Newsletter – 2nd October 2026

Dear Parents

Thank you to everyone who joined us in school for the OPAL 'Stay and Play' session this week. It was great to see so many children confidently sharing all the activities that they enjoy at playtime and lunchtime with you.

This week we also welcomed Reception parents into school for our introduction to phonics and reading morning. We'll be sending out a condensed version of the powerpoint to all families soon. We hope that you found the session useful.

Is my child too ill to come to school?
Good attendance at school is absolutely critical to children making good progress in their learning. We also know that children will often pick up bugs and infections, particularly when they first start Nursery and Reception.

If your child has a temperature, please keep them at home but if they have runny nose or a cough or a bit of a sore throat they should still come to school. We will always call parents to come to school and collect if we think that a child is too ill to be here. Children with diarrhoea or vomiting must stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days (48 hours).

The NHS website has some good advice for parents to look at when deciding whether their child is well enough to come to school Is my child too ill for school? - NHS

Health and Safety on site reminders
Please can we remind everyone that children should not play in the nature area or on any of the play equipment or with any OPAL toys before or after school.

Staff Car Park
Parents and carers must not use the staff car park to drop off or pick up children.
If you have a 'blue badge' please show this to the school office. Please note that the person for whom the badge is registered must be using the car at that time.

Lost Property
We already have a lot of lost property at school and lots of these items are not named. Please can we remind everyone that all uniform, including PE kit, lunch boxes and water bottles must be named.

Harvest Donations
We would be very grateful for any gifts of tinned or packet goods. These can be brought in next week from Monday 5th October please. Aylesbury Foodbank will take and distribute the food, so we are not asking for any fresh produce. Suggestions for donations are

- Tinned meat/fish
- Tinned veg/fruit
- Cooking sauces
- Coffee

- Milk (UHT or powdered)
- Cereals
- Fruit juice (long-life)
- Tinned pudding
- Jam
- Instant mashed potato

Year 2 Harvest Assembly - Friday 9th October, 9.00-9.30am
Year 2 will be presenting the Harvest Assembly and all Year 2 parents are most welcome to attend.

Friday 6th November, 9.00-9.30am - SATs workshop for Year 2 parents
Year 2 parents are invited to join us in the hall as we explain how the non-statutory SATs assessments for children will be delivered this year.

FoTIS Updates
The FoTIS AGM was held on the 15th September at 7.15pm in the school hall. This year's committee were voted in and minutes have since been circulated. This year we will be raising money to put towards air-conditioning in the school. During the extreme temperatures at the end of the last academic year, the school had to be closed as it was just too hot for the children and teachers to be safe. We want to make sure that doesn't need to happen in future.

FoTIS Volunteers 2026/27
WhatsApp group

We aim to raise £12,000 this year by running various events and initiatives. If you'd like to volunteer to help at any of these then please scan the QR code to join our Volunteer WhatsApp group where we message as and when we require volunteers.

Tuck Shop
Our first Tuck Shop of the year will be held today on the playground after school. We can't wait to see you there!

KEY DATES - 2026-27	
October	
Monday 5th	Photographer in for individual photos
Monday 5th	Parent Discussions 5.30-7.30 pm
Tuesday 6th	Parent Discussions 3.30-4.30 pm
Wednesday 7th	Parent Discussions 3.30-4.30 pm
Friday 9th	Year 2 Harvest Assembly, 9.15 am
Friday 16th	Year 2 Road Farm visit
Wednesday 21st	Parent involvement morning
Friday 23rd	FoTIS non-uniform day (suggested donation £1 per child)
November	
Monday 2nd	Staff training day (children not in school)
Friday 6th	SATs workshop for Year 2 parents
Monday 16th	Diwali dance with Kalpesh
Tuesday 17th	SEND Coffee Morning with our SENDCo, Mrs Gerhardt 9.00 -10.00 am
Saturday 21st	FoTIS Winter Fayre
December	
Friday 4th	Pantomime (in school)
Monday 7th	Reception walk to the post box (am)
Friday 11th	Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 14th	Year 1 Christmas production, 9.15 am
Tuesday 15th	Year 2 Christmas production, 9.15 am
Wednesday 16th	Reception Christmas production, 9.15 am
Thursday 17th	Christmas party day
Friday 18th	Carols around the tree, 2.30 pm (whole school and parents)

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

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

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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)	