



Our value is 'Respect'

*"Do to others as you would
have them do to you."
Luke 6:31*

Friday 8th November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to give a warm welcome back to you all following the half-term break. As we move further into the autumn term and the weather cools, please can you send your child to school with a warm coat as well as a hat and gloves if needed.

Staffing Updates

Firstly, I would like to share with you the exciting news that Miss Morris is getting married this weekend. When returning to work on Monday, she will be Mrs Taylor! I am sure you will join with me in wishing both her and her fiancé all the best for their wedding day.

On 9th December Mrs Rumble will be returning to work from her maternity leave. Before the Christmas holidays, Mrs Rumble will be teaching in classes across the school before rejoining our Early Years team in January as a reception class teacher alongside Mrs Butcher. Mrs Rumble will be teaching the class on a Monday and Tuesday with Mrs Butcher teaching on a Wednesday to Friday.

At the end of this term we will be sadly saying goodbye to Mrs Kerr, our SENDCo, as she leaves us to increase the days she works in another school. I would like to thank her for the tireless work she has done at Twyfford during her time with us, ensuring that the provision we have in place for our children with SEND is of the highest quality. I wish her every success and all the best for the future. We are currently exploring several options moving forward and will update you with further information when we can.

Class Newsletters

Today you will have received a newsletter from your child's class teacher. It is well worth taking five minutes to read through the letter to familiarise yourself with what they will be learning in school over this coming term as well as notices and other information. If you have any queries or would like to talk to your child's class teacher, please get in touch and they will be more than happy to help.

Charity Support 2024- 2025

In assembly on Monday I introduced our children to the charity we will be supporting this year as a school, explaining what the charity is and the work they do. **Akwaaba Volunteers** is an amazing charity based in Ghana who run several projects to help children and families living in Accra. Their vision statement is 'Brightening the future of the next generation'. This is how Jordan Palmer-Boeteng and King Boeteng, who co-founded the charity, describe the work they do:

The aim of Akwaaba volunteers in Ghana is to make a long-term positive change to communities and the lives of disadvantaged children. This is done by using our projects in education, health and sports to end the cycle of poverty and create opportunities for young people.

There are over 60,000 children living on the streets of Accra and one quarter of students in Ghana never complete primary school. We aim to change this by providing education for the most marginalised children, ensuring there are no barriers to education and giving children a safe place to learn, dream and play.

We believe every child has the right to education and our vision is to make sure that every child who is part of our projects is enrolled in full time education and has health insurance supported by Akwaaba Volunteers.

As a school we are hoping to raise funds in order to support three children to access education. The cost to ensure a child can attend school (including transport, food, equipment, uniform, etc) is only £250 for a year. Akwaaba Volunteers have identified three children who would really benefit from our support:



I will be travelling to Ghana over February half-term and teaching in the school there, meeting the children and getting to see first-hand the work of the charity in the community.

Our children have really got excited about the possibility of what we can do to help. In house assemblies this week, they have begun to think of fundraising activities they can organise to help reach our target of £750 and we will have more news about this shortly. In the meantime, if you want to find out more about the charity you can look on their website [here](#) or follow them on social media sites. Additionally, if you wanted to make a donation towards our target, you can send it into school and mark it for Akwaaba Volunteers.

During the year, I will provide regular updates about the charity as well as let you know how well we are doing with our fundraising progress. If you have any questions or want to know more about how you can help and get involved, please get in touch.

School Disco

It was wonderful to see so many of our children enjoying the disco last night. It is always a popular event and this year did not disappoint. I am told that one of the highlights for the children was when Mrs Hood and myself got completely covered in toilet roll! – if you are curious about this, ask your child who I am sure will tell you all about it! As always, I am thankful to those who volunteered to help and make sure the disco ran smoothly and was a success.

FOTS update and a plea for help

Towards the end of the summer term I let you know that a new committee was not formed during the FOTS AGM and therefore at the moment we do not have an active PTA in school. However, with the support of parents, we are still planning on running some popular events and fundraisers this term including the disco which took place on Thursday. We will also be holding the annual Christmas colour hamper raffle, organising Christmas gifts and party boxes as well as making the Christmas lunch a little bit extra special. In order for us to do these things, we will be asking for some help whether that be wrapping presents, selling raffle tickets, helping set up lunch or pour drinks. If you are able to give a little bit of your time to help, please get in touch and let us know what you can help with and when. Thank you.

We plan to hold a meeting in mid-January, during which we will try and form a new FOTS committee so that events and activities will continue for the children as well as providing support for the school. Please consider if this is something you can help with – it really does not take up too much time. If you want any further information, come and see me for a chat. Unless we can get a new committee, I am concerned that the PTA will completely fold and it would be very sad to see this happen.

Reading Awards

There was much excitement this morning 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 23 children achieved this award so soon. 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.

Reception Starters September 2025

We have been welcoming people to our school by giving personal tours to parents whose children are due to start school in September 2025. It is so lovely to share our wonderful school with people. If you know of anyone whose child is due to begin Reception next year please ask them to get in touch, we would love to meet them and show them around.

Preloved Uniform

As the weather starts to turn you may find it useful to have a few extra uniform items as a back-up. We currently have plenty of preloved uniform for sale at 50p per item. Please stop by the office if you would like further details.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

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 2024/2025

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	Tuesday 7 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	Tuesday 3 rd June 2025	Tuesday 22 nd July 2025

Twyford C of E School



School Diary



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY		
Friday 15 th November 2024		Baby and Toddler Group
Friday 22 nd November 2024		Baby and Toddler Group
Wednesday 27 th November 2024	NEW	Advent Service at St Mary's Church, Twyford 9:15am
Thursday 28 th November 2024	NEW	KS2 Choir singing for the Stroke Association at Lace Hill Community Centre
Friday 29 th November 2024		Baby and Toddler Group
Friday 6 th December 2024		Baby and Toddler Group
Thursday 12 th December 2024	NEW	Reception and KS1 Nativity performances (details to follow)
Friday 13 th December 2024	NEW	Christmas lunch and party day (lunch to be ordered with Fresh Start)
Friday 13 th December 2024		Baby and Toddler Group (last session before Christmas)
Monday 16 th December 2024	NEW	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 16 th December 2024		KS2 Carol Service at St Marys Church - 6:30pm
Wednesday 18 th December 2024	NEW	Nursery/Pre-school Christmas Sing-a-long and Activities 2:00pm
Friday 20 th December 2024		School closes for Christmas break
Monday 6 th January 2025		INSET Day
Tuesday 7 th January 2025		School re-opens after Christmas break
Friday 10 th January 2025		Baby and Toddler Group
Friday 14 th February 2025		School breaks up for half term
Monday 24 th February 2025		School re-opens after half term
Friday 4 th April 2025		School breaks up for Easter
Tuesday 22 nd April 2025		School re-open after Easter
Monday 5 th May 2025		May Bank Holiday – School closed
Friday 23 rd May 2025		School breaks up for half term
Monday 2 nd June 2025		INSET Day
Tuesday 3 rd June 2025		School re-opens after half term
Tuesday 22 nd July 2025		School breaks up for summer
Wednesday 23 rd July 2025		INSET Day



NXT LEVEL COACHING WRAP AROUND CARE

To book: <https://www.nxtlevelcoaching.co.uk/book-online/twyfordcofprimary>

Contact: info@nxtlevelcoaching.co.uk Text: 07703 187543

Please book wrap-around care or club places by midday

BREAKFAST CLUB	DROP & GO	AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB	
7.50am – 8.40am	8.30am – 8.40am	3.15pm – 4.15pm	4.15pm – 5.30pm
£4.00	£1.00	£5.00	£4.00
Book online	No need to pre-book	Book online	Book online
Breakfast served until 8.20am	Payable in cash on the day	Activities including art, craft, sports, games, Lego and construction	Activities including art, craft, sports, games, Lego and construction <i>Light snack served for additional 75p</i>

The booking cut-off time for same day wraparound care services is **12:00 PM**.

We understand that emergencies can arise, and to accommodate such situations, we have designated a process for late bookings. In the case of an emergency, please contact the **school office** directly to make a late booking. Your child will be added to the day's register and an invoice for payment will be sent directly to you. However, we kindly request that this option is only used in genuine emergency situations and not as a regular occurrence

NXT Level Coaching After School Clubs

4th November to 20th December 2024

- **Tuesday:** Crochet Club
- **Tuesday:** KS1 Football (Indoors)
- **Wednesday:** KS2 Football
- **Thursday:** Dodgeball
- **Friday:** Arts & Crafts

Price: £35 for 7 weeks—that's just £5 per session

Book online www.nxtlevelcoaching.co.uk/book-online

If you have any questions or need more information, feel free to contact us, and we'll be happy to assist.

Best regards,

The NXT Level Coaching Team

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☎ 07703187543

**TWYFORD
C of E SCHOOL**

**EVERYONE
WELCOME**

**Baby and Toddler
Group**
at
Twyford C of E School

For more info
www.twyfordschool.org.uk

**Every Friday
During term-time
9.45AM – 11.00AM**

Twyford C of E School
Church Street, Twyford,
Buckingham, MK18 4EU
☎ 01296 730305
✉ office@twyford.bucks.sch.uk



Penalty Notices for School Attendance

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following will come into force for absences that start after 19th August 2024. This is nationwide and across borders if you move school or house. Term Time Leave is only allowed in exceptional circumstances when communicated in advance with evidence provided as soon as possible to the Headteacher.

FIRST OFFENCE

The first Penalty Notice issued for Term Time Leave of Absence or Irregular Attendance, the amount of the fine will be £160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days and reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

SECOND OFFENCE

For the second Penalty Notice (within three years of the first offence) issued for Term Time Leave of Absence or Irregular Attendance, the amount of the fine will be £360 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days. No reduced rate will be offered.

THIRD OFFENCE AND SUBSEQUENT OFFENCES

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave of Absence or Irregular Attendance, a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. If found guilty there could be up to a maximum fine of £2,500 or a term of imprisonment not exceeding 3 months.

PLEASE ENSURE YOU COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL

In law only the headteacher of a school can authorise a child's absence. A pupil's attendance forms part of their official school record.

Parents do not have an automatic right to remove their child from school during term time for the purpose of a leave of absence and are strongly advised not to do so.

Headteachers are unable to authorise leave of absence during term time unless they are satisfied that there are exceptional circumstances.

The fundamental principles for defining 'exceptional' are rare, significant, unavoidable and short. 'Unavoidable' implies that an event could not reasonably be scheduled at another time.

10 sessions in 10 weeks

Penalty Notices will be considered for any 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in 10 weeks.

5 consecutive days of term time absence can trigger a Penalty Notice.

Do not forget that Penalty Notices are issued Per Parent, Per Child, i.e. Two siblings absent would result in each parent receiving 2 fines. This could amount to £540.

Preparing for puberty workshop

for parents of young people with SEND



This one-off workshop will cover the topic of puberty. Brook's expert staff will equip you with simple tips and information to support these potentially tricky conversations.

The session will also include practical ideas regarding period products and how to support your young person to carry out their own personal care.

Brook are a national charity, working as part of Buckinghamshire's Integrated Sexual Health and Wellbeing Service.

For more information scan the QR code.

Get in touch

01296 383 293
aylesburyfamilyhub@buckinghamshire.gov.uk



Tuesday 19 November
6pm to 7pm



Elmhurst
Family Centre

brook



Buckinghamshire
Council



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Online Workshops

Support Your ADHD Child at Home
25th November, 7:00pm-9:00pm



Healthy, Happy and Fun -
Christmas Holiday Ideas for
You and Your Child

26th November, 6:00pm-8:00pm



Thinking About Volunteering?
3rd December, 6:00pm-8:00pm

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For parents and carers with school aged children in Buckinghamshire. To book your FREE place, contact our enrolment team on 01296 383582, scan the QR code or click on the [link](#). For more information call/text Kathryn on 07770 641997



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Reception Maths

For parents and carers with children in Reception

5 week Maths course:

Monday 11 November, 9:30-11:30 am

1 week Number workshop:

Monday 16 December, 9:30-11:30



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To book your FREE place, click on the link, phone our team on 01296 383582 or scan the QR code.





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Support your Child's Wellbeing Years 3-6

Tuesday 12 November, 12:30-2:30 pm
(5 weeks, online)



Help your child to
develop
confidence and
manage worries.

For parents and carers with children in years 3 to 6.
To book your FREE place, click on the link, scan the
QR code or phone 01296 383582 with code
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Money Matters - Teach Your Child the Value of Money

Online

Monday 11th Nov - 2nd Dec (4 weeks)
7:00pm to 9:00pm



Support your
child learn the
skills to manage
money through
play and develop
their
understanding
about money.

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For parents and carers with children in Years 1 to 6.
To book your FREE place, contact our enrolment
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Support Your Child with Phonics and Reading

For parents and carers with children in Years 1 to 2



Choose from:

Monday, 11th November
6:30pm to 8:30pm

Tuesday 12th November
9:30am to 11:30am

Thursday 14th November
9:30am to 11:30am

To book your FREE place, contact our enrolment
team on 01296 383582 or scan the QR code. For more
information call or text Nina 07710145234

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ONLINE SCHOOLS COURSES for PARENTS and CARERS of children in Years 3&4.

To book your FREE place call our enrolment team on 01296 383582, SCAN the QR code
or CLICK on the [course code link](#) below



YEARS 3&4

Reading/Writing Skills Workshops [EMRR010](#) SCAN ME

Wednesday 6 November 12:30pm - 2:30pm

How Can I Make Writing Fun? (5-weeks) [FMWG031](#) SCAN ME

Monday 11 Nov - 9 Dec 9:30am - 11:30am

Tuesday 12 Nov - 10 Dec 12:30pm - 2:30pm

Wednesday 13 Nov - 11 Dec 9:30am - 11:30am

Thursday 14 Nov - 12 Dec 9:30pm - 9:45pm

Resources from the course have helped me find new and fun ways to write with my daughter.

Homework is now easier and less stressful to do

Finally, I now know what I can do to help my son with his writing.



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ONLINE SCHOOLS COURSES for PARENTS and CARERS of children in Years 5 and 6.


To book your FREE place call our enrolment team on 01296 383582, SCAN the QR code
or CLICK on the [course code link](#) below

The course has helped me find resources and activities that I can use to support my son's willingness to write.


These have been excellent at refreshing my skills and gaining enjoyment in writing with all the family.

I now know the right questions to ask to make it fun as well as worthwhile.

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YEARS 5&6

How Can I Use Books to Help my Child with Grammar, Vocabulary and Punctuation Workshops [FMWG033](#)

Wednesday 6 November 8:30pm - 8:50pm

Thursday 7 November 9:30am - 11:30am

How Can I Improve my Child's Writing? (5 weeks) [FMWG032](#)

Wednesday 13 Nov - 11 Dec 8:30pm - 8:50pm

Thursday 14 Nov - 12 Dec 9:30am - 11:30am



Writing



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Aylesbury Town Council's

Christmas

on the

Cobbles

Sunday 24 November
Aylesbury Town Centre
12 noon-5:30pm

**FREE
EVENT**



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