

Newsletter No 2. 14th September 2026

Dear Parents

The first couple of weeks of the new academic year seem to be flying by and the children and staff have quickly settled into the routines of their new classes. There are a number of events leading up to half term, which I would like to take this opportunity to share with you.

Harvest Festival

As you will know from the "Diary Dates", our Harvest Festival will be held at St Edmund's Church at 2.00 p.m. on Monday 5th October. Due to the limited space in church we are restricting attendance to 2 adults per family. It is preferable that alternative arrangements are made for younger siblings who tend to find it difficult to sit quietly for the length of the service, but if you have no alternative, we request that younger children sit on parents' laps. NB the church have requested that all prams and buggies are left in the entrance and not brought into church due to limited space an access. We hope you can join us for this service. As in previous years, we are joining with the church in making our donations. The church will then arrange the distribution of our gifts to The Buckingham Food Bank. Therefore, children are invited to bring gifts of non-perishable produce that have a relatively long shelf life e.g. dried produce such as rice, pasta, tea bags, coffee, sugar, cereals, any tinned items etc. We ask that the food is in bags or boxes, which the children can carry independently to the church to be displayed. Children will be able to go home directly from the church with you at the end of the service. If you are unable to attend this service, your child will be brought back to school and can be collected in the usual way at the normal time. Children attending wrap around care will also return to school after the service, as well as any Year 6 children who walk home from school on their own.

We will also be attending church on the afternoon of Friday 2nd October to practice the Harvest festival.





Scarecrow Weekend

Saturday 3rd October is the date for the village scarecrow weekend [1pm-5pm] where various ingenious creations will be displayed around the village as well as our school design which will be placed just inside the school gates. The theme this year is sporty scarecrows. This is a most enjoyable event and well worth a visit. The event takes place on the Saturday afternoon, embarking from St Edmund's church.

Maids Moreton Hall Visits

Our Year 2 children will be visiting Maids Moreton Hall on 25th September for a music session. Our Year 5 class will be doing board games on 12th October and our Year 3 children will be attending a Halloween crafts on 22nd October. More events are planned for the year ahead and all children will get to take part.

Robins' Class Phonics Meeting

On Thursday 24th September Mrs Bristow will be holding a phonics meeting to explain how we teach phonics to our new Reception parents. This will take place at 2.50pm in the Reception classroom.

School website and Facebook Page

For those parents new to the school, and as a reminder to all other parents, I keep the website updated on a very regular basis with photos of events happening in school. Most of these are located within the purple "News and Events-Gallery of Events" section or the red "Curriculum – Visits and Visitors" page. I also regularly update the school Facebook page with what we have been doing. Take a look!

Parents' Evening

Parents' evening is due to take place before half term. You will receive a separate letter about this event in the next few weeks with further details.



Latest News

Applying for a primary school or secondary school place for September 2026.

Parents of children due to start primary school in September 2027 should apply directly through Buckinghamshire Council school admissions. Applications can be made directly online from early November 2026. The closing date for applications is usually around the middle of January. This date is yet to be published. Please follow the link below to apply for a primary school place:

https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools-index/school-admissions/apply-for-a-primary-school-place/

Parents of children due to start secondary school in September 2026, must also apply directly through the Buckinghamshire Council admissions. Applications can be made directly online from now until October 31st. I cannot stress enough how important it is to meet this deadline! Parents can opt to wait for the results of the secondary school transfer test on 9th October before making their application. Your child's test results will be emailed to you at 4pm on the Friday. Please ensure you have registered to get your child's results.

Please follow the link below to apply for a secondary school place:

https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools-index/school-admissions/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place/

Walk to School Week – 5th-9th October

As a continuing commitment to a healthy lifestyle and reducing car use, pollution and traffic congestion outside school, we will be holding our biannual "Walk to School Week" commencing Monday 5th October. We would ask that all parents and children either walk, cycle or use the 'park and walk' facility, parking at the park or the church, on each day that week.

We will be holding a house competition to see which house has the highest number of children who travel to school sustainably [by walking, using the park and walk facilities or cycling]. Each class will collect data over the week and the house captains will collate this on Friday. The winning house will be announced in the Friday assembly, with the walking trophy awarded to the winning house. All members of that house will be invited to wear a small accessory of their house colour on the following Monday, e.g. socks, hair accessory, hat.

New Parents Afternoon Tea

Just a reminder, that this informal event will take place on Friday 25th September from 2.30pm-3pm in the school hall. We do hope you can join us for a cuppa and a chat.

Upcoming Visits and Visitors

On Tuesday 22nd September the Magpies class will be visiting the MK discovery Centre to learn all about The Vikings. The Kestrels class will be visiting the same venue on Thursday 24th September as part of their study on Ancient Egypt. On the same day, the Sparrows class will visit the MK museum to learn about Victorian homes. On 29th September, the Kestrels children will visit the Ashmolean in Oxford to see the Egyptian gallery. On 8th October, the Magpies class will visit the MK safety centre. Parents of children in these classes have received a letter about these visits. On 19th October, I have arranged a visit from the Air Ambulance team to talk to the children during assembly time.

Best wishes

Keira Ainsworth Head Teacher, 14th September 2026