



Our value is 'Courage'

"Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Friday, 10
November 2023

Joshua 1:9

Dear Parents and Carers,

Parent and Teacher Meetings

Over the past two weeks, we have enjoyed welcoming parents into school to meet with their child's teachers. I have received some very positive feedback from both teachers and parents about how valuable it was to have the opportunity to talk together about the children. These formal meetings are held twice a year but if you would like to talk to your child's teacher about any concerns or questions you have at any other time, please do get in touch.

Attendance and Late Arrival at School

At the end of each full term we review and analyse attendance data, reporting to the Governing Body. As in previous years, we will send letters informing parents if their child's attendance has fallen below 96%. We recognise some absences are unavoidable and that sometimes pupils cannot come to school because they are really unwell – and that is the right thing for them to do for them and other pupils. However, we want to work with you so that the amount of missed school is reduced as much as possible.

I have shared the following facts about attendance previously, but thought it relevant to share once again:

- If attendance is at 96% (8 days absence per year) during a child's time at primary school, they would miss a term of education during their primary years.
- If attendance is between 90% and 96% (8-20 days absence per year) during a child's time at primary school, they would miss two terms of education during their primary years.
- If attendance is between 85% and 90% (20-30 days absence per year) during a child's time at primary school, they would miss over a year of education.

Children arriving late at school can have a detrimental impact on them for the rest of the day. We open the doors to the classrooms at 8.40am and registers are taken for the start of the school day at 8.45am. Arriving on time allows the children to have a calm start to the day and be ready for learning.

The table below shows the number of absences (arriving after register closes) during the first half term of this school year.

Reception	Year 1 and 2	Year 3 and 4	Year 5 and 6
6 late arrivals	34 late arrivals	31 late arrivals	37 late arrivals
6 children	10 children with 2 pupils having more than 6 late arrivals	11 children with 2 pupils having more than 6 late arrivals	13 children with 2 pupils having more than 6 late arrivals

If you do find that the mornings are a rush, don't forget we do have NXT Level Coaching Breakfast Club operating every day. Children can be dropped off from 7.50am and have a fantastic choice of breakfast items to eat. Additionally, an early drop off service is provided at 8:30am for only £1 payable on the day.

If you have any concerns about your child's attendance, please do make contact and I would be more than happy to meet with you.

Reading Awards

There was much excitement last week in our celebration assembly as we handed out our first Bronze Reading Awards of the year to children who have read a book to an adult at home for a total of 50 days. At the beginning of the year, we discussed with the children the importance of practising their reading to develop fluency and were thrilled that a record-breaking 20% of children in the school achieved this award at the earliest opportunity. We continue to hand out Reading Awards weekly in our Friday assembly and I hope that many more children will receive theirs before the end of term.

Children in Need

Next Friday we will be supporting BBC Children in Need; a charity that the children in our school really embrace. In house assemblies the children have reflected on the work of the charity and have selected some activities to help raise funds. A letter was sent yesterday via ParentMail letting you know what the plans are for the day and how your child can get involved.

Parent tours

If you have or know of people with a little one starting Reception in September 2024, we are now taking bookings for a personal tour of the school. We would love to meet them and show them around our wonderful school.

Birthday Celebrations

Following a few enquiries from parents regarding their child bringing treats to hand out to the class for their birthday, I would like to remind you that this is not something we participate in at Twyford School. If your child does bring in sweets or other treats to hand out, we will kindly ask you to take them home with you.

Fencing

Over the past couple of weeks you will have seen the new fencing at the front of school be fitted. It has been lovely to hear such positive feedback from many parents and members of the community about how smart it looks. The final bit of work on this project is being completed today with a magnetic lock and buzzer fitted to the gate along the pathway. This gate will be open in the morning for drop off and again at the end of the school day. At all other times of the day, you will need to press the buzzer next to the gate to let us know you are there and we will let you in.

FOTS

Please take time to read the attached newsletter from FOTS with information about upcoming events including a film night and the return of the ever-popular Christmas colour hampers. As always, I would like to thank those who volunteer their time to organise these events so that our children can benefit from the funds raised.

Online Safety Newsletter – November Edition

Roblox and TikTok are the main features of this month's online safety newsletter. If your child is using either of these platforms then I would urge you to take the time to read the short articles.

With warmest wishes,

Judith Bloomfield
Headteacher

We **Learn Together**; **Grow Together**; **Achieve Together** knowing that Jesus said:

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit."

John 15:5



TERM DATES 2024/25 to be confirmed		
Autumn 1 Term 2023	Tuesday 5 th September 2023	Friday 20 th October 2023
Autumn 2 Term 2023	Monday 30 th October 2023	Tuesday 19 th December 2023
Spring 1 Term 2024	Thursday 4 th January 2024	Friday 9 th February 2024
Spring 2 Term 2024	Tuesday 20 th February 2024	Thursday 28 th March 2024
Summer 1 Term 2024	Monday 15 th April 2024	Friday 24 th May 2024
Summer 2 Term 2024	Tuesday 4 th June 2024	Monday 22 nd July 2024
Autumn 1 Term 2024	Thursday 5 th September 2024	Friday 25 th October 2024
Autumn 2 Term 2024	Monday 4 th November 2024	Friday 20 th December 2024
Spring 1 Term 2025	Monday 6 th January 2025	Friday 14 th February 2025
Spring 2 Term 2025	Monday 24 th February 2025	Friday 4 th April 2025
Summer 1 Term 2025	Tuesday 22 nd April 2025	Friday 23 rd May 2025
Summer 2 Term 2025	Monday 2 nd June 2025	Wednesday 23 rd July 2025

Twyford
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School
Diary



2023

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY		
Friday 10th November 2023		Toddler Group 9:45-11:00am
Monday 13th November 2023		Intranasal Flu Vaccination (Reception-Year 6)
Friday 17th November 2023		Toddler Group 9:45-11:00am
Thursday 23rd November 2023		Year 5 and 6 Multi Faith Tour
Friday 24th November 2023		Toddler Group 9:45-11:00am
Monday 27th November 2023		Advent Service at St. Mary's Church, 9.30am. Parents are welcome to join us for this collective worship if they would like to.
Friday 1st December 2023		Toddler Group 9:45-11:00am
Friday 8th December 2023		Toddler Group 9:45-11:00am
Monday 11th December		Key Stage 2 Christmas Carols at St. Mary's Church, 6.30pm

Thursday 14th December 2023		Nativity 2pm (Reception/KS1)
Thursday 14th December 2023		Nativity 5.30pm (Reception/KS1)
Friday 15th December 2023		Toddler Group 9:45-11:00am
Friday 15th December 2023		Christmas Lunch and party day
Tuesday 19th December 2023		School breaks up for Christmas holiday
Wednesday 20th December 2023	NEW	NXT Level Coaching Christmas Drop and Shop Camp 9am – 3pm
Thursday 20th December 2023	NEW	NXT Level Coaching Christmas Drop and Shop Camp 9am – 3pm
Thursday 4th January 2024		School re-opens after Christmas break
Monday 15th January 2024		Deadline to submit your child’s primary school application
Monday 29th January 2024		Deadline for address evidence if you’re moving into or within Buckinghamshire
Friday 9th February		School breaks up for half term
Monday 19th February 2024		INSET Day, school closed to pupils
Tuesday 20th February 2024		School re-opens after half term
Monday 18th March – Thursday 21st March 2024		Bikeability Training for Year 5
Thursday 28th March 2024		School breaks up for Easter holiday
Monday 15th April 2024		School re-opens after Easter break
Tuesday 16th April 2024		School offer day for Reception September 2024 places
Wednesday 17th April 2024		LKS2 Swimming
Wednesday 24th April 2024		LKS2 Swimming
Tuesday 30th April 2024		Class Photographs
Wednesday 1st May 2024		LKS2 Swimming
Wednesday 8th May 2024		LKS2 Swimming
Wednesday 15th May 2024		LKS2 Swimming
Wednesday 22nd May 2024		LKS2 Swimming
Friday 24th May 2024		Break up for half term
Monday 3rd June 2024		INSET Day
Tuesday 4th June 2024		School re-opens after half term
Wednesday 5th June 2024		LKS2 Swimming
Wednesday 12th June 2024		LKS2 Swimming
Wednesday 19th June 2024		LxKS2 Swimming
Wednesday 26th June 2024		LKS2 Swimming
Tuesday 2nd July 2024		School transition (for children to visit new school/classroom)
Tuesday 23rd July 2024		INSET Day



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CHRISTMAS DINNER

Friday 15th December

Turkey option	Vegetarian option
★ Festive roast turkey crown	★ Butternut squash 'wellington' with puff pastry
★ Chipolata sausage	★ Crunchy potato roasties
★ Crunchy potato roasties	★ Peas, carrots & brussels
★ Peas, carrots & brussels	★ Stuffing
★ Stuffing	★ Optional vegetarian gravy
★ Optional gravy	

Dessert: Christmas Chocolate Sparkle Cake/Seasonal Fruit Platter

Fresh Start Orders must be placed before 12 midday **Thursday 7th December** via your Meal Manager account. If you need any help or do not have a log-in please contact support@freshstartcatering.uk or call us on 01869 226675.

Twyford Youth Club is back!

TDI Fridays Youth Club

September - Friday 15th & 29th

October - Friday 13th

November - Friday 10th & 24th

These sessions will all be held at

Twyford Village Hall

7.30pm to 9pm

£2 entry per child

New for this year - Ages 9-15 only

Any queries please contact John Rollason on

01296 738948 or jrollason@hotmail.com



Christmas Drop & Shop

Multi Activity Camp



Twyford C of E Primary

December 20th & 21st

9am - 3pm

£20.00 Per Day

£36.00 2 Day Discount





Starting school for the first time

Was your child born between
1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020?

If yes, Buckinghamshire parents can apply online for a school place from 1 November 2023. Visit [buckinghamshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools-index/school-admissions](https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools-index/school-admissions) to apply.

You must apply even if your child is at the nursery attached to the school you would like them to go to.

Information about starting school for the first time will be available on our website from the end of October [buckinghamshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools-index/school-admissions](https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools-index/school-admissions).

The application deadline is 15 January 2024, please do not miss it

Please contact the school nursing service using the link below to find out what health checks and vaccinations are available for your child.

buckshealthcare.nhs.uk/cyp/school-years-development/school-nursing



Please note, although this course has started, places are still available.

Buckinghamshire Family Learning

Understand what your child is learning about money at school and manage 'pester power'

Discover fun activities to help your child to learn how to manage money.

Money Matters- teach your child the value of money

Join our **free**, 5-week, online course

Monday 30 October- 27 November, 7-9pm

To book a place, please click on the day above or scan the QR code below.

[buckinghamshire.gov.uk/adultlearning](https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/adultlearning) | [BucksAdLearning](https://www.facebook.com/BucksAdLearning) | [adultlearningbc.ac.uk](https://www.adultlearningbc.ac.uk)

Are you struggling with food, bills and finances?



Help is available for individuals or families in need, those on low incomes and those who are experiencing a financial emergency or crisis.

We could help if:

- you are struggling to afford food
- you cannot keep on top of your bills
- you are struggling to pay for essential goods in your home

Everyone needs a **helpinghand** from time to time

Get in touch:

- 📍 [buckinghamshire.gov.uk/get-support](https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/get-support)
- ☎ 01296 531 151

You can also reduce your household bills by saving energy.

Find out more:

- 📍 [buckinghamshire.gov.uk/reduce-energy](https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/reduce-energy)



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Aylesbury Town Council's

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FREE
EVENT

Sunday 26 November
Aylesbury Town Centre
1-6pm

Festive family fun

Illuminated Parade

Light switch on and fireworks



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