



Friday 13th March 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,

This week, the children have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in Science Week. Through a range of exciting activities, we aimed to raise awareness, spark enthusiasm, and celebrate not only science, but also engineering, technology and mathematics.



This year's theme focused on 'curiosity', an essential quality in STEM learning. It was wonderful to see the children embrace this mindset as they participated in the Marble Run Challenge. The ingenuity, problem-solving and creativity of designs were truly impressive. Our Science Ambassadors had the difficult task of selecting overall winners, as the standard of entries was exceptionally high and there were 127 entries! Every participant should be incredibly proud of their effort and creativity.



Well done to everyone who took part, and congratulations to the following children who

received prizes for their entries during Collective Worship this morning.

- Reception - Benjen and Noah
- Year 1 - Rowan and Serafina
- Year 2 - Charlie and Mckenzie
- Year 3 - Seth and Szymon
- Year 4 - Lola and Lily
- Year 5 - Rebecca and Henry
- Year 6 - Holly and Ferne



During the week, the children have also been learning about inspiring women in STEM, both past and present. Different year groups have explored the achievements of remarkable individuals including Amelia Earhart, Mae Jemison, Sally Ride and Anne-Marie Imafidon. By learning about these pioneering women, we hope to encourage a love of STEM subjects in all children and inspire those from underrepresented groups to see the exciting possibilities these fields offer.

Year 3 and Year 4 are also looking forward to welcoming some Sixth form students from The Royal Latin School this afternoon. The students will guide the children through a hands-on investigation and open up conversations about studying STEM subjects, sharing their enthusiasm and experiences with our pupils.

Thank you to all parents and staff for supporting this year's challenge and for promoting a love of learning Science. At our school, we are proud to promote STEM learning, helping children develop curiosity, resilience and critical thinking skills that will prepare them to understand, question and shape the world around them in the future.

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Finally, as Mother's Day approaches, we send our best wishes to all mothers and carers in our school community. Thank you for the love, support and guidance you give our children every day - we hope you enjoy a wonderful day with your families.

Mrs Samantha Dimpleby

Headteacher

Comic Relief – Non-Uniform Day Friday 20th March 2026



Friday 20th March is Comic Relief's Red Nose Day and we would like everyone to get involved and raise some money by holding a non-uniform day. Children can wear their own clothes, and a red nose if they wish, for a donation of £1.00 or more to the Comic Relief appeal.

For this event we have set up a Just Giving page to collect donations for Red Nose Day 2026. Please follow the link below to make your donations. Don't forget to tick the Gift Aid option, if you can, so Comic Relief can claim an extra 25% from the government. Please note, we will not be collecting cash donations in school. [Red Nose Day Donations](#)

With many thanks for your generous donations.

Head Lice

We have been made aware of a few cases of head lice across the school. Head lice are very common in young children and spread easily through close head-to-head contact during play. They are not related to poor hygiene and can affect anyone.

We kindly ask all parents and carers to check their child's hair regularly. The best way to check is by wet combing using a fine-toothed head lice comb and plenty of conditioner. Comb the hair from the scalp to the ends and wipe the comb on a tissue after each stroke to check for lice.

If you do find head lice, please treat your child as soon as possible using either the wet combing method or a pharmacy treatment, following the instructions carefully.

Please also check other family members and continue combing for at least two weeks to ensure the lice have cleared.

To help reduce the spread of head lice in school, we kindly ask that long hair is tied back or plaited where possible.

By checking regularly and treating promptly, we can help prevent further spread within the school.

Online Safety Reminder – TikTok

We would like to remind parents and carers about the importance of monitoring children's use of social media. We are aware that some of our children are accessing TikTok, which is a platform intended for users aged 13 and over.

While social media can be entertaining, it can also expose children to content that may not be appropriate for their age. The platform poses risks including exposure to explicit content, bullying, and predatory behaviour. We encourage parents and carers to:

- Check which apps their children are using.
- Talk regularly with children about staying safe online.
- Ensure privacy settings are enabled on devices and apps.
- Supervise internet and social media use where possible.
- Regularly review what your child is posting to avoid long-term risks to their digital footprint.



Please consider safer alternatives, such as YouTube Kids, which offer better, more robust, and easier-to-manage parental controls. If your child is using TikTok or similar platforms, please take time to review the app together and discuss safe and responsible use.

Working together helps us support children in developing safe and positive online habits. Talk to your child about online risks and encourage them to report any harmful content they see.

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: Zakariya M, Zara G, Mackenzie H, Remel J, Isabel D, Adrians P, Hallie B, Teddy L, Jovie G, Maya W, Miles G, Sienna P

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: Roman & Tommy
Year 1: Neveah & Carter
Year 2: Violet & George
Year 3: Harrison & Szymon
Year 4: Keegan & Amia
Year 5: Molly & Taylor
Year 6: Masie & William



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Accelerated Readers

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

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| 3CC |
| 4VC |
| 5RS |
| 6CM |



Attendance

Well done to Sky Class who had the best whole class average attendance this week with 99.68%. Our average whole school attendance this week is 95.19%.

Why is good attendance so important?

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| Your child's attendance is above 98% | Amazing Attendance! Your child has the very best chance of success | Well done and Keep Going! |
| Your child's attendance is between 95%-98% | Brilliant Attendance! | |
| Your child's attendance is between 92-95% | Be aware. Even a few days absence make it hard for your child to catch up. Every day really does count. | As a school we are <u>very concerned</u> and will closely monitor your child's attendance and will contact you via letters and meetings |
| Your child's attendance is between 89-92% | Attendance at this level will start to have a detrimental effect on your child's education | |
| Your child's attendance is between 85-89% | The Government classes your child as Persistently Absent from school. Over the course of the year your child could miss as much as 5 weeks and 3 days of learning – that's nearly half a term! | As a school we are <u>seriously concerned</u> and at 80% are required to refer attendance to the County Attendance Team |
| Your child's attendance is below 85% | The Government classes your child as Persistently Absent from school. Attendance below 85% has a serious effect on your child's education and may affect their chances in later life. | |

Thank you for your support in encouraging good attendance. If you would like any support or advice on attendance or punctuality, please speak to your child's class teacher or Mrs Dimpleby.

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FOWS

FOWS have joined a virtual balloon race to Everest. To be in with a chance of winning £100, use this [link](#) or use the QR code in the poster. Balloons are launched on 5th April. Decorate your own balloon, watch it soar and see how high it can go!



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.

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| 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 |
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| Monday 16 th March | Year Five Church Visit | Year Five |
| Wednesday 18 th March | KS2 Choir Echoes Rehearsal | Year Four, Five and Six Choir |
| 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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