



Newsletter – 7th November 2025

Dear Parents

The days are shorter now and my journey home from school suddenly feels very dark but as I look at my diary for the second half of term I can see so many fun and exciting things to look forward to. Next week we have our Diwali dance day with Kalpesh and that always marks the beginning of our journey through the festivals of light to Christmas. November always goes by very quickly!

Non-Uniform Day – Friday 14th November

Children can wear non-uniform to school. Instead of bringing in a £1, please could children bring in a donation of a prize for the children's tombola at the FoTIS Winter Fayre. Here are some suggestions of things we are looking for: games, puzzles, toys, puzzle books and arts and crafts activities.

FoTIS Winter Fayre – Saturday 22nd November 1pm to 3.30pm

Come and join us for some festive fun and raise money for the school. This year our fundraising focus is restocking and replenishing our school library so every single penny counts. There will be stalls, games, teas and coffee, cakes and the chance to see Santa.

Read Write Inc update

All the children in Year 1 and Year 2 were re-assessed before half-term and this means that your child may have changed the reading and phonics group that they are in. We will be updating the 'RWI pathways' and all parents will have received a link to new activities that you can complete at home online.

Applying for a school place for Reception or Year 3

All families in Nursery and Year 2 must apply for a school place for their child for September 2026 by midnight on 15th January 2026 and the Buckinghamshire portal is now open.

Children in Nursery do not automatically get a place in our Reception class and children in Year 2 do not automatically get a place at Turnfurlong Junior School. Everyone has to apply. Please note that places are not allocated on a 'first come, first served basis' but you do need to make sure that you apply and as it's a busy time of year it's a good idea to get it crossed off the list of jobs to do.

Further information about the process and key dates can be found here:

<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools-index/school-admissions/school-admissions-guides-policies-and-statistics/guide-to-starting-school-or-moving-up-to-junior-school/>

FoTIS update

Winter Fayre

With only 2 weeks until the FoTIS Winter Fayre, preparations are well underway. Come and join us on Saturday 22nd November from 1.00pm - 3.30pm in the school hall, where there will be stalls, games, face painting, magic, cakes, bakes and a well-stocked bar. Of course, there will also be a chance to visit Santa!

Details on how to enter the Raffle have been sent home in book bags today. This year you'll be able to purchase them online at <https://raffle.fotis.org.uk> or with cash.

To make the event a success we need your help!

Cake and Bakes – We are looking for donations of home baked goods to sell on the day. Please bring these to the school hall either at school pick up on Friday 21st or any time from 11.30 on Saturday 22nd. Please ensure there are no nuts and that all ingredients are listed.

Tombola Prizes – Remember there are 2 Non-Uniform days: on Friday 14th November in exchange for a donation towards the children's tombola and on Friday 21st November in exchange for an adults' tombola donation. Examples of donations towards the children's tombola could be games, toys, books etc. Examples of donations towards the adults' tombola could be wine, beer, smellies etc. Donations will be collected at the school gates during drop off.

FoTIS Volunteers 2025/26
WhatsApp group



Volunteers – In order to be able to run this event we need volunteers! Just an hour on a stall makes the world of difference! Please scan the QR code and join the volunteer WhatsApp group to find out more.

Dates for your diary

Friday 14th November - Non-Uniform Day in exchange for a donation towards the children's tombola for the Winter Fayre
Wednesday 19th November - Last day for advance raffle ticket purchases https://raffle.fotis.org.uk
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, 1pm – 3.30pm

KEY DATES - 2025-26	
November	
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
Wednesday 25 th	Eid party
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)

TERM DATES 2025-26		
	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)	

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Autumn Term	Thursday 3 September 2026	Friday 23 October 2026
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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)	