



Newsletter – 13th March 2026

Dear Parents

It may be a short half term but my goodness we are packing such a lot into the next couple of weeks at school. On Monday we have got something very exciting happening in Reception and Nursery but I'm not going to spoil the surprise. On Tuesday we've got the author, Jim Beckett, coming into school to meet the children and share his latest book, 'Buzz Sausage Wolf' with the children. Then, on Friday it's our FoTIS fundraiser 'Yes' day when we get to bend the school uniform rules for the day. More details about this are below!

Eid-ul-Fitr – absence for religious observance

We've had some questions from families about whether the school will authorise a day of absence for Eid. Children from Muslim families can take one day of authorised absence from school when Eid-ul-Fitr falls on a school day. Please remember to email or phone the school office to tell us that your child is not in school.

Author visit – Tuesday 17th March

SIGNED BOOK OFFER! OFFER ENDS 15th MARCH!

We are so excited to welcome author Jim Beckett to our school on 17th March. Ignite your child's love for reading with Jim Beckett, the former teacher and comedian visiting our school! His high-energy assembly features puppets, songs, and "dog parps" to bring his illustrated story, *Buzz Sausage Wolf*, to life. It's a hilarious, heart-warming tale perfect for Key Stage 1 readers.

He will be signing books for the children at the event.

IMPORTANT – Parents, you can order his book from Our Bookshop- click below

<https://www.ourbookshoptring.co.uk/product/buzz-sausage-wolf-and-the-smelly-cat/>

The signed books will be handed out on the day. This will be very exciting for everyone.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM BEN AT OUR BOOKSHOP - Please include the children's name and class so the books can be labelled up for the event. Postage is not required; we will deliver all the books on the day.

Yes day – Friday 20th March

On 'Yes' day, children can make a donation to FoTIS to wear clothing or accessories that they wouldn't normally be able to wear to school. Each 'Yes' has a suggested donation of £1. It's a lot of fun. Here are some ideas of what to wear on Friday:

- Non-uniform
- Pyjamas
- Nail polish
- A crazy hat
- An oversized hair accessory
- Coloured hairspray
- Face paint
- Temporary tattoos
- Brightly coloured socks or tights

Children donate for each extra thing they do. For example, a child wearing non-uniform AND face paint would make two donations.

Eid party – Wednesday 25th March

We will be having our parties for Eid on Wednesday 25th March. All children can wear non-uniform clothes to school. Please make sure that children's shoes are suitable for running and climbing and that clothes are suitable for outdoor play.

Relationships and Health Education meeting – Tuesday 21st April 9.00 - 9.30am

Relationships and Health Education (RHE) is a subject that all schools have to teach from Year 1 onwards. However, please note that we don't teach Sex Education in Year 1 and 2. New statutory requirements for schools were published by the Department for Education in July 2025 and schools must introduce these in September 2027.

These can be found here:

[Relationships and sex education \(RSE\) and health education - GOV.UK](#)

Whenever schools revise their RHE curriculum they should share this with parents and therefore I am holding a meeting for parents about this. Please come along to find out what we teach, how we teach it, what is changing in September and to have your questions answered.

Snacks at playtime

All of the children in our school are able to have a piece of free fruit every day. This is a health initiative that the Government funds and provides for children in Early Years and Key Stage 1. Children should therefore not be bringing in snacks from home, such as crackers, to eat for snack at playtime.

FoTIS Updates - Second-Hand Uniform Sale

FoTIS will be holding a second-hand uniform sale on Friday 17th April in the playground after school. If you have any good quality uniform that your children have grown out of, then please hand it to the office prior to the 17th April so that we can sort through it.

There will be summer uniform items for sale, as well as plenty of uniform to cater for any growth spurts that have taken place.

Items will be on sale from £1 each.

FoTIS Volunteers 2025/26
WhatsApp group



KEY DATES - 2025-26	
March	
Friday 20 th	FoTIS 'Yes you can!' day For one day only, children can wear non-uniform, nail varnish, face paint, temporary tattoos and hair accessories etc. Suggested donation £1 for every 'Yes'.
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
Friday 27 th	FoTIS Tuck Shop – in the playground after school
April	
Friday 17 th	FoTIS Second-Hand Uniform Sale - in the playground after school
Monday 27 th	SEND Coffee Morning with our SENDCo, Mrs Gerhardt, 9.00 -10.00 am
Tuesday 28 th	Year 2 trip to Woburn Safari Park Coaches return at 4.00 pm
May	
Wednesday 6 th	Year 1 trip to Warwick Castle Coaches return at 4.15 pm
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
Tuesday 14 th	Year 2 Leavers' Assembly, 9.15 am
Thursday 16 th	Sports Day (am)

TERM DATES 2025-26		
	Open on morning of	Close at end of afternoon of
Spring Term 2nd half	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		
	Open on morning of	Close at end of afternoon of
Autumn Term	Thursday 3 rd September 2026	Friday 23 rd October 2026
	Tuesday 3 rd November 2026	Friday 18 th December 2026
Spring Term	Tuesday 5 th January 2027	Friday 12 th February 2027
	Monday 22 nd February 2027	Thursday 25 th March 2027
Summer Term	Monday 12 th April 2027	Thursday 27 th May 2027
	Monday 7 th June 2027	Wednesday 21 st July 2027
Staff Training Days	Tuesday 1 st September 2026 Wednesday 2 nd September 2026 Monday 2 nd November 2026 Monday 4 th January 2027 Friday 28 th May 2027	
Bank Holiday	Monday 3 rd May 2027 (school closed)	