



Newsletter – 20th March 2026

Dear Parents

'Eid Mubarak' to all children, families and staff who are celebrating Eid Al Fitr. We hope that you all have a great time celebrating with family and friends.

It has been another lively week in school. The children in Nursery and Reception are having an 'egg hatching' experience and their awe and wonder as the chicks' hatch is very special.

We also really enjoyed the opportunity to welcome the author Jim Beckett to our school this week. Our author visits are arranged through 'Our Bookshop' in Tring who work with publishers to organise visits to schools. Publishers seem to focus on older, Key Stage 2 children for these visits so whenever there is an author who wants to reach our younger readers we take every opportunity to get them into school. Watch this space for another author visit next term!

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.

Year 1 phonics screening check, talk to parents – Monday 20th April at 9.00am

In June, all Year 1 children in England and Wales take the Department for Education Phonics Screening Check. This is a statutory requirement that all schools have to fulfil. We would therefore like to invite Year 1 parents to a brief information meeting to explain the process. The meeting will last approximately 30 minutes.

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.

Foodbank

Turnfurlong Infant School is a collection point for the Aylesbury Foodbank. If you are able to make a small donation of tinned or dried food as we approach the Easter holidays this would be very gratefully received.

Reception PE – Thursdays

From the beginning of the Summer term, children in Reception should come to school in their normal school uniform. Children will change into PE kits at school. This will support the development of their independence and self-care skills.

Sunhats and sunscreen

Children spend a lot of time outside at school and we need to make sure that they are safe and protected in the sun as temperatures rise. Please could all children have a named sunhat and a named bottle of high-factor sunscreen in school for the summer term. We will be teaching the children how to put sunscreen on by themselves.

Toys from home

Please can we remind parents that children should not be bringing toys from home into school. This includes soft toys.

We have lots of toys for the children to use in school and bringing things from home risks things being broken, lost or damaged. Thanks for your support with this

Chapped lips – lip balm and Vaseline

We know that chapped lips can be very sore and uncomfortable and that from time to time children may benefit from a lip balm or some Vaseline in school to ease this. If children do need to apply these, they should be named and given them to their teacher to keep. This stops children from sharing them with each other!

Keyrings on book bags

Please can we remind families that children should have just one keyring on their book bags. When children have a 'keyring collection' on their book bags they can't open and close their trays. Trays that stick out become a trip hazard and make it difficult for other children to be able to get to their own things. Just one keyring please!

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



Easter at Discover Bucks Museum

This Easter, we're bursting with things to see, make and explore including the launch of our major new SAXONS exhibition opening with a big Family Opening Day on Saturday, 28th March. The first week of the holidays is packed with Easter-themed craft and science family fun, while the second week takes inspiration from the Saxons, with Saxon-themed crafts linked to the new exhibition. Plus, don't forget to play, learn and explore in the Roald Dahl Children's Gallery.

KEY DATES - 2025-26	
March	
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 20 th	Year 1 - Phonics Screening talk to parents 9.00-9.30 am
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)	