



Newsletter – 23rd October 2025

Dear Parents

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for our Autumn Parent Involvement morning yesterday. We hope that you enjoyed seeing everything that was happening in the classrooms. It was lovely to welcome so many people into school.

Year 1 were also very lucky with the weather this week when they went on their walk to look at physical and human features in the local area. Thank you to all the parents who came along to help. There were some tired legs on the way back to school!

Black History Month

October is Black History Month and this year, the 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War, our assemblies for Year 1 and Year 2 have focused on the story of Johnny Smythe.

Not only did Johnny have extraordinary wartime experiences, he was involved in the post-war 'Windrush' migration before going on to hold roles in high office as a barrister in Sierra Leone <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c9qy73843nro>

Johnny retired to Thame and there is a blue plaque on the house where he lived as well as a permanent exhibition about him in the Thame museum.

<https://thamemuseum.org/thames-unknown-hero>

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!

FoTIS Updates

Second Hand Uniform

If you're having a clear out over half term, please remember that FoTIS collect second hand uniform that's in a good condition. We sell second hand uniform for £1 an item at most of our events, ensuring school uniform is accessible to all. The only way we can do this is with your donations. Just leave any bags of uniform that you'd like to donate in the school office and we will collect them from there.

FoTIS Volunteers 2025/26
WhatsApp group



Little Acorns Christmas Artwork

Remember to get your little ones to complete the Little Acorns Christmas artwork templates. If you haven't received a template, please just ask the office for a spare. This is a great activity for half term. Ask 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.

FoTIS Dates for your diary

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| Tuesday 4th November - Little Acorns Christmas Artwork templates to be returned to school in book bags |
| Friday 14th November - Non-Uniform Day - in exchange for a donation towards the children's tombola for the Winter Fayre |
| Friday 21st November - Non-Uniform Day - in exchange for a donation towards the adults' tombola for the Winter Fayre |
| Saturday 22nd November - Winter Fayre in the school hall |

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!

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/>

| KEY DATES - 2025-26 | |
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| October | |
| 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 day 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 1.00-3.30 pm |
| 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 23 rd | SEND Coffee Morning with our SENDco, Mrs Gerhardt, 9.00 -10.00 am |
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| April | |
| Monday 27 th | 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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| | Open on morning of | Close at end of afternoon of |
| 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) | |

| TERM DATES 2026-27 | | |
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| Autumn Term | Thursday 3 September 2026 | Friday 23 October 2026 |
| | Tuesday 3 November 2026 | Friday 18 December 2026 |
| Spring Term | Tuesday 5 January 2027 | Friday 12 February 2027 |
| | Monday 22 February 2027 | Thursday 25 March 2027 |
| Summer Term | Monday 12 April 2027 | Friday 28 May 2027 |
| | 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 | |
| Bank Holiday | Monday 3 May 2027 (school closed) | |