



Our value is
'Love'

Friday, 05
January 2024

*"Friends, let us
love one another
because love
comes from God."*
1 John 4:7

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new term. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

Instagram

We are now on Instagram as **twyfordcofeschool**. We will be sharing photographs and general information about the school on the platform, giving you an insight into what is happening in school. To follow our photos and videos please go to <https://www.instagram.com>

Class Newsletters

Next week you will receive a class newsletter via ParentMail from your child's teacher. Please take the time to read this through as it will provide you with key information about the term ahead, including what topics your child will be learning in class. As always, if you have any questions or would like to talk with your child's class teacher please make contact with them and they will be more than happy to meet with you or arrange a phone call.

Attendance

We are currently in the process of analysing attendance data for the autumn term and letters will be sent out next week to let you know if your child's attendance fell below 96% during that period of time. If you haven't yet done so, it is important that you follow up any absences in writing, even if you had already informed us of the reason via the phone.

I have shared the following facts about attendance with you 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**.

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.

Keyrings and Rucksacks/Bags

Over the past term, we have noticed it has become increasingly common for pupils to have several keyrings attached to their bookbags. Having bulky or more than one keyring makes it difficult for the bookbags to fit in the children's trays. The keyrings also get in the way of others being able to easily access their trays. I understand having a keyring on a bookbag can help your child to quickly identify which one is

theirs but am asking for your support by ensuring that if a keyring is on their bag, it is small and limited to one only.

I have mentioned previously on several occasions that rucksacks or bags should not be brought into school unless your child needs to change into kit for a club. Space is very limited in our cloakrooms, and even more so at this time of the year when children are wearing winter coats. Our cloakrooms are in the corridor areas and having bags as well as coats on pegs, narrows the width of the walkway resulting in coats falling off the hooks landing on the floor. Additionally, the Year 5 and 6 cloakroom is a fire exit route and should be kept as clear as possible with items on pegs at a minimum. Instead of a rucksack/bag children should bring a bookbag and a lunchbox if having packed lunch. Our school bookbags have long straps which enable them to be carried across the body, leaving hands free for lunchboxes and water bottles. The bookbags can then be placed inside each child's tray in their classroom.

I would like to thank you for your cooperation on these matters and hope to see an improvement over the coming weeks.

Reception 2024 Application Deadline

Monday 15th January 2024 is the deadline for anyone applying for a Reception class place for entry to school in September 2024. All applications need to be made through the Buckinghamshire Council website. If you know anyone who may be interested in applying for a place at our school, please pass on our contact details to them.

Finally, I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

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		
<i>*2024/25 are provisional and to be confirmed</i>		
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

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Diary



2023

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY		
Friday 12th January 2024	NEW	Toddler Group
Monday 15th January 2024		Deadline to submit your child's primary school application
Monday 29th January 2024		Deadline for address evidence to support school applications 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 1 st May 2024		LKS2 Swimming
Wednesday 8 th May 2024		LKS2 Swimming
Wednesday 15 th May 2024		LKS2 Swimming
Wednesday 22 nd May 2024		LKS2 Swimming
Friday 24 th May 2024		Break up for half term
Monday 3 rd June 2024		INSET Day
Tuesday 4 th June 2024		School re-opens after half term
Wednesday 5 th June 2024		LKS2 Swimming
Wednesday 12 th June 2024		LKS2 Swimming
Wednesday 19 th June 2024		LKS2 Swimming
Wednesday 19 th June 2024	NEW	Year 5 and 6 Residential - return Friday 21 st June 2024
Wednesday 26 th June 2024		LKS2 Swimming
Tuesday 2 nd July 2024		School transition (for children to visit new school/classroom)
Monday 22 nd July 2024	NEW	School breaks up for Summer holiday
Tuesday 23 rd July 2024		INSET Day



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Nurture Programme SEN parenting group

The Nurture Programme is a 10-week parenting group for parents of children with SEN that aims to empower parents to:

- build positive relationships
- encourage co-operative behaviour
- develop resilience, empathy, and self-esteem in themselves and their children.

Places must be booked prior to the course starting.

To register for the programme please email, phone or scan the QR code.



Get in touch

01296 383293
earlyhelpduty@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

 **Tuesday 9 January**
 **10am to 12noon**
 **Aylesbury**



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Talking Teens

Parenting support programme

Talking Teens is a 5-week programme for parents of teenagers with a focus on:

- relationships within the family
- communication
- negotiating
- decision-making
- strategies to reduce conflict

Places must be booked prior to the course starting.

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 **Aylesbury**
Tuesdays
9 January to 6 February
10am to 12noon

 **Beaconsfield**
Tuesdays
20 February to 19 March
6pm to 8pm

 **Online**
Thursdays
11 January to 8 February
6pm to 8pm

For more information please visit familyinfo@buckinghamshire.gov.uk or familysupport.org



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Buckinghamshire Family Learning

Help your child manage their Wellbeing with these FREE online workshops Mondays 7pm-9pm

for parents and carers with a child in Years 7-11 only*

Years 7, 8 & 9

- **15 January:** Help your child build confidence and resilience (FMWB056)
- **22 January:** Help your child cope with stress and anxiety (FMWB081)
- **29 January:** Help your child to develop positive friendships and manage peer pressure (FMWB087)
- **5 February:** Happy, healthy and safe online-tips to help your child (FMWB092)

Years 10 & 11

- **8 January:** Help your child cope with stress and anxiety (FMWB105)



* For parents and carers with a child in Years 7 to 11 at one of the following schools: Aylesbury UTC, Aylesbury Male Academy, Beaconsfield School, Bourne End Academy, Buckingham School, Chiltern Hills Academy, Cornwell School, Cressex Community School, Highcross Academy, John Lidget School, Mandeville School, Princes Risborough School, St William Ramsay School, Stony Stratton School, The Grange School, Thomas Freemantle School and Waddesdon CofE School

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SCAN the QR code, CLICK on the [course date link](#) or PHONE 01296 383582 with the course code (eg. FM.....)

For more information, text Kathryn ☎ 07770 641997

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Aylesbury
Thursdays

11 January to 21 March
12:30noon to 2:30pm



High Wycombe
Thursdays

11 January to 21 March
10am to 12noon



Amersham
Tuesdays

15 January to 26 March
10am to 12noon

For more information please visit familyinfo.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/familysupport



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FREE ONLINE SCHOOLS COURSES for PARENTS and CARERS

To book your place - SCAN the QR code, CLICK on the [course title link](#) or PHONE 01296 383582 with the course code (eg. FM.....)

RECEPTION

Support your child with phonics and reading: FMPR063 (5 weeks)

Choose from (9:30am-11:30am):

- Monday 8 January
- Tuesday 9 January
- Wednesday 10 January

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YEARS 1 & 2

Support your child with phonics and reading: FMPR064 (5 weeks)

- Monday 8 January, 7pm-9pm
- Tuesday 9 January, 12:30pm-2:30pm
- Wednesday 10 January, 9:30am-11:30am



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YEARS 3 & 4

Support your child with maths - shape, data and measure: FMMS048 (5 weeks)

- Monday 8 January, 9:30am-11:30am
- Tuesday 9 January, 12:30pm-2:30pm
- Wednesday 10 January, 12:30pm-2:30pm
- Thursday 11 January, 6:30pm-8:30pm

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Support your child with maths - shape, data and measure: FMMS047 (5 weeks)

- Thursday 11 January, 9:30am-11:30am



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YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6

Happy, healthy and safe online tips to help your child: FMWB090 (5 weeks)

- Tuesday 9 January, 9:30am-11:30am



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YEARS 5 & 6

Develop your child's writing, grammar and punctuation: FMWG094 (5 weeks)

- Wednesday 10 January, 7pm-9pm
- Thursday 11 January, 9:30am-11:30am

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How to...

Move up to Secondary School Course for year 6s

Getting ready to move up to secondary school? Not sure what to expect? Our short, six-week course could help.

6 sessions cover:

- What to expect at secondary school
- Making friends and dealing with peer pressure
- Tackling your fears and worries
- Getting organised

Book by 5 February 2024

To secure your place, scan the QR code for more information.

If you need help email earlyhelpduty@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

Courses start from week beginning 19 February 2024



Online
Tuesdays
5:30 to 6:30pm
Microsoft Teams



Aylesbury
Wednesdays
5:30 to 6:30pm
Elmhurst
Family Centre



Princes Risborough
Tuesdays
6 to 7pm
Risborough
Family Centre



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