



Dear Parents

I'm going to start this week's newsletter by thanking everyone who was involved in last Friday's pre-loved uniform sale. Thank you to those of you who helped by washing and folding bags of uniform and to all those who manned a table in the playground. It was great to see lots of people picking up a bargain, including parents and carers whose children are going to be joining us in September. Fantastic work by the FoTIS team yet again!

This newsletter has some updates and reminders about things that are happening in school very soon.

## **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.

## **Nursery places in September**

From September, we will be offering 30 hour places to three and four year olds who are eligible for funding. Our timings will also be changing to align more closely with the school day.

Morning session: 9.00 am-12 pm

Lunch: 12.00 pm-1.00 pm

Afternoon session: 1.00-3.00 pm

15 hour places will still be available for eligible two, three and four year olds but these will be mornings only.

Children who are currently attending Nursery will be given priority for 30 hour places.

Application forms are available from the office and the **deadline for applications is Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May.**

## **Author visit – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May**

We are looking forward to having a visit from the author Lucy Rowland on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May. This is a particularly exciting visit because all of Year 1 are currently using her book 'The Knight Who Said No' as a stimulus for writing as part of our 'Storytelling Schools' work. Look out for further details to follow.

## **Safeguarding – photos on social media**

How many WhatsApp groups do you belong to? Probably one too many! Social media is a part of all our lives and many of us use photographs attached to our phone number on WhatsApp. Profile pictures are often visible to anyone with your number. They can be easily screenshotted, stolen, and used for malicious purposes. Using family photos as a WhatsApp profile picture can therefore potentially expose children and family members to safety risks.

Here are some suggestions for how you can reduce risk:

- **Use Alternatives:** Use a photo of yourself without your child, an avatar, or a non-identifiable image
- **Adjust Privacy Settings:** Set your profile photo visibility to "My Contacts" or "Nobody" in WhatsApp settings.
- **Check Backgrounds:** Avoid photos that show school logos, house numbers, or specific locations.
- **Avoid "Sharenting":** Be cautious about how much of your children's life is shared online.
- **False Security and Context Clues:** Experts warn that simply hiding the face is insufficient. Details like uniform logos, school crests, and unique, recognisable playgrounds can be used to identify a child's location or school.
- **AI and Digital Forensics:** Digital tools can sometimes bypass emojis and, in many cases, emojis fail to hide the overall context of an image, making it easy for AI to analyse body shape, posture, and surroundings.

### **Aylesbury United Community Day - Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April from 2.00 pm**

The annual Aylesbury United Community Day will take place on Saturday, 25th April 2026, held in conjunction with Aylesbury United's home fixture against Hertford Town at The Meadow, Chesham.

#### **Event Details:**

**Date:** Saturday, 25th April 2026

**Time:** Activities start beforehand from 2pm; Match kick-off is at 3:00 PM

**Location:** The Meadow, Chesham (Home of Aylesbury United FC)

**Entry:** FREE with registration and a food or care item donation to Youth Concern

**Donations Needed:** Youth Concern is currently seeking non-perishable food and toiletries for their care parcels to give to young people in need. Please check best before dates as we can only accept food in date.

You can register for free tickets and view a full list of requested donation items by scanning the QR code on the event flyer (see attached to the email).

### **St George's Day Event, Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 12 noon**

This which takes place in Aylesbury Town Centre across Friars Square Shopping Centre, Market Square and the Kings Head, will be a day filled with historical fun, workshops, and activities. The highlights include historic walkabout characters, St George on horseback, a stilt-walking dragon, and performances by Unbound Theatre, 'Women of the War' and Morris dancers, followed by the Uniformed Parade at 4pm.

### **'Magic for school' – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2026 6 -7pm**

Magic Marius is one of our parents who also happens to be a magician. He is very kindly, and generously, putting on a magic show in our school hall with all profits being donated to the school.

Tickets cost £5.50, and are now on sale via the link below.

<https://buytickets.at/magicmarius/2174560>

**JOB ADVERTS – April 2026**  
**CLEANER – Permanent**

**We are looking for**

- Someone who works hard and is able to clean to a high standard
- Someone who can maintain confidentiality
- Someone who is able to work as part of a team
- Someone who can follow instructions to keep themselves and others safe
- Someone who can work without direct supervision
- Someone who has a sense of humour!

Pay: £5,318 per annum  
10 hours per week, term time only  
3.30-5.30 pm (with some flexibility of start time between 3.30 and 4.00 pm)

Please contact the school office for an application form.

<b>KEY DATES - 2025-26</b>	
<b>April</b>	
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	SEND Coffee Morning with our SENDCo, Mrs Gerhardt, 9.00 -10.00 am
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 trip to Woburn Safari Park Coaches return at 4.00 pm
<b>May</b>	
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 trip to Warwick Castle Coaches return at 4.15 pm
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 SATs week 1
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Pyjamarama Day
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 SATs week 2
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Visit from author Lucy Rowland for Reception-Year 2
<b>June</b>	
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Phonics check / Year 2 recheck week
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting for new parents (starting school in September 2026)
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Open Evening
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>	SEND Coffee Morning with our SENDco, Mrs Gerhardt, 9.00 -10.00 am – <b>Year 2 parents only</b>
<b>July</b>	
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Beach Day
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>	FoTIS Summer Social
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Move up day 1
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Move up day 2
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	SEND Coffee Morning with our SENDco, Mrs Gerhardt, 9.00 -10.00 am
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Leavers' Assembly, 9.15 am
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day (am)

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<b>Summer Term</b>	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2026
	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2026	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2026
<b>Staff Training Days</b>	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2025 Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2025 Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2025 Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026 Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2026	
<b>Bank Holiday</b>	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2026 (school closed)	

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<b>Autumn Term</b>	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2026	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2026
	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2026	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2026
<b>Spring Term</b>	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2027	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2027
	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2027	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2027
<b>Summer Term</b>	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2027	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2027
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