



10 October
2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our third newsletter of the year! The chilly mornings and changing leaves are certainly signs that autumn is well and truly here. The changing of seasons is filled with awe and wonder and we have been making the most of celebrating this in school by learning some cracking songs for our Harvest Festival and making the most of the outside environment – including visiting the conker trees in the village! Although colder weather and shorter days await us all, we have plenty to look forward to here at Twyford over the coming weeks.

Harvest Festival

This is a reminder that 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.

Disco Fever

We will be celebrating the end of this half term with our FOTS Autumn Disco. This will take place in the school hall on Friday 24th October at 5.30-6.30pm for Key Stage 1 (Reception, Year 1 and 2 children) and 7.00-8.00pm for Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6 children). We are looking forward to a great evening seeing the children bust their moves on the Twyford dancefloor. Tickets are available to buy from the school office at £4.00 per child.

Clubs at Twyford

We are very lucky at Twyford to have such a wonderful group of enterprising and caring children. We now have three lunchtime clubs running, which have been set up by some groups of older children. On offer currently are bird watching club, drawing club and board games club. I must say how impressed I am by all the children who have volunteered their time to give our playtimes more variety. I believe that some new clubs are also being devised at the moment – so watch this space. A massive well done to everyone involved; you all absolutely embody the Twyford spirit!

Akwaaba News

You may well remember how the school supported the Akwaaba project last year, under the leadership of Mrs Bloomfield. We recently received a lovely letter of thanks from Jordan Palmer, who is the founder and CEO of Akwaaba Volunteers. He wrote to say that as a result of fundraising here last year, we were able to provide our sponsored children with: new school uniform, school shoes, a school bag, a maths set and stationery and a water bottle, as well as exercise books and textbooks. As you can imagine, they are absolutely delighted and wanted to pass on huge thanks to everyone who supported the project in some way. Our school house teams are currently thinking about which charities they would like to support during this academic year and we will let you know who they have chosen to support in due course.

FOTS

Our small but very dedicated PTA team are working hard to bring you some great autumn term events, including our discos and Christmas Fayre. They would welcome anyone who is able to volunteer in any way to provide support. Please do get in touch if you think you might be able to help. The next committee meeting will take place in school on Tuesday, 14th October at 7pm. All are warmly welcomed to come along.

Parking

Parking at drop off and pick up times is an ongoing concern and there are a few things we can all do to help keep the areas outside of school as safe as possible during these busy times of the day. We urge you to **please not park in the direct vicinity of the school**. Areas of particular concern are the parking on the bend of School Lane turning into Church Street and outside of Lime Tree Court, which has two driveways that must be kept clear at all times for emergency and medical services. We also request that parents **do not use the school staff car park** when dropping off and picking up from wrap-around care and clubs.

For the safety of all our children, it is much safer to park away from the school either at the top end of Main Street, on Portway Road or by the Rec and walk along the narrow section of road in Main Street/Church Street. The fewer cars parked in the vicinity of the school, the safer it will be for everyone. This will also ensure our school neighbours maintain their access to their properties.

Thank you to those parents who do show consideration and park away from the school. We appreciate your support.

Being Weather-Ready

As the weather gets colder and more changeable, please could I remind you all to ensure that your children are prepared for the weather each day. Last week was rather wet and a number of children attended school without coats. We do like to get outside as much as we can at breaktimes, unless the rain is torrential, so it is essential that everyone comes prepared. Encourage your children to watch the breakfast weather forecast so that they can think independently about what they will need to prepare them for the day.

Breaktime Snacks

Thank you for your cooperation with providing your children with healthy fruit or vegetable breaktime snacks. If your child's breaktime snack is kept in their lunchbox, please let them know what it is going to be for that day, as sometimes they are not always sure.

Online Safety Newsletter

This month's newsletter offers helpful tips on how to set parental control, what to be aware of and how to keep your children safe when they are using platforms such as YouTube and WhatsApp.

Sickness and Diarrhoea

Please could we remind everyone that if a child suffers any kind of sickness or diarrhoea, the school policy of staying home for 48 hours must be adhered to. We know that this can be frustrating, especially as many of us can often feel much better straight away. However, this helps curb the spread of bugs – which at this time of year have a habit of being very common. Thank you for your support with this.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and look forward to seeing you all next week.

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	3 rd 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	1 st June 2026	21 st July 2026

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School
Diary



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 29th September 2025		INSET Day – no children in school
Thursday 9th October 2025	Change	Year 5 & 6 Residential Trip meeting 6.30-7.30pm
Wednesday 22nd October 2025		Harvest Festival 9.15am
Friday 24th October 2025		School breaks up for half term
Friday 24th October 2025		FOTS Autumn Disco (KS1 5.30-6.30pm; KS2 7-8pm)
Monday 3rd November 2025		School re-opens after half term
Tuesday 4th November 2025		Parents' Evening 3.30-6.00pm
Wednesday 5th November 2025		Individual Photographs
Wednesday 5th November 2025		Parents' Evening 3.30-6.00pm
Tuesday 11th November 2025		SEND Review Parents' Evening 3.30-5.30pm
Thursday 6th November 2025		Flu Immunisations Reception – Year 6
Tuesday 9th December 2025		Year 1 & 2 Nativity 2pm
Wednesday 10th December 2025		Year 1 & 2 Nativity 6pm
Friday 12th December 2025		School Christmas Dinner
Tuesday 16th December 2025		KS2 Carol Concert 7pm
Wednesday 17th 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 21 st July 2026		School breaks up for summer
Wednesday 22 nd July 2026		INSET Day– no children in school



CAMPS ARE LIVE



OCTOBER CAMPS

MULTI ACTIVITY CAMP
NEWTON LONGVILLE C OF E PRIMARY
OCTOBER 27TH & 28TH

✦ A MIX OF SPORTS, GAMES, ARTS & CRAFTS, COOKING, DRAMA, GAMES AND ACTIVITIES FOR ALL INTERESTS.

FOOTBALL CAMP
RICHARD ROPER PLAYING FIELDS
OCTOBER 29TH 30TH 31ST

✦ DEVELOPING SKILLS, PLAYING MATCHES, AND COMPETITIONS
A FOOTBALL CAMP FOR PLAYERS OF ALL ABILITIES.

EARLY YEARS EXPLORERS CAMP
GEORGE GRENVILLE ACADEMY
OCTOBER 27TH - 31ST

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HOLIDAY CAMPS

BIG ADVENTURES FOR LITTLE EXPLORERS

LOCATION
George Grenville Academy

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 Apprentice

CAMP DATES & HOURS
October 27th 28th 29th

9am - 12pm:	£25.00
9am - 3pm:	£50.00
8am - 4pm:	£60.00

WHAT TO EXPECT

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

HOW TO BOOK
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CHILD CARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED



FRIENDS OF TWYFORD SCHOOL CHILDRENS FANCY DRESS SWAP



Got a superhero costume that's outgrown its powers? A princess dress that's lost its sparkle? Or a Halloween outfit that deserves one more spooky adventure?

We're on a mission to reuse, recycle, and reimagine fancy dress!




 **Donate** any costumes that no longer fit or are no longer loved by **Wednesday 15th October**



 We'll resell them at our Fancy Dress Swap to raise funds for Twyford School – and give every costume a second chance to shine!

 **It's eco-friendly, budget-friendly, and loads of fun!**

 Outfits will be priced reasonably at £1 and accessories at 50p depending on donations received



 **THE SWAP WILL TAKE PLACE ON FRIDAY 17th at 3:15PM.**



**THE BOO CLUE!
HALLOWEEN
TRAIL AT**



STOWE HOUSE

OCTOBER HALF TERM

DAILY 10.30AM-3.00PM*

- INCLUDED IN THE PRICE OF ADMISSION

STOWHOUSE.ORG





**once upon a
SCREAM**

Ghouls, games & giggles at
STOWE HOUSE

Thursday 30 Oct
3.30-4.30pm (5-7yrs)
6.00-7.30pm (8-12yrs)

Dig out your best Halloween costume and join us for an evening of frightfully good fun! There'll be not-so terrifying tales, games and activities to get you in the spooky mood.

£8 for 1 Child & 1 Adult, £5 additional Child Booking Essential







STOWE HOUSE
www.stowehouse.org



Half Term Events

Sun 12th Oct - Sun 2nd Nov

Pumpkin Hunt Trail

Hunt our gardens for pumpkins to win a prize! Age 3 - 11. Pre-book or drop in. £3.15 per child. Not available Mon & Sat.



Sun 26th Oct

Halloween Monster Hunt

Hunt through the museum gathering body parts to build your own Frankenstein! Inspired by Mary Shelley's locally-written Frankenstein. Age 7 - 11. Pre-book. £7.25 per child.



Tue 28th & Wed 29th Oct

Discover & Make: Mosaic Madness

Make your very own mosaic coaster in your own personal design. Learn all about mosaic history, including Wycombe's Roman villa. Best for age 4 - 11. Pre-book. £4.75 per child.



Thu 30th Oct

Babes in the Wood Forest School

For little ones to enjoy nature, explore, do seasonal crafts, sample cooking and more. For age 18months - 5yrs. Pre-book. £11.00 per child.



Book at wycombemuseum.org.uk

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BUCKS CHILDREN'S CHOIR

27TH OCT 2025
THE BUCKINGHAM SCHOOL

OPEN TO ANYONE FROM YEAR 4 TO 8

NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE REQUIRED
PERFORMANCE AT THE END OF THE DAY

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On Wednesday 29 October
10.00am-12.00pm



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TEACH IN BUCKS RECRUITMENT FAIR

*Interested in becoming a teacher?
We want to meet you!*

Saturday 15 November 2025, 10am - 2pm

 [Buckinghamshire New University | Aylesbury Campus](#)

Event Programme

Featuring presentations from a number of organisations including the Department for Education and several of the county's school and university based Initial Teacher Training providers:

10.00am Doors open - meet local providers

11.00am Get into Teaching Introductory Presentation - Why, How and What

- Presentation by a representative from the Department for Education

11.30am How to Apply - Applications, Qualifications, and Compliance

- Presentations by Astra SCITT*, The Buckingham SCITT & Insignis Academy Trust SCITT

12.00pm Meet local providers

1.00pm Training Programmes:

1. Early Years and Primary Teacher Training Programme

- Presentations by Buckinghamshire New University & The Buckingham Partnership SCITT

2. Secondary Teacher Training Programme

- Presentations by Astra SCITT and Insignis Academy Trust SCITT

3. Further Education Training Programme

- Presentation by the Buckinghamshire College Group

1.30pm Routes into Teaching:

1. The Apprenticeship Route into Teaching

- Presentation by Astra SCITT and Insignis Academy Trust SCITT

2. The Assessment Only Route into Qualified Teaching

- Presentation by The Buckingham Partnership SCITT

3. University Routes into Teaching

- Presentation by Buckinghamshire New University

2.00pm Close

If you have any queries about the event, please email teachinbucks@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

Programme is subject to change

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