



Friday 9th January 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,

Happy New Year to all our families. It has been a real joy to welcome the children back at the start of the January term, full of enthusiasm and ready for the year ahead. The snowy weather during our first week provided a wonderful backdrop to our return, filling the school with a sense of awe and wonder. The children delighted in observing the changing world around them, and staff took the opportunity to build these moments into learning, reflection and discussion.



A new year and a new term bring fresh promise - a chance to grow, to learn and to shine. Guided by our Christian vision, "*Let your light shine,*" we encourage our children to approach the months ahead with curiosity, kindness and confidence, using their gifts to make a positive difference to others. It has been lovely to see this already in action during our first week back, and we look forward to all that this new year will bring.

Have a lovely weekend – keep warm!

Mrs Samantha Dumbleby

Headteacher



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‘What I wish my parents or carers knew...’: A guide for parents and carers on managing children’s digital lives

Parenting today can feel overwhelming — especially when childhood looks so different from what we grew up with. There’s no manual, and it can be hard to keep up with the fast-changing digital world your child moves through every day. Supporting children’s safety is a shared responsibility between families, schools and wider society and this responsibility has become increasingly complex as children’s lives are now deeply intertwined with the digital world.

Attached to this week’s Parent Mail is a guide for parents which provides some useful information to make those conversations easier and help you support your child with confidence. This guide reflects the voices of teenagers across England — including those with learning difficulties and disabilities — who shared openly what helps and what gets in the way when talking to parents.



Uniform Reminders

We are really proud of our school uniform and expect all children to wear it. Details of our uniform expectations can be found on our school website by clicking the link [here](#).

Please note that if ears are pierced, only one pair of studs may be worn. Hoops and large or dangly earrings are not allowed for safety reasons. Earrings should not be worn on PE days, but if they cannot be removed, they must be covered up with tape.

Nut Allergies - reminder

We have several children and members of staff who have very serious nut allergies that can develop into a potentially life-threatening allergic reaction. For this reason, I would like to remind all parents not to send in nut-based products. This includes all types of nuts, peanut butter, Nutella, cereal/chocolate bars and any other food containing nuts.

Thank you for your support and understanding as we strive to provide a safe environment for everyone.

Rainbows Pre-School and Starting School in September 2026

If your child was born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022 you can now apply for a school place at [Buckinghamshire School Admissions](#). If you would like a place for child in Reception in September 2026, you must apply for a place, even if your child is at currently attending Rainbows Pre-school.

The application deadline is 15th January 2026 - please do not miss it

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Reader of the Week



Each week, teachers 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 week's Readers of the Week are: Rex S, Forrest R, Harry A, Albie B, Sophie R, Bea R, Finley G, William B, Alfie M, Frankie W, Maisie R and Caleb H.

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: Sophie & Isla-Rae
Year 1: Tyler & Florence
Year 2: Lowen & Remel
Year 3: Isabella & Katie
Year 4: Lola & Lola
Year 5: Callie & Blake
Year 6: Stan & Gracie



Accelerated Readers

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

3RE
4VK
5RS
6MP



Attendance

Well done to 6CM who had the best whole class average attendance this week with 98.56%. Our average whole school attendance this week is 95.23%.

Reminders about reporting an absence

If your child is too ill to attend school, please contact the school office via Parent Mail, the telephone absence line or the office email address before 9.00am. Please give full details of your child's illness/symptoms. If we do not hear from you, we will call or email you to find out why your child is not in school. If we are unable to make contact and you do not provide a reason for your child's absence, this absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

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 20 th January	Florence Nightingale Hospice Assembly	Whole School
Wednesday 8 th January	Fustal Sports Festival	Year Five and Six
Date TBC	FOWS Meeting	Whole School
Friday 30 th January	KS2 Author Visit	Year Three, Four, Five and Six
Friday 30 th January (9:00am)	Parents of SEND Coffee Meeting	Whole School
Tuesday 3 rd February (2:30pm)	Year One Phonics Screening Information Session and Stay and Read Year One	Year One
Thursday 5 th February	Year Four Church Visit	Year Four
Thursday 5 th February	Swimming Gala	Key Stage Two
Thursday 5 th February	SEND Parent Clinic with SENDCo	Whole School
wc Monday 9 th February	Children's Mental Health Week	Whole School
Tuesday 10 th February	Safer Internet Day	Whole School
Date TBC	Internet Safety Parent Information Evening	Whole School
Wednesday 11 th February	Year Five Victorian Day	Year Five
Thursday 12 th February (9:00am – 10:00am)	Maths Workshops for Parents	Year One – Year Six
Thursday 12 th February	Interim Reports to Parents	Reception – Year six
Friday 13 th February	INSET DAY – school closed to children	Whole School
HALF TERM HOLIDAY (Monday 16 th February – Friday 20 th February)		
Monday 23 rd February	Children return to school	Whole School
Tuesday 24 th February (5:00pm)	SATS Information Evening for Parents	Year Six
Tuesday 24 th February (9:00am)	Parents of SEND Coffee Meeting	Whole School
Monday 2 nd March (3:30pm – 6:30pm) and Wednesday 4 th March(4:30pm – 7:30pm)	Parents' Evening	Reception – Year Six
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day	Whole School
Thursday 5 th March	After School Library Session for Children and Parents	Whole School
wc 9 th March	Science Week	Whole School
Friday 13 th March (TBC)	FOWS Mother's Day Gifts Sale	Whole School
Monday 16 th March	Year Five Church Visit	Year Five
Wednesday 18 th March (9:00- 9:30am)	Stay and Read Session	Reception and Year Two
Friday 20 th March	Red Nose Day – Non-uniform Day	Whole School
Friday 20 th March	Bikeability	Year Three
Monday 23 rd March	Parents of SEND Coffee Meeting	Whole School
Wednesday 25 th March	Group Photos	Reception and Year Six
Thursday 26 th March	Year Three Church Visit	Year Three

Wednesday 25 th March– Friday 27 th March	Rock UK Residential Trip	Year Four
Friday 27 th March	Last day of term	Whole School
Easter HOLIDAY Children return on Monday 13 th April 2026		

This Term's Value is:

Kindness

"Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience".

Colossians 3:12

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