



Friday 18th September 2026

Our vision is 'Let your light shine'. The rainbow symbolises God's unconditional love for each individual. We seek to reflect that light in all we do: in our community, both local and wider, in our communication, both word and action, with curiosity and courage, and with care and compassion for everyone, inspiring a love of learning.

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and exciting week in school, with lots of wonderful learning, creativity and opportunities for our children to shine. We have been delighted to see the children's enthusiasm and positive attitudes throughout the week, both in the classroom and beyond.

I am delighted to share some wonderful news with our school community: **we have achieved the Silver Equalities Award!**

This is a fantastic recognition of the work we are doing across our school to promote equality, inclusion, respect and a strong sense of belonging for every member of our community.

Achieving the Silver Award reflects the commitment of our pupils, staff, governors and families to creating a school where everyone is valued, differences are celebrated, and all children have the opportunity to thrive. It is particularly pleasing to see how our values are reflected in the everyday life of our school, from our curriculum and collective worship to the way we support and learn from one another.

I would like to thank Mrs Epps for leading this work and everyone who has contributed to this achievement. Our pupils, in particular, should feel incredibly proud of the part they have played. This award is a wonderful milestone, and we look forward to building on this work as we continue our journey towards making equality and inclusion an integral part of everything we do.

Well done to our whole school community!

Just a little reminder to help keep everyone safe on the school site. We kindly ask that children do not ride bikes or scooters on the school playgrounds and footpaths at drop-off and collection times. We also ask that children do not play on the outdoor equipment before or after school. Supporting with this helps us to prevent accidents and ensure that all children, families and staff can move around the school site safely. Thank you for your support and cooperation in helping us maintain a safe environment for everyone.

Thank you for your continued support - have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Samantha Dimbleby

Headteacher



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Birthday Celebrations



The school policy continues to be that children are welcome to come to school in mufti instead of school uniform on their birthday. To help us keep all children safe, particularly those with food allergies and intolerances, and to promote healthy eating, we ask that birthday sweets or treats are not brought into school. We also hope this removes any pressure on families to provide treats for the class, particularly during these challenging times.

Children may wear a football or team shirt on their birthday mufti day if they wish. However, on **whole-school mufti days**, we ask that children do not wear football team shirts. We know how much our children enjoy football, but we want these days to be about everyone coming together. Football shirts can sometimes lead to children forming groups around the teams they support, which can unintentionally make some children feel left out or create divisions.

We hope you understand that this is about making sure our mufti days remain inclusive, enjoyable and welcoming for everyone, while still allowing children to celebrate their favourite teams on their birthday.

Thank you, as always, for your support and understanding.

Open Mornings for prospective Reception parents September 2027

This term we will be holding Open Mornings for prospective parents to view our school during the busy hustle and bustle of the school day on Friday 9th October, Thursday 15th October, Friday 6th November and Friday 20th November. The Open Mornings will include a presentation from the Headteacher and Assistant Headteacher and a tour of the school site with some of our older children. All sessions will start at 9.30am and last around an hour. To find out more, or to confirm your attendance, please contact the school office.

Achievements outside of School

We are always very keen to hear how the children have *let their light shine* outside of school. In Collective Worship, we take time to celebrate personal, sporting, musical, and other individual achievements. Please do encourage your child to share any successes or special moments with us — this could include activities such as charity work, volunteering, or any way they've helped support the wider community.



Just like a candle, our inner light can shine brightly for others to see. When children use their gifts and talents beyond the classroom, they inspire those around them and help make the world a better place. We are incredibly proud of all their achievements and would love to hear more about the ways they are letting their light shine.

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Flu Immunisations

On Thursday 24th September, the school nurses will be in school to administer the Flu vaccines to all children. If you haven't yet signed your child up to have the vaccine and you wish them to have it, please do so by midday on Wednesday 23rd September.

The poster with details of how to register can be found at the end of this newsletter.



Reader of the Week



Each week, teachers will nominate a child who has shown fantastic effort and progress in their reading — whether through home reading, Accelerated Reader, phonics, or class work. Our *Readers of the Week* will be celebrated in Collective Worship and will also get to take home the Book Buddy Bag. This special bag includes a selection of exciting books for children to enjoy and share at home. The bag should be returned to school by the following Thursday so it can be passed on to the next reader.

This week's Readers of the Week are: Felix H, Niall M, Chloe M, Olivia W, Owen C, Bonnie B, Iris R, Seth G, Leo K, Molly S, Matthew S & Fletcher D.

Well done to all our readers! Keep enjoying your books and sharing stories at home.

Child of the Week

All our children seek to 'Let their light shine' as they reflect our Christian values in their daily life. Many congratulations to the following children this week who have shone particularly brightly and been awarded 'Child of the Week':

Reception: Arthur & Beau
Year 1: Thea & Mitchell
Year 2: Patrick & Zion
Year 3: Ben & Ayda
Year 4: Myla & Arlo
Year 5: Ben & Poppy
Year 6: Jack & Connie



Accelerated Readers

The following classes have been awarded the Reading Trophies this week for completing the most Accelerated Reader Quizzes:

3CC
4VK
5VC
6MP



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What is Accelerated Reader?

When children have finished the reading schemes, they become 'library readers' and are allowed to borrow two books. At this stage they will start to use 'Accelerated Reader' to help them choose a book. When they have read it they will complete a quiz to check that they have understood it.

Children who use Accelerated Reader (mostly Y2 upwards) can now do their quizzes at home. Please use this link: [Accelerated Reader Quiz](#) Children login using their first initial and first four letters of their surname as their username and their library number as their password.

Tips for using Accelerated Reader at home

In addition to books from school, many books you have at home may have quizzes available, just type the title of the book into the quiz search box. Children can also do vocabulary quizzes, and quizzes on the articles available on the Accelerated Reader website.

More information about our library, including how to volunteer can be found on our school website by clicking [here](#).

Attendance

Well done to 5RS who had the best whole class average attendance this week with 100%. Our average whole-school attendance in 95.18%.

Below is some useful information about the importance of arriving on time at the start of the school day.



FOWS

FOWS will be holding their **AGM** later this term. All parents and carers are invited to join us. This is a great opportunity to share any fundraising ideas or feedback you may have and find out how you could get involved as a new committee members or volunteer.

More information to follow.



Safeguarding

If you have a concern about a child please contact Mrs Samantha Dimbleby, Mrs Katie Epps or Miss Allen via the School Office on 01296 712296 or alternatively if out of school hours, weekends or holidays visit <http://www.bucks-lscb.org.uk/concerned-about-child/> to report your concerns.

Mrs Samantha Dimbleby Designated Safeguarding Lead	
Mrs Katie Epps Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	
Miss Daisy Allen Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	
Child Protection Governor Mr David Shaw	

What can we do even better as a school?

If you have any comments or suggestions, please do get in contact with Mrs Dimbleby via the school office, or better still, come and chat to her at the start or the end of the day on the playground.



Diary Dates

Please find below our autumn term calendar of events for your immediate attention. This will be published on our school website and updated as appropriate over the coming weeks.

Date	Event	Year Group
Thursday 24 th September	Whole School Flu Immunisations	Whole School
Monday 28 th September	Visiting Author - Alex Milway	Year Three, Four, Five and Six
Monday 28 th September	European Day of Languages	Whole School
Tuesday 29 th September	Year 3 Trip to Chiltern Open Air Museum	Year Three
Tuesday 29 th September (9:00am – 9:30am)	KS1 Stay and Read for Y1 and Y2 Parents	Year One and Year Two
Date TBC	FOWS AGM	Whole School
wc 5 th October	Harvest (Pupils only; collection and distribution of non-perishables to local elderly neighbours and the Winslow Food Bank)	Whole School
Tuesday 6 th October	SENDCo Drop in Clinic for Parents	Whole School
Thursday 8 th October (9:00am – 10:00am)	Reception Stay and Read for Parents followed by Phonics Parent Information Session	Reception
Friday 9 th October (9:30am – 11:00am)	Reception Class Tours (New Starters Sept 2027)	New parents
Friday 9 th October	Secondary Transfer Test Results Released	Year Six
Monday 12 th October – Friday 16 th October	Residential Trip - PGL Liddington	Year Six
Thursday 15 th October (9:30am – 11:00am)	Reception Class Tours (New Starters Sept 2027)	New parents
Monday 19 th October (3:30pm – 6:30pm) and Wednesday 21 st October (4:30pm – 7:00pm)	Parents' Evenings	Reception – Year Six
Friday 23 rd October	FOWS Break the Rules Day	Whole School
Friday 23 rd October	Buckingham Fire Station Visit	Year Five
Friday 23 rd October	Last day of term for pupils	Whole School
HALF TERM HOLIDAY (Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October)		
Saturday 31 st October	Secondary School Application Deadline	Year Six
Monday 2 nd November	INSET DAY	Whole School
Tuesday 3 rd November	Children return to school	Whole School
Thursday 5 th November	Outdoor Learning Day	Whole School
Friday 6 th November (9:30am – 11:00am)	Reception Class Tours (New Starters Sept 2027)	New parents
Saturday 7 th November	LIONS Fireworks Display	Whole School
Sunday 8 th November	Remembrance in Winslow	Whole School
Wednesday 11 th November (10:40am)	Remembrance Service (Year 6 Parents)	Year Six
Thursday 12 th November	Parents of SEND Pupils Coffee Meeting	Whole School
Friday 13 th November	Children in Need	Whole School
wc 16 th November	Anti-bullying Week/Odd Socks Day (Date TBC)	Whole School

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Wednesday 18 th November	Whole School Photographs	Whole School
Friday 20 th November (9:30am – 11:00am)	Reception Class Tours (New Starters Sept 2027)	New parents
Monday 23 rd November	NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe Assembly	Whole School
Wednesday 25 th November (Time TBC)	Maths Information Workshop for Parents	Whole School
Date TBC	FOWS Christmas Tombola Mufti Day	Whole School
Date TBC	FOWS Christmas Fete	Whole School
wc 30 th November	Christmas Book Week	Whole School
Tuesday 1 st December (2:00pm) and Wednesday 2 nd December (9:30am)	KS1 Christmas Performance	Year One and Year Two
Wednesday 2 nd December (2:00pm) and Friday 4 th December (9:30am)	EYFS Christmas Performance	Rainbows and Reception
Tuesday 8 th December (9:30am) and Wednesday 9 th December (2:00pm)	Year 3 and 4 Christmas Performance	Year Three and Year Four
Thursday 10 th December	Christmas Jumper Day (Save the Children)	Whole School
Thursday 10 th December	Christmas Lunch Day	Whole School
Monday 14 th December	Christmas Worship at St Laurence Church	Whole School
Wednesday 16 th December (6:00pm)	Year 5 Christingle Service at St Laurence Church	Year Five
Wednesday 16 th December (2:30pm)	Year 6 Carol Concert at St Laurence Church	Year Six
Friday 18 th December (2:30 – 3:15pm)	Carols on the Playground	Whole School
Friday 18 th December	Last Day of School for pupils	Whole School
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY Children return on Monday 4th January 2027		

This Term's Value is:

Respect

"Do to others as you would have them do to you."

Luke 6:31

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Your child is due their annual flu vaccination



The School Aged Immunisation Team are visiting your child's school this term to give the annual flu vaccination on **Thursday 24th September**.

This vaccine is offered to all children in Nursery-Yr6 inclusive.

1. Click the link or scan the QR code above
<https://www.buckschildimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>
2. Enter the Unique School Code **EE110449**
3. Complete the form (one per child). Please complete even if you are DECLINING the vaccination.

For queries, contact the Immunisation Team:-

Tel: 01494 323000

Email: buc-tr.BucksChildImms@nhs.net

If your child misses their Flu vaccine at school, we do run catch up clinics from different locations in the county- please look out for an email on how to book or contact our team.

WHY VACCINATE?

Protect your child

- Against flu and complications such as bronchitis & pneumonia.

Protect you, your family and friends

- children catch and spread flu to those who are vulnerable babies and the elderly.

Quick and Easy

- The nasal spray is an easy, painless & effective vaccine. If they require the alternative Intramuscular injection, please request.

Avoid costs

- Such as alternative childcare or taking time off work due to illness.

