



Thursday 12th February 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 certainly been a busy half term with the last few weeks packed full of events, achievements and success. Our children have embraced every day with enthusiasm and determination, supported by the dedication and commitment of our staff, and I am immensely proud of all that has been achieved.



Across the school this week our children have been enjoyed a wide-range of learning opportunities and enrichment activities. Year Three spent Tuesday immersed in the fascinating world of Ancient Greece, a civilisation known for its rich history, culture and contributions to modern society. The children participated in a variety of interactive activities including; making clay pots, baking, painting, acting out The Trojan Horse Myth and competing in the Olympics!

Meanwhile Year Five had a wonderful time on their visit to the Milton Keynes Mosque. The children and staff were greeted with a very warm welcome and they thoroughly enjoyed finding out about the Mosque and identifying differences and similarities with the Christian faith. Our hosts were very impressed with the children's prior knowledge from their RE lessons! The children's learning did not stop here as they then travelled to the Milton Keynes Hindu Association where they were in awe at the colour and beauty of the deities. Again, the children listened intently, exploring the temple and asking lots of questions to deepen their understanding.



These children then stepped back in time for a truly immersive Victorian Experience Day, discovering what school life was like over 100 years ago. They experienced a traditional arithmetic lesson, carefully working out maths problems just as Victorian pupils would have done, and practised writing lines and using slates and chalk before trying their hand at ink handwriting. They learned about the strict rules of Victorian classrooms and even experienced a taste of the discipline and high expectations children faced! The day provided a fascinating comparison between Victorian education and modern schooling, helping the children to appreciate how much schools have changed over time.

The wide range of experiences our children have enjoyed both in and beyond the classroom truly enrich their learning and create lasting memories. It is a pleasure to see their curiosity, respect and enthusiasm shining through in all that they do. We look forward to building on this success next half term and to many more exciting opportunities ahead.

Have a restful and enjoyable half-term break. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 23rd February.

Mrs Samantha Dumbleby

Headteacher

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Safer Internet Day – Smart Tech, Safe Choices

This week, all year groups have been celebrating *Safer Internet Day*, exploring the theme “**Smart Tech, Safe Choices.**” Throughout the school, children have taken part in discussions and activities to help them understand what artificial intelligence (AI) is, how it can be used positively, and why it is so important to use technology safely and responsibly. As part of their work this week, they have also been learning about staying safe online and the importance of keeping personal information private.

In **Reception**, children talked about what to do if something online makes them feel uncomfortable or worried, and who they can speak to for help.

In **Key Stage One**, children explored how devices such as Alexa use AI and learned about the importance of not sharing personal information online.

In **Lower Key Stage Two**, children investigated different uses of AI, including how it can modify images. They also took part in interactive games to strengthen their understanding of internet safety.

In **Upper Key Stage Two**, children considered both the benefits and potential misuses of AI. They discussed how to use technology responsibly and participated in online safety games to reinforce their learning.

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

We encourage families to explore these resources together and continue the conversation about staying safe online at home.



Interim Reports and Parents' Evening

Interim Reports will be sent home with your children today, reporting on their achievements and progress at the half way point in the year against the National Curriculum. These also include information about their behaviour and learning attitudes.

We feel it would be beneficial for you to spend some time sharing and discussing this report with your child. There will be an opportunity to discuss any concerns arising from the report or answer any other questions you may have at the forthcoming Parents' Evening in the week beginning 2nd March.

Library Books

Mrs Strong, our new librarian, has noticed that quite a few library books are still out on loan and are now significantly overdue. When books aren't returned, it means other children miss out on reading them and it reduces the range available in our library.

At the beginning of March, we'll be moving to an automated reminder system, and charges will be applied for any books that are more than 28 days overdue. To avoid this, we'd really appreciate it if you could have a look at home for any school library books and return them to the library before the end of February. Thank you so much for your support in keeping our library well stocked and enjoyable for everyone.

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* are celebrated in Collective Worship and also get to take home the Book Buddy Bag.

This week's Readers of the Week are: Beau C, Joshua P, Xavian C, Charlie T, David M, Baxter R, Emily S, Eloise K, Primrose L, Grace M, Lola G and Nathan B.

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: Tommy & Olivia
Year 1: Erin & Olivia
Year 2: Winter & Jack
Year 3: David & Myla
Year 4: Ollie & Juwayriya
Year 5: Alfred & Royal
Year 6: Bella & Chloe



Accelerated Readers

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

3CC
4VC
5RS
6MP



Attendance

Well done to 4VC who had the best whole class average attendance this week with 98.77%. Our average whole school attendance this week is 93.60%.

Attendance and Term-Time Holidays

Ensuring excellent attendance is one of the most important ways we can work together to support your child's success. Every lesson builds on previous learning, and even a few days

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of absence can disrupt progress, confidence and friendships. Good attendance habits established in primary school set the foundation for future success.

As a reminder, schools are not permitted to authorise holidays during term time except in truly exceptional circumstances, in line with national regulations. Requests for leave that are described as illness or other reasons, but are in fact holidays, place the school in a very difficult position and undermine the partnership we strive to maintain with families. Honesty and transparency are essential in ensuring fairness and consistency for all. Where there are concerns that an absence is not genuine, the school has a duty to make appropriate enquiries and follow statutory procedures.

We understand the value of family time, and we respectfully ask that holidays are arranged within the published school holiday periods. Thank you for your cooperation and for working with us to prioritise your child's education and uphold our shared commitment to their learning.

FOWS

The recent FOWS Discos were a fantastic success, and it was lovely to see the children so excited and enjoying time together with their friends. A huge thank you to our small but dedicated PTA committee for organising such a special event for the benefit of the children. We are also very grateful to all our families for their continued support. Every penny raised will go directly towards enriching experiences and opportunities for our pupils.



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.

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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
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	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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