

Newsletter – 28th November 2025

Dear Parents

Thank you to everyone who joined us on Saturday at the Winter Fayre. We had some fantastic donations of prizes and cakes and I think everyone had a great time. Thank you to the fantastic FoTIS committee and the team of volunteers who worked so hard to make this happen. The grand total raised was £2,633.69!



Cold weather

Children need to have a warm, waterproof coat, hat and gloves in school every day please.

Absence

If your child is unwell and is not attending school or nursery, please make sure that you ring the school and leave a message or email the school office before the start of the school day. If we do not hear from you, this becomes a safeguarding concern and our office staff will contact you.



Car park entry – take care!

Please take care when crossing the footpath in front of the car park gates. Vehicles may be moving out of the car park as you approach. Please stop and look before you cross and make sure that your children stop and wait for you.



Christmas plays

The children are currently busy preparing for their Christmas plays and we're looking forward to sharing these with you. For Health and Safety reasons, **we are able to accommodate a maximum of 2 adults per family in the hall.**

The Christmas plays will also be professionally filmed beforehand and a link will be shared with parents via Parentmail.

As a school, we don't charge for any of our school performances but, like last year, if you are coming to a Christmas play please could you bring an item for the Aylesbury food bank. The items that you bring make such a difference in our local community and it would be fantastic to pull together and be able to make a really good donation to support families in need this year. <https://aylesbury.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

Mrs Cooper's thirty years at Turnfurlong Infant School!

This week one of our members of staff reached a very significant landmark. Mrs Cooper, our office manager, celebrated thirty years of working at our school. During that time Mrs Cooper has worked with three headteachers and seen so many changes including the introduction of Ofsted inspections, the reorganisation of First and Middle schools, the opening of our Nursery class and the introduction of free Infant school meals to name just a few. All of us rely on her efficiency and common sense every day. Three cheers for Mrs Cooper!



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. 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/>



Change of address

If you move house or have a change of contact details, it is very important that you inform the school office as soon as possible.

Please be aware that the Buckinghamshire school admissions team have informed of us at least four Year 2 children whose proof of address on their application for junior school is not the same as on our school records!



Names for Christmas cards and the Christmas post box

Our school Christmas post box will be open from 1st December. If your child has cards for friends and staff that they would like to post, please make sure that the name, class or class teacher's name is also written on the front. Class lists, first names only, can be provided on request.

Goodbye and Good luck Mrs Craig!

At the end of term, we are going to be saying goodbye to Mrs Craig. Mrs Craig currently works in Nursery but during her time at Turnfurlong Infant School she has taught in Reception and Year 1. Mrs Craig is going to be starting a new chapter and is getting ready for some adventures. I'm sure you will join me in wishing her all the very best.

FoTIS Updates

Fundraising Update

Thank you to everyone that supported the Winter Fayre on Saturday, it was great to see so many of you there! We hope you had a wonderful time and are firmly in the festive spirit. Congratulations to all our raffle prize winners who have been contacted!

Thank you so, so much to the amazing volunteers that gave up their time to make the event such a success, we couldn't do it without you! We're delighted to say that the Winter Fayre raised a fantastic **£2,633.69!!**

FoTIS Volunteers 2025/26
WhatsApp group



As well as the Winter Fayre, we've been at work in the background applying for grants. A wonderful parent informed us of a £1,000 grant available through their employer, Conrad Energy, which we applied for and are delighted to say that we've been awarded it! A huge thank you to Tomasz for informing us about the grant and Conrad Energy for their generosity!

As a result of the above and other smaller fundraising initiatives, we are only £273 away from raising £4,000 this term! Please come and support us at the remaining 2 Tuck Shops on Friday next week and Thursday 18th December to help us get to £4,000 raised before Christmas.

If you're aware of grants on offer at your employer or locally please let us know at contactfotis@gmail.com.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 18 th Dec	Tuck Shop
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KEY DATES - 2025-26	
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)

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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)	

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