

Newsletter – 20th July 2026



Dear Parents

The end of the school year always arrives with a rush of energy all of its own. It's a time full of lots of different feelings and emotions for children and adults as we get ready for the summer break. Last week the children in Year 2 shared their leavers assembly with their families. There was singing, laughter and a few tears. We wish all of the children well as they get ready to start their new schools in September. We'll miss you!

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Sports Day last week. Our children may be young but they are certainly competitive with a wonderful team spirit. The Sports Day shield was won by Oak house. Thank you to James, our sports coach, for organising such a fantastic day.

I hope that everyone has a safe, happy summer holiday. We look forward to seeing everyone in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 again on Thursday 3rd September.

Nursery start date

Children who are staying on in Nursery start back on Friday 4th September. Our new Nursery children all have staggered starts from Monday 7th September to Wednesday 9th September.

Buckinghamshire School Awards 2026 - Congratulations Mrs Khan!

Parents of children in Nursery may have seen the certificate that celebrates Mrs Khan's nomination for Teaching Assistant of the year in the 2026 Buckinghamshire Schools Awards. Her nomination reflected the significant contribution that she has made to inclusion in Nursery over the past two years. It was a huge accomplishment to reach the final three nominees and we are all very proud of her. Well done, Mrs Khan.

Goodbye and good luck, Ms Moxham

Ms Moxham, one of our teaching assistants in Year 1, will be leaving our school at the end of term. Ms Moxham has been one of the driving forces behind OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) and as such she has made a difference to every child. Thank you for everything that you've done for our school, Ms Moxham.

Annual Survey to parents

If you are able to complete the survey, it would be most appreciated as it gives school leaders and the Governing Body useful feedback on your views. The survey closes at 12pm on Wednesday 22nd July and the link is as follows:

[Turnfurlong Infant School - Parent Survey 2025-26 – Fill out form](#)

Summer holiday activities in Buckinghamshire

We have attached some information about free events that are happening in Buckinghamshire for families this summer.

The Buckinghamshire Family Information Service also has lots of useful information for families, including summer activities.

[Family Information Service | Buckinghamshire Family Information Service](#)

Family Hub Service Summer Events – Fun, free days out for children aged 0-10. No need to book. Just turn up:

- Friday 31st July (10am to 12pm) - Southcourt Family Hub
- Tuesday 4th August (1.30pm to 3.30pm) - Berryfields Family Hub
- Tuesday 11th August (10am – 12:00pm) - Buckingham Youth Centre
- Wednesday 12th August (10:30am – 3.30pm) Chandos Park
- Thursday 20th August (1.30pm to 3.30pm) – Best Start Family Hub Elmhurst
- Tuesday 25th August (10am to 12pm) - Wing Family Hub

SEND HAF (Holiday Activity Fund)

- Wednesday 26th August (10am to 2pm) - Best Start Family Hub Elmhurst. For more info please email: aylesburyfamilyhub@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

HAF at the Hub (for 11-16 year olds)

- Wednesday 19th August (11am – 3pm) - Best Start Family Hub Elmhurst. For more info please email: aylesburyfamilyhub@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

Buckinghamshire Summer Reading Challenge - Aylesbury Library

Keeping children reading over the summer holidays makes such a difference and this year is the National Year of Reading. The Buckinghamshire Summer Reading Challenge is fun – and free!

1. Sign up for **FREE** at the library with your [child's library card](#) – join the Challenge anytime from **Saturday 4 July**
2. Get your **FREE** starter pack - the pack contains a sticker booklet and Storytime magazine
3. Start reading! You're in charge - choose what you love to read and select your reading goals
4. Collect rewards - pick up stickers and character cards for every book you read.
5. Become a Challenge Completer - Complete six books or reading goals to claim your medal and certificate.

Library staff and volunteers are on hand to chat to children about books they have read. It's all free, fun and a great opportunity for children aged 4 and over, to find the books they love. They choose what they want to read.

The Mini Challenge is a bite sized version of the Summer Reading Challenge for children aged 3 and under. Children collect stickers on a special collector card for the books they borrow and read.

- Sign up at Aylesbury library for free and choose any books your child likes
- Read and share the stories together
- Collect a sticker for each book to fill up the collector card
- Complete the mini challenge and earn a special gold sticker

[2026 Summer Reading Challenge, Read to the Beat | Buckinghamshire Council](#)

Support for families in the summer holidays

We know that sometimes life can be challenging for all of us and there are times when families need a helping hand. We've attached some information of organisations that can support. Please do share this with anyone who may find this useful.

[Help with the cost of living \(Helping Hand\) | Buckinghamshire Council](#)

Drop in support at the Best Start Family Hub

If you are worried about the summer holidays you should know you are not alone. Elmhurst Drop In is a friendly, free space to get advice and support on anything from parenting to finances. There is no need to book you can just drop in or call:

- Opening times: Monday to Thursday, 9am to 5pm, Fridays, 9am to 4pm
- Best Start Family Hub Elmhurst, Dunsham Lane, Aylesbury, HP20 2DB
- Phone: 01296 383293

Great British Summer Savings

Did you know that during August all children in England from 5 to 15 years of age can travel free on buses?

From 25th June to 1st September the Government has also temporarily cut VAT from 20% to 5% on children's meals in restaurants, children and family tickets to theatres, cinemas, concerts and exhibitions, as well as admission to a wide range of attractions.

Type your postcode into the attraction finder website to find out which venues near you are participating in this government initiative. To use the attraction finder, please visit <https://summersavings.gov.uk>

Diary dates for 2026-2027 and term dates 2027-2028

You will notice that at the end of the newsletter there are some key diary dates for the next school year. The term dates for 2027-2028 have also been agreed and are included here as well.

Free online courses for parents and carers in the Autumn Term

Buckinghamshire Family Learning are running online courses for parents of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 in September. Please see the information attached for more details.

KEY DATES - 2026-27	
September	
Tuesday 1 st	Staff training day (children not in school)
Wednesday 2 nd	Staff training day (children not in school)
Tuesday 22 nd	SEND Coffee Morning with our SENDCo, Mrs Gerhardt 9.00 -10.00 am
Tuesday 29 th	OPAL Stay & Play (am)
October	
Thursday 1 st	Flu immunisations (Nursery-Year 2)
Monday 5 th	Photographer in for individual photos
Monday 5 th	Parent Discussions 5.30-7.30 pm
Tuesday 6 th	Parent Discussions 3.30-4.30 pm
Wednesday 7 th	Parent Discussions 3.30-4.30 pm
Friday 9 th	Year 2 Harvest Assembly, 9.15 am
Friday 16 th	Year 2 Road Farm visit
Wednesday 21 st	Parent involvement morning
November	
Monday 2 nd	Staff training day (children not in school)
Monday 16 th	Diwali dance with Kalpesh
Tuesday 17 th	SEND Coffee Morning with our SENDCo, Mrs Gerhardt 9.00 -10.00 am
December	
Friday 4 th	Pantomime
Monday 7 th	Reception walk to the post box (am)
Friday 11 th	Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 14 th	Year 1 Christmas production, 9.15 am
Tuesday 15 th	Year 2 Christmas production, 9.15 am
Wednesday 16 th	Reception Christmas production, 9.15 am
Thursday 17 th	Christmas party day
Friday 18 th	Carols around the tree, 2.30 pm (whole school and parents)

January	
Monday 4 th	Staff training day (children not in school)
Thursday 14 th	School Health Screening for Reception children – measurement of heights and weights
Tuesday 19 th	SEND Coffee Morning with our SENDCo, Mrs Gerhardt 9.00 -10.00 am
February	
Wednesday 10 th	Parent involvement morning
March	
Tuesday 9 th	SEND Coffee Morning with our SENDCo, Mrs Gerhardt 9.00 -10.00 am
Monday 15 th	Parent Discussions 5.30-7.30 pm
Tuesday 16 th	Parent Discussions 3.30-4.30 pm
Wednesday 17 th	Parent Discussions 3.30-4.30 pm
Friday 19 th	Eid party
April	
Tuesday 27 th	SEND Coffee Morning with our SENDCo, Mrs Gerhardt 9.00 -10.00 am
Tuesday 27 th	School Health Screening for Reception children – vision checks
Thursday 29 th	Year 2 to Woburn Safari Park (<i>provisional date</i>)
May	
Wednesday 5 th	Year 1 to Warwick Castle (<i>provisional date</i>)
Monday 17 th	Year 2 SATs week 1
Monday 24 th	Year 2 SATs week 2
Friday 28 th	Staff training day (children not in school)
June	
Monday 14 th	Year 1 Phonics check / Year 2 recheck week
Monday 21 st	Meeting for new parents (starting school in September 2027) 6 pm
Tuesday 29 th	Year 2 SEND Coffee Morning with our SENDCo, Mrs Gerhardt 9.00 -10.00 am
July	
Thursday 1 st	Open Evening
Friday 2 nd	Beach Day
Tuesday 6 th	Move up day 1
Wednesday 7 th	Move up day 2
Thursday 15 th	Sports Day
Monday 19 th	Year 2 Leavers' Party

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	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)	

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	Open on morning of	Close at end of afternoon of
Autumn Term	Monday 6 September 2027	Friday 22 October 2027
	Monday 1 November 2027	Friday 17 December 2027
Spring Term	Wednesday 5 January 2028	Friday 11 February 2028
	Monday 21 February 2028	Friday 31 March 2028
Summer Term	Tuesday 18 April 2028	Friday 26 May 2028
	Tuesday 6 June 2028	Friday 21 July 2028
Staff Training Days	Wednesday 1 September 2027 Thursday 2 September 2027 Friday 3 September 2027 Tuesday 4 January 2028 Monday 5 June 2028	
Bank Holiday	Monday 1 May 2028 (school closed)	