

26 September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It hardly seems possible that we have now been back at school for over three weeks. The time is certainly flying by! During that time, the school has been a hive of activity and I have thoroughly enjoyed my first few weeks of the 'Twyford Experience.' Thank you all for the warm welcome you have given me. Below you will be able to find out some of our most recent news and, of course, forthcoming dates for the diary.

House Captains

Our annual September tradition of electing captains for each of our three houses took place last week. This year, it was a very close contest but I am pleased to announce the children who have been elected to fill these very important roles. The house captains for Churchill house are Meredith and Issac; for Nightingale Eric and Poppy; and for Rothschild, Clara and Summer-May. Congratulations to you all!

Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy

We currently still have a vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor. This job would involve supporting our lunchtime team in the hall and on the playground at lunchtimes for 1.5 hours daily. Please contact the school office if you are interested in applying. There is the potential for some flexibility in the role – for example, it could be shared between two people for a number of days each across the week.

Harvest Festival

We will be celebrating our Harvest Festival on the morning of Wednesday 22nd October at 9:15am in St Mary's Church, Twyford. Parents are welcome to join us for this collective worship if they would like to.

Like in previous years, we will be supporting the Twyford Kindness Larder. The larder is a source of canned or dried foodstuffs (and some other non-perishable goods) for anyone experiencing hardship. It is a small shed situated at the left hand side of Twyford village hall. Children should bring any donations they have to school either on or before the Wednesday morning. Even if you can only spare one item, it will be gratefully received. Thank you in advance.



Breaktime Snacks

Please could we remind everyone that children should only be bringing fruit or vegetables to eat as their designated snack for breaktimes.

Nut Aware School

As you will know, we are a nut-aware school. We do have several members of our school community who have allergies to nuts, and nut products, including to air-borne particles. We would greatly appreciate your help in making

sure that any packed lunches brought into school do not contain nuts. Please check carefully, particularly with chocolate spread, or baked goods that have a chocolate filling as these do quite often have nuts as one of their ingredients. If you would like further information about allergies, please follow this link: Allergy UK | National Charity. Many thanks for your cooperation with this.

FOTS

The Friends Of Twyford School (FOTS) held their first meeting of the academic year on Tuesday 16th September. FOTS are currently a small, but very dedicated, band of volunteers who all work together with the ultimate aim of raising money to enhance the learning experience of all of our pupils. This year promises some great fundraising events, including discos, a Christmas fayre and hampers, a film night and the Summer Sizzler. We will be kicking off the year with our Autumn disco on Friday 24th October. Fundraising committees like this are the lifeblood of schools and we are very lucky to have one. However, to keep running, FOTS absolutely rely on the kindness of volunteers to help run events and we hope that many of you will be able to support at least one of our events during the year. Together we can all make a difference and we thank you in advance for any support that you can give.

During the last year, FOTS have contributed towards funding class music lessons and leavers' bibles, provided the book tokens for children who have earned their platinum reading awards, given each class funds to reduce the costs of school trips, and provided learning resources for use within the school. This year, we are fundraising for a new stage which will hugely enhance our school performances. Our current stage is over 50 years old and ready for retirement! The next committee meeting will take place in school on Tuesday 14th October at 7pm and all are welcome to attend.

St Mary's Church, Twyford

Although St Mary's is currently without a vicar, life at the church continues to run. The church would love to welcome people to the following upcoming events:

- Sunday 5th October at 4pm: Harvest Festival and Auction
- Sunday 7th December at 9.30am: Christingle Service
- Saturday 20th December: Christmas Tree Festival
- Sunday 21st December at 6pm: Candlelight Carol Service
- Wednesday 24th December at 4pm: Crib Service

Online Safety Newsletter

Please take the time to read this month's Online Safety Newsletter. There are lots of useful tips and information about how to keep our children safe online.

Diary Dates

All dates are available to view on the website school calendar here.

As mentioned in my first newsletter, please remember we have an inset day on Monday.

Monday 29 th September 2025	INSET Day – no children in school	

New Diary Dates

Friday 24th October 2025	New	FOTS Autumn Disco (KS1 5.30-6.30pm; KS2 7-8pm)

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Sam Thompson

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 2025/2026				
Autumn 1 Term 2025	4 th September 2025	24 th October 2025		
Autumn 2 Term 2025	3rd November 2025	19 th December 2025		
Spring 1 Term 2026	6 th January 2026	13 th February 2026		
Spring 2 Term 2026	23 rd February 2026	27 th March 2026		
Summer 1 Term 2026	13 th April 2026	22 nd May 2026		
Summer 2 Term 2026	1st June 2026	21st July 2026		

Twyford C of E School



School Diary



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY		
Monday 29 th September 2025		INSET Day – no children in school
Thursday 2 nd October 2025		Year 5 & 6 Residential Trip meeting 6.30-7.30pm
Wednesday 22 nd October 2025		Harvest Festival 9.15am
Friday 24 th October 2025		School breaks up for half term
Friday 24th October 2025	New	FOTS Autumn Disco (KS1 5.30-6.30pm; KS2 7-8pm)
Monday 3 rd November 2025		School re-opens after half term
Tuesday 4 th November 2025		Parents' Evening 3.30-6.00pm
Wednesday 5 th November 2025		Individual Photographs
Wednesday 5 th November 2025		Parents' Evening 3.30-6.00pm
Tuesday 11 th November 2025		SEND Review Parents' Evening 3.30-5.30pm
Thursday 6 th November 2025		Flu Immunisations Reception – Year 6
Tuesday 9 th December 2025		Year 1 & 2 Nativity 2pm
Wednesday 10 th December 2025		Year 1 & 2 Nativity 6pm
Friday 12 th December 2025		School Christmas Dinner
Tuesday 16 th December 2025		KS2 Carol Concert 7pm
Wednesday 17 th December 2025		Reception & Nursery Christmas singalong 2pm

Friday 19 th December 2025	School breaks up for Christmas holiday
Monday 5 th January 2026	INSET Day – no children in school
Tuesday 6 th January 2026	School re-opens after Christmas break
Friday 13 th February 2026	School breaks up for half term
Monday 23 rd February 2026	School re-opens after half term
Friday 13 th March 2026	INSET Day – no children in school
Friday 27 th March 2026	School breaks up for Easter holiday
Monday 13 th April 2026	School re-opens after Easter break
Monday 11 th to Friday 15 th May 2026	SATs week for Year 6
Friday 22 nd May 2026	School breaks up for half term
Monday 1 st June 2026	School re-opens after half term
Tuesday 21st July 2026	School breaks up for summer
Wednesday 22 nd July 2026	INSET Day– no children in school



JOIN OUR FREE **FUN COOKING** COURSES

...all you need is a kitchen and a phone!

Free, fun cooking courses AT HOME Impress friends and family

Exciting meals can be quick, fun, easy and cheap to cook with our FREE (ingredients included), flexible, home-based short courses









ITALIAN PASTA SAUCE

MIDDLE EASTERN PILA



To register
Call the cafe on 01296 708239
or email: office@communitycafe.vnworks.net
or or drop in and speak with Caz at Molly's Cafe

This programme is supported and fully funded by The Verney Foundation





Grendon Rangers FC are looking for additional players (boys or girls) for our U7s team (Year 1 or Year 2 at school)

Training on Wednesday 6pm to 7pm at Waddesdon Secondary School

Games played on Saturday mornings at 10am

All welcome! (©)







BIG ADVENTURES FOR LITTLE EXPLORERS

LOCATION

George Grenville Academy

CAMP DATES & HOURS

October 27th 28th 29th

9am - 12pm: 9am - 3pm: 8am - 4pm:

£25.00 £50.00 £60.00

@enrolmy.com/nxtlev

WHAT TO **EXPECT**

- Themed activity days
 Nature based learning
 Sensory trays
 Imaginative role play
 Arts & crafts
 Music, movement & stories

AGES

3 - 5 Year Olds

WHO ARE WE?

Miss Whale Local Nursery Manager

Mrs Fanning Local Nursery Manager

Mrs Brinn
Local Nursery Lead Learner

Miss Tunks Local Nursery Key Worker

Miss Lambourne
Nxt Level Coaching Early Years Appl



A Nxt Level Camp



HOW TO BOOK







Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are excited to offer peripatetic music lessons at **Twyford C of E School** for the academic year running from September 2025 to July 2026. Starting from September, students will receive 34 high-quality lessons delivered by experienced tutors as part of this enriching programme.

Options for instrument selection include:

- Drum kit
- Guitar- Acoustic, Electric, Bass
- Ukulele
- Piano/Keyboard

A variety of lesson formats are available to suit different learning styles and budgets:

- 20-minute one-to-one lessons: starting from £45.33 per month (£16.00 per lesson)
- 30-minute group lessons (up to 6 students): starting from £21.25 per month (£7.50 per lesson)
 The price is dependant on the size of the group.

Please note that all lesson formats are subject to availability.

Following enrolment, you'll receive a personalised plan quote for the total lessons from your start date. This cost is conveniently split into equal monthly payments via a secure Direct Debit system.

An optional starter pack will also be added to your payment plan. This includes essential materials and resources to support your child's progress both during lessons and at home and is highly recommended to ensure effective participation. Starter pack fees range from £15.00 to £25.00.

For further information about XYZ Music Academy, please visit: www.xvzmusicacademv.com.

Contact Us:

Email: admin@xyzmusicacademy.com

Phone: 01296 534032

To enrol, scan the QR code below, which will direct you to the enrolment form on our website. We also offer free taster lessons on any listed instrument. Please contact us to schedule a taster lesson.

Thank you,

Duncan Lee & The XYZ Team









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27TH OCT 2025
THE BUCKINGHAM SCHOOL

OPEN TO ANYONE FROM YEAR 4 TO 8

PERFORMANCE AT THE END OF THE DAY
SIGN UP HERE



HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/4976FJC2

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL AYLMUSIC@BUCKSMUSIC.ORG