



Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March 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,

This week we welcomed Reception and Key Stage One parents into school for another 'Stay and Read' session'. Parents were able to observe a whole-class reading session and how we teach reading comprehension across the key stage. When parents and teachers work as partners, children do better in school and at home; we hope parents found the sessions useful.

Year Two have had a busy week carrying out some Geography field work in the local area. The children built on their knowledge from Year One where they had drawn maps of the school to draw maps of the immediate local area. They used a key to represent different human and physical features that they observed. The children enjoyed the opportunity to explore their local area and discuss their observations, making connections between their learning. As always, they demonstrated exemplary behaviour and we are very proud of them all.



Thank you to everybody who has supported Red Nose Day today. The link is still open so if you haven't donated and would still like to, please follow the link [Red Nose Day - Just Giving](#)



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

Mrs Samantha Dimbleby

**Headteacher**

### The impact of Smartphones



There is a growing concern about how excessive use of smartphones can affect our children. In addition to the effects of seeing inappropriate content online, the risk of cyberbullying and grooming, it is important that we also highlight the effects of smartphone use on our children's mental health.

If your child is using a smartphone then please try to ensure they maintain a healthy screen time limit.

According to King's College London, "two new studies of smartphone habits in teenagers have identified links between problematic smartphone use and depression, anxiety and insomnia."

You can read more about these studies here: [Teens with problematic smartphone anxiety](#) Compass have published an article as well on what effects mobile phones have on children here: [Young people's health and mobile phones](#)

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## 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: Florence & Florence

Year 1: Albie & Lowen

Year 2: Myla & Primrose

Year 3: Darcey & Peyton

Year 4: Ella & Poppy

Year 5: Kitty & Bella

Year 6: Amelie & Logan



## Attendance

Well done to who had the best whole class average attendance this week with 99.31%. Our average whole school attendance this week is 94.98%.

### Top Tips to Help Improve Attendance

- Talk to your child regularly about school and how they feel about it.
- Phone the school as soon as possible to tell the school why your child is absent and when you expect them to return.
  - Only allow days at home for genuine illness.
- Having a regular bedtime and morning routine can help you to arrive at school on time.

## Accelerated Readers

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

<b>3MW</b>
<b>4VK</b>
<b>5JW</b>
<b>6CM</b>



## FOWS – update



I am disappointed to inform you that the Mother's Day 'Someone Special' sale has been cancelled. FOWS are currently working on establishing their committee and are still looking for more committee members to join. They are currently unable to plan any events for the summer term without more support from our parent community. Please do email the school office if you are interested in joining the committee.

## 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.

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

## 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
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Group Photos	Reception and Year Six
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Year Three Church Visit	Year Three
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	FOWS Mother's Day Gifts Sale <b>CANCELLED</b>	Whole School
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Reception Vision Checks	Reception
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April – Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Rock UK Residential Trip	Year Four
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April (9:00am)	Coffee Meeting for Parents of Children with SEND	Whole School
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Last day of term	Whole School
Easter HOLIDAY Children return on Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> 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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