4.30 pm
Wednesday 11 th	Parent Discussions 3.30-4.30 pm

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

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Autumn Term	Thursday 4 th September 2025	Thursday 23 rd October 2025
	Tuesday 4 th November 2025	Friday 19 th December 2025
Spring Term	Tuesday 6 th January 2026	Friday 13 th February 2026
	Monday 23 rd February 2026	Friday 27 th March 2026
Summer Term	Monday 13 th April 2026	Friday 22 nd May 2026
	Tuesday 2 nd June 2026	Wednesday 22 nd July 2026
Staff Training Days	Wednesday 3 rd September 2025 Friday 24 th October 2025 Monday 3 rd November 2025 Monday 5 th January 2026 Monday 1 st June 2026	
Bank Holiday	Monday 4 th May 2026 (school closed)	

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	Tuesday 8 June 2027	Wednesday 21 July 2027
Staff Training Days	Tuesday 1 September 2026 Wednesday 2 September 2026 Monday 2 November 2026 Monday 4 January 2027 Friday 28 th May 2027	
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