# Newsletter – 9th October 2026

Dear Parents

It has been a busy week in school with parent meetings for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and the Year 2 Harvest Festival today. Well done to the children in Year 2 and the Year 2 team. The music was very catchy and I am sure that everyone will be singing the 'Harvest Rock and Roll' all weekend.

We also welcomed the author, Rachel Bright to school this week. I've got a lot of Rachel's picture books on the shelves in my office and her stories are a regular feature of my assemblies. Thank you to Mrs Glen and the office staff for liaising with Our Bookshop in Tring to make this happen.

This newsletter has some reminders about things that are happening in the next few weeks ahead.

**Water bottles in book bags**
Please do not put your child's water bottle in their book bag. When water damages a reading book it cannot be used by other children and has to be replaced. Reading books are a very expensive resource and our school does not have sufficient funds to continually replace books. If a book is damaged parents will be asked to pay for a replacement. Keep water bottles out of book bags, please.

**Monday 19th October – deadline to return Christmas card artwork**
Please make sure that all Christmas card artwork is sent back into school by Monday 19th.

**Wednesday 21st October – Parent Involvement Morning (Maths) 9-10.30am**
The focus of this term's Parent Involvement Morning is maths.
Come and join the staff and children to find out more about how we teach and assess maths in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. From 9.00 am-9.20 am there will be a talk in the hall, when Mrs Henry will explain how we teach maths at school. We will also offer you some ideas on how you can help at home. Following the talk in the hall, parents will be invited to go to their child's classroom and see teaching and learning in action

Entrance will be via the playground gate from 8.25 am drop off for a 9.00 am start.
Gates will be locked for at 9.00 am safeguarding.
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**Please note, there will be no entry to the playground after 9.00 am or via the main office.**

**Friday 23rd October – non-uniform day fundraiser for FoTIS**
Children can come to school wearing non-uniform clothes. Please make sure that clothing is suitable for the weather for the weather and outdoor play, including shoes. The suggested donation for FoTIS is £1 per child.

**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**

FoTIS Volunteers 2026/27
WhatsApp group

**Christmas Card Templates**
Christmas card templates were sent home in bookbags at the end of last week. Please follow the guidance in the email sent via ParentMail and return your child's masterpiece to school by Monday 19th October. Order forms will be sent home after half term for those templates returned by the deadline. If you need a replacement template for any reason the office has some.

**Saturday 21st November, FoTIS Winter Fayre, 1.00 – 3.30pm**

| KEY DATES - 2026-27 | |
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| **October** | |
| Friday 16th | Year 2 Road Farm visit |
| Tuesday 20th | Year 1 walk in the local area (afternoon) |
| 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<br>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<br>9.00 -10.00 am |
| **February** | |
| Wednesday 10th | Parent involvement morning |
| **March** | |
| Tuesday 9th | SEND Coffee Morning with our SENDCo, Mrs Gerhardt<br>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 |

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| **April** | |
| Tuesday 27th | SEND Coffee Morning with our SENDCo, Mrs Gerhardt<br>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 7th | Class photographs |
| 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<br>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<br>Wednesday 2nd September 2026<br>Monday 2nd November 2026<br>Monday 4th January 2027<br>Friday 28th May 2027 | |
| **Bank Holiday** | Monday 3rd May 2027 (school closed) | |

| TERM DATES - 2027-28 | | |
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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<br>Thursday 2 September 2027<br>Friday 3 September 2027<br>Tuesday 4 January 2028<br>Monday 5 June 2028 | |
| **Bank Holiday** | Monday 1 May 2028 (school closed) | |