



Friday 7th February 2025

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 yet another very busy week of exciting opportunities and achievements, beginning with sharing the outcome of our recent Ofsted Inspection with you all at the start of the week. I very much hope that you enjoyed reading the full report and are as proud of the school as I am. I would also like to thank all parents and carers for their support during this time of change as we have endeavoured to fulfil our vision to 'shine as lights of the world'. The full report has now been published on the official [Ofsted website](#) and a copy of it can be also found on our school website.

This week the children have participated in Children's Mental Health Awareness Week'. Children in Year 2, 4 and 5 have been working on mapping emotions and recognising these in themselves in workshops with the MHST Team, while the rest of the school have been engaging in a range of activities based on the theme of 'know yourself, grow yourself.'

Our school's Mental Health and Wellbeing Team are always on hand to support families, whether that be support directly from school staff, or support by helping parents to access the appropriate professional organisation. Please find further information about our team and how we support positive mental health on our [school website](#).



On Wednesday, I had the pleasure of accompanying Year 4 to St Laurence Church where they had the opportunity to explore what prayers are and why people pray with Reverend Steve and Derry. The children asked some really thought provoking questions and demonstrated strong knowledge and understanding from their learning in RE.

We also have a number of sporting achievements to be proud of this week. Mrs Burman accompanied eight children from KS2 at a Swimming Gala on Wednesday. The children competed in several races, including two relays, achieving 7th place out of eleven schools. This was followed by a multi-skills festival where a further 12 children from Year Four participated in a range of sporting events at Waddesdon Secondary School. The organisers noted our children's incredible sportsmanship and how respectful they were throughout the festival – well done to everyone and thank you to Mrs Burman for organising the events and supporting the children.

We are pleased to announce that Stan G in Year 5 participated in the Bucks School's Cross-Country event at Stowe this week. He achieved 1st place position in his age category and 2nd place over all. This means that he has now qualified for the National Cross Country Championships next term – congratulations Stan, we are so proud of you!

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

Mrs Samantha Dimbleby

Headteacher

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evenings will take place the week beginning **Monday 3rd March**. The booking system for appointments is now open and will close on **Tuesday 25th February**. If you have been unable to book an appointment please speak to your child's class teacher or contact Andrea Freshwater in the school office who will be able to assist you with this.

Safer Internet Day

Next week on Tuesday 11th February, we will be celebrating Safer Internet Day. The theme of this year's Internet Safety Day is **"Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online."** Children across the school will complete age-appropriate activities in class to develop an understanding that not everything that we see online is the truth, spotting sites or links which may be trying to "trick" us as well as the importance of keeping our personal information safe.

As well as this, next week's computing lessons will be internet safety focused, with Early Years and KS1 children listening and reacting to stories involving characters dealing with technology, while KS2 will be invited to play interactive games which explore the digital world and help build their confidence while using the internet.

These games and stories, along with other useful information for parents on how best to keep children safe online, can be found on websites such as: www.thinkuknow.co.uk; www.netsmartkids.org and www.childnet.com.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

In conjunction with Internet Safety Day, we will be hosting a **Parent Workshop next Tuesday 11th February at 6pm** to discuss the potential risks to our children online as well as giving advice on how to minimise these risks and offering helpful tips on how to begin the conversation of online safety with your children at home. You should have received information about this workshop on ParentMail.

Playground Buddies

This week we have introduced 'Playground Buddies' to support the children during playtimes. Playground Buddies have an important role on the playground, encouraging other children to play games, develop their friendship skills and create an active, safe, happy, and peaceful atmosphere during break times. Buddies will wear a high-visibility vest so children who need someone to play with can easily find them. The children seem really enthusiastic about their new roles, and I am hoping we will see a positive impact on gameplay for those who need extra support.

Congratulations to the following children who have been chosen for this very important role: Eloise, Ila, Mason, Alfred, Gracie, Evelyn, Chloe D, Maisie, Storm, Ellie, Kitty, Brianna, Kiera, Rose, Mason W, Karyss, Scarlett and Grace.

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: Rosina & Erin
Year 1: Hannah & Arthur
Year 2: Amelia & Rubie
Year 3: Zuha & Sofia
Year 4: Frankie & Jorge
Year 5: Poppy & Grace
Year 6: Sybil & Poppy



Attendance

Well done to 5RS who had the best whole class average attendance this week with 99.17%. Our average whole school attendance this week is 95.86%.

We understand and appreciate that children can become ill and that it is not always easy to decide whether to send them into school or keep them at home. If your child is too ill to attend school, please contact the school office before 9.00am with full details of your child's illness/symptoms. If we do not hear from you, we will ring you to find out why your child is not in school.

If you have any concerns about your child's attendance, please do make contact and I would be more than happy to meet with you

Accelerated Readers

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

3MW
4VK
5JW
6CM



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 spring 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
Tuesday 11 th February	Safer Internet Day	Whole School
Tuesday 11 th February (6pm)	Internet Safety Parent Information Evening	Whole School
Wednesday 12 th February (9:00am – 10:00am)	Maths Stay and Play Session	Reception, Year One and Year Two
Thursday 13 th February	Interim Reports to Parents	Reception – Year six
Friday 14 th February	INSET DAY – school closed to children	Whole School
HALF TERM HOLIDAY (Monday 17 th February – Friday 21 st February)		
Monday 24 th February	Children return to school	Whole School
Tuesday 25 th February (5:00pm)	SATS Information Evening for Parents	Year Six
Friday 28 th February	SEND Parent Clinic with SENDCo	Whole School
Monday 3 rd March (3:30pm – 6:30pm) and Wednesday 5 th March (4:30pm – 7:30pm)	Parents' Evening	Reception – Year Six
Tuesday 4 th March	Medical Detection Dogs Visiting	Whole School
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day	Whole School
wc 10 th March	Science Week	Whole School
Wednesday 19 th March	Year Five Church Visit	Year Five
Wednesday 19 th March	Stay and Read Session	Reception, Year One and Year Two
Friday 21 st March	Red Nose Day – Non-uniform Day	Whole School
Friday 21 st March	Bikeability	Year Three
Wednesday 26 th March	Group Photos	Reception and Year Six
Wednesday 26 th March	Year Three Church Visit	Year Three
Friday 28 th March	FOWS Mother's Day Gifts Sale	Whole School
Wednesday 2 nd April – Friday 4 th April	Rock UK Residential Trip	Year Four
Friday 4 th April	Last day of term	Whole School
Easter HOLIDAY Children return on Tuesday 22 nd April 2025		

This Term's Value is:

Respect

“Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

Luke 6:31

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