



Friday 2nd May 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,

We have had a fantastic start to the summer term and the beautiful weather this week has seen everyone with a spring in their step. It has been a joy once again to see how enthusiastic and engaged the children are in their learning.

From curious questions in the classroom, to creative ideas during group activities, the energy and excitement for learning have been truly inspiring. It is clear that the children are eager to challenge themselves, explore new topics and support each other along the way.

Thank you for all you do to support their learning journey at home – it really makes a difference. We are looking forward to building on this momentum as the term continues! Please take a look at the [Class Pages](#) on our school website to find out more about what your child will be learning this term.



We are looking forward to celebrating the 80th Anniversary of VE Day next week where the children will be learning about the events leading up to VE Day and listening to wartime music, exploring the role of songs in boosting morale. We will also be reflecting on the values of resilience, hope and community spirit that are central to the message of VE Day.

On Thursday 8th May, all children are invited to come in to school dressed in 1940s fashion or red, white and blue for the day. In the afternoon we will gather together for a picnic as a whole school to mark the celebration and would like the children to bring in a small snack to enjoy during this time. This could be a choice of picnic food from the time. **Please ensure that any food sent in is nut free.**

We are also running a special whole-school 'Bake Off' competition to celebrate the spirit of wartime resilience through baking and are looking forward to seeing the children's creations! Please check the Parent Mail about VE Day celebrations for more details.

April's edition of the Reading Newsletter can be found by clicking [here](#). Our Reading Ambassadors, pupils and staff are keen to share our reading news from the spring term and hope it gives you some inspiration!

Thank you for your continued support – enjoy the bank holiday weekend!

Mrs Samantha Dimbleby

Headteacher



Secondary School Transfer and 11+ Meeting – Year Five Parents

The Secondary School Transition and 11+ Meeting for parents will take place on **Tuesday 13th May at 6:00pm** in the school hall.

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The Secondary Transfer Test is not compulsory however your child will automatically be entered for the test as they attend a Buckinghamshire School. It is not always in the interests of a child to be tested and in such instances parents might consider whether they wish to withdraw their child from the testing process. Please advise the Headteacher in writing if you wish to withdraw your child, by **Monday 30th June**.

I look forward to seeing you all at the information evening on Tuesday 13th May @6:00pm where there will also be the opportunity to answer any questions you might have about Secondary Transfer and applying for a secondary school place.

Bikes and Scooters – Polite reminder about drop off and pick up

It has been brought to my attention that some children have been riding their scooters and bikes on the playground at the end of the school day. This is not permitted due to the safety risks this poses when the playground is crowded with younger children and families.

Please help us to keep the playground safe by encouraging your child to walk their bikes and scooters while on the school grounds. Please also ensure that you are supervising your children while on the school grounds at these times. Children should not be playing on the climbing equipment or in the MUGA before or after school. Your support and cooperation makes a big difference in maintaining a safe and welcoming space for everyone.

Thank you for your understanding and continued partnership.

Sun cream and sun hats



Now that the warmer weather finally seems to have arrived, we must take action to keep ourselves and our children safe. It is important that all children have sun hats in school every day and wear sun cream. Long wearing sun cream should be applied before the children arrive at school. Please also provide your child with a water bottle every day – this is extremely important to ensure the children stay hydrated throughout the day. Bottles should be filled with water only, not juice or squash, in line with our school policy.

Coffee Meeting for parents of children with SEND

We would like to invite you for another opportunity to meet and talk in a safe and supportive space on Wednesday 7th May @9:00am in the Nurture Room.



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: Harry & Khyber
Year 1: Louis & Ruben
Year 2: Greyson & Anna
Year 3: Ben & Salem
Year 4: Esmae & Callie
Year 5: Sasha & Storm
Year 6: Aron & Evelyn



Attendance

Well done to 5JW who had the best whole class average attendance this week with 99.38%. Our average whole school attendance this week is 95.12%.

Spotlight on persistent absence

If your child takes too much time off school they will become categorised as PA or persistently absent. (Attendance below 90% = persistent absence). Missing school will make your child fall behind in lessons and will impact on their academic progress and achievement. This table shows how many days missed each half-term will make your child a PA student:

How many days off will make your child a persistently absent?	
Half-term 1	3 ½ days off school from September until October half-term holiday will make your child a PA student.
Half-term 1 - 2	7 days off school from September until the Christmas holiday will make your child a PA student.
Half-term 1 - 3	10 days of absence from September until February half-term will make your child a PA student.
Half-term 1 - 4	12 ½ days of absence from September until the Easter holidays will make your child a PA student.
Half-term 1 - 5	15 ½ days of absence from September until May half-term will make your child a PA student.
Half-term 1 - 6	19 days of absence for the full academic year (September to end of summer term in July) will make your child a PA student.

How will our school tackle persistent absence?

If your child's attendance has dropped below 90%, school will make contact to raise concern and offer support. An attendance concern letter will be sent to parents and school will actively consider no longer approving absence unless medical evidence is submitted. School will also access support from the County Attendance Team. After this point, if absences continue or improvement in attendance is not sustained, a referral could be made for a penalty notice.

Accelerated Readers

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

3RE
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 summer 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
Monday 5 th May	Bank Holiday – School Closed	Whole School
Wednesday 7 th May (9:00am)	Coffee Meeting for parents of SEND Children	Whole School
Thursday 8 th May	VE Day 80 th Anniversary Celebrations	Whole School
wc Monday 12 th May	KS2 SATS Week	Year Six
Tuesday 13 th May	11+ Meeting for Year 5 Parents	Year Five
Monday 19 th May (3:30 – 4:30pm)	Y5 Relationships and Sex Education Meeting	Year Five
wc Monday 19 th May	Walk to School Week	Whole School
Wednesday 21 st May	EYFS & KS1 Country Dancing	Rainbows, Reception, Year One, Year Two
Friday 23 rd May	Royal Latin Science Festival	Year Five
Friday 23 rd May	Break the Rules Day	Whole School
HALF TERM HOLIDAY (Monday 26 th May – Friday 30 th May)		
Monday 2 nd June	INSET Day	Whole School
Tuesday 3 rd June	Children Return to school	Whole School
wc Monday 2 nd June – Friday 13 th June	Y4 Multiplication Checks	Year Four
Thursday 5 th June	SEND Clinic	Whole School
Friday 6 th June	Church Festival at St Laurence Church	Whole School
Tuesday 10 th June	Times tables Rock Stars Day in KS2	Year Three, Four, Five and Six
Wednesday 11 th June (9:00am)	Coffee Meeting for parents of SEND Children	Whole School
w/c Monday 9 th June	Y1 Phonics Screening Check	Year One
Thursday 12 th June (9:00am)	KS2 Maths Information Session for Parents	Year Three, Four, Five and Six
Friday 20 th June	Pupil Fundraising Day	Whole School
Tuesday 24 th June	Reception Trip to Hogshaw Farm	Reception
Wednesday 25 th June	EYFS and KS1 Church Worship with parents – St Laurence Church	Reception, Year One and Year Two
Thursday 26 th June	Winslow Pupil Talent Show	Whole School
Friday 27 th June	Year 2 Trip to Waddesdon Manor	Year Two
Tuesday 1 st July	Whole School Transition Day	Whole School
Tuesday 1 st July (3:30pm)	Transition meeting for parents of children moving into Years 1, 3 and 5	Reception, Year Two and Year Four
Wednesday 2 nd July (3:30pm)	Transition meeting for parents of children moving into Years 2, 4 and 6	Year One, Year Three and Year Five
Thursday 3 rd July	Bridgebuilder – It's Your Move Y6	Year Six
Tuesday 1 st and Wednesday 2 nd July	Y6 Buckinghamshire Transition Days	Year Six

Tuesday 8 th July	EYFS and KS1 Sports Day (am)	Rainbows, Reception, Year One and Year Two
Wednesday 9 th July	KS2 Sports Day – Y3 & Y4 (am), Y5 & Y6 (pm)	Year Three, Year Four, Year Five and Year Six
Thursday 10 th July	Y6 Leavers' Service at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford	Year Six
Friday 11 th July	End of year Reports to Parents	Whole School
Monday 14 th July	Y6 Production (Afternoon performance)	Year Six
Tuesday 15 th July	Y6 Production (Evening performance)	Year Six
Wednesday 16 th July (9:00am)	Coffee Meeting for parents of SEND Children	Whole School
Monday 21 st July (Time TBC)	Y6 Leaver's Service at St Laurence Church	Year Six
Wednesday 23 rd July	Last Day of Term	Whole School

SUMMER HOLIDAY
Children return on Friday 5th September 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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