Newsletter – 23rd October 2026

Dear Parents

Half term has arrived and the days are getting wetter and darker. The children will be ready for a half term break, particularly the children in Reception who have all made such a great start to school.

Thank you to everyone who joined us on Wednesday for our Maths parent involvement morning. It was very well attended with 146 parents and family members who were able to spend some time in school. Thanks to Mrs Henry for putting the morning together and making it such a success.

Unfortunately, due to the heavy rain on Tuesday, we had to cancel Year 1's geography walk in the local area. We will let Year 1 parents know details when this has been rearranged.

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish children and staff a good half term. Enjoy some later breakfasts and have some fun!

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

This year our Winter Fayre will take place on **21st November between 1.00 and 3.30 in the School Hall**.
Mark the date in your diaries, we can't wait to see you there!

We are delighted to announce that the star prize in the raffle this year will be a Nintendo Switch 2 Bundle including a game, kindly donated by JK Electrical & Mechanical Services! In addition to that, we have some wonderful vouchers, day passes and a hamper! The full list of prizes will be announced after half term, and tickets will be on sale from Friday 6th November.

The tombolas are always very popular at our Winter Fayre, but we rely on you to make them so. In exchange for non-uniform days in November, we would love it if you could donate a tombola prize. More details will follow after half term, but children's tombola prizes will be collected on Friday 13th November and adults' tombola prizes on 20th November.

If you're interested in volunteering to help at the Winter Fayre, please join the volunteer WhatsApp group by scanning the QR code above.

FoTIS Dates for your diary

Friday 13th November	Non-Uniform Day In exchange for a prize towards the children's tombola
Friday 20th November	Non-Uniform Day In exchange for a prize towards the adults' tombola
Saturday 21st November	Winter Fayre – 1.00-3.30pm

Hearing Dogs for Deaf People

In science this half term, Year 1 have been learning about the senses. They were lucky enough to meet three absolutely gorgeous black labradors this week, all of whom have been trained as hearing dogs. These highly trained dogs act as 'ears' for deaf and hard of hearing people, enabling people with hearing loss to live more independent lives.
To find out more about sponsoring a puppy, to book a tour of the training centre in Saunderton (near Princes Risborough) or to find more about the charity, please visit their website hearingdogs.org.uk.

A request from Bedgrove Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity Shop

At the moment, we are actively seeking toy donations, as our stock is running very low. With Christmas just around the corner, we're hoping that anyone having a pre-Christmas clear-out might consider donating toys to us.
Thank you so much for your time and continued support — it makes such a difference to our hospice and the local community.

Spooky Science & Ghoulish Fun this October Half Term at Discover Bucks Museum!

Join Discover Bucks Museum for spooktacular Halloween crafts, creepy science and family fun this October half term. From thrilling science experiments to hands-on Halloween crafts, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Discover more here
https://www.discoverbucksmuseum.org/whats-on/october-half-term/

Have Your Say on Local Policing Priorities



Your local Neighbourhood Policing Team wants to hear from you. Please scan the QR code below to complete a short survey and tell us about the issues that matter most in your community. Your feedback will help us identify local priorities and ensure we focus on the concerns that are most important to residents.

KEY DATES - 2026-27	
November	
Monday 2nd	Staff training day (children not in school)
Friday 6th	SATs workshop for Year 2 parents, 9.00-9.40 am
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, 1.00-3.30vpm
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 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 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 (2nd half)	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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	Open on morning of	**Close at end of afternoon of**
Autumn Term	Monday 6th September 2027	Friday 22nd October 2027
	Monday 1st November 2027	Friday 17th December 2027
Spring Term	Wednesday 5th January 2028	Friday 11th February 2028
	Monday 21st February 2028	Friday 31st March 2028
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Bank Holiday	Monday 1st May 2028 (school closed)	