



Our value is 'Respect'

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

Friday, 20  
September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **HOUSE CAPTAINS 2024-2025**

This week in house assemblies, children in Year 5 and 6 had the opportunity to put themselves forward for the role of house captain explaining why they thought they would be the right person for the job. After voting had taken place, the new house captains were announced in celebration assembly this morning and given their house captain badges. I am sure they will do a great job in helping lead their respective houses and I look forward to working with the new team on various projects over the coming year.

### **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 or break-time snacks 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.

### **HARVEST FESTIVAL**

We will be celebrating our Harvest Festival on the morning of Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 last year, 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.



### **PENALTY NOTICES FOR TERM-TIME ABENCE**

You will have seen in the national news that from this September the Government have introduced a new penalty notice scheme for unauthorised school absences. Details are included at the bottom of this this newsletter. Any request for term time absence should be made via the Absence Request Form available from the school office, however please be mindful that Headteachers are not able to authorise ANY absence unless there are exceptional circumstances.

### **PARENT CONSULTATION MEETINGS**

Earlier this week you received a ParentMail inviting you to book a meeting with your child's class teacher. The booking portal is now open and you will need to directly book a time yourself via ParentMail.

We will also be opening the school on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October between 3:30pm and 5:30pm for you to visit the school and view your child's work ahead of meeting with their teacher. There is no need to book an appointment for this; just come along at a time between those mentioned above. Your child's books will be in their classrooms.

### **ONLINE SAFETY NEWSLETTER**

The September edition of our online safety newsletter is attached. As always, there is useful information for parents about many of the online platforms your child may be using. This month focuses on social media algorithms and also Snapchat.

### **FOOTBALL SQUAD TRAINING – Years 4, 5 and 6**

Following the success we had when Year 5 and 6 played some football matches last year, we are setting up our very own Twyford Football Squad. If your child is in Year 4, 5 or 6 they will be able to take part in training every Tuesday lunchtime with Mr Goodwin. In order to participate, your child will need to wear shin-pads and either football boots or trainers (different to the ones they are wearing in school if in PE uniform) If your child has PE that day, they will be able to wear their PE kit. If not, they will need to bring some sports clothes to change into. During training, Mr Goodwin will work with the squad on drills, skills work and developing game strategies. Please note, that any football matches will be for Year 5 and 6 pupils only with the teams being selected from those who regularly attend training.

### **COLLECTION AT THE END OF THE DAY**

The end of the day is a busy time in the school office so if arrangements for your child going home are changing, please let us know as soon as possible to ensure the message gets passed onto class teachers in time. If you are going to be late collecting your child at the end of the school day and have not been able to make alternative arrangements, then we will place them in after school club with NXT Level Coaching. Please note a charge for wrap around care will be made for this.

### **COOL MILK SCHEME**

All children at Twyford can have a cup of milk each day. This is free for children under 5-years-old, and at a small cost for children over 5-years-old. If you are interested you can find all the details of the scheme at [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com)

Children eligible for Pupil Premium can also have milk each day free of charge, if you think this might apply to you please contact the school office.

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 2024/2025		
Autumn 1 Term 2024	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2024
Autumn 2 Term 2024	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024
Spring 1 Term 2025	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2025
Spring 2 Term 2025	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2025
Summer 1 Term 2025	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2025
Summer 2 Term 2025	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2025	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2025

# Twyford C of E School



# School Diary



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY		
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September</b>		Flu Immunisations – Reception to Year 6
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024</b>		Bikeability for Year 5
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October</b>	NEW	Harvest Festival at St Mary’s Church – 9:15am
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October</b>	NEW	3:30pm – 5:30pm classrooms are open for parents to view their child’s work
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October</b>	NEW	3:30pm – 5:30pm classrooms are open for parents to view their child’s work
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October</b>		School Photographs – individual and siblings
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October</b>	NEW	Parent/teacher consultations – book on Parentmail
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October</b>	NEW	Parent/teacher consultations – book on Parentmail
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October</b>		School breaks up for half term
<b>Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024</b>		Deadline for applications for Secondary School Admissions September 2025
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b>		School re-opens after half-term
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November</b>	NEW	FOTS – School Disco – further details to follow
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024</b>		KS2 Carol Service at St Marys Church - 6:30pm
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024</b>		School closes for Christmas break
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025</b>		INSET Day
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025</b>		School re-opens after Christmas break
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025</b>		School breaks up for half term
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025</b>		School re-opens after half term
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025</b>		School breaks up for Easter
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025</b>		School re-open after Easter
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025</b>		May Bank Holiday – School closed

Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2025		School breaks up for half term
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2025		INSET Day
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2025		School re-opens after half term
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2025		School breaks up for summer
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2025		INSET Day



## 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 £160 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 £640**



## NXT LEVEL COACHING WRAP AROUND CARE

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

Contact: [info@nxtlevelcoaching.co.uk](mailto: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





EVERYONE  
WELCOME

Every Friday

During term-time

9.45AM – 11.00AM

**Baby and Toddler  
Group**

at

Twyford C of E School

For more info

[www.twyfordschool.org.uk](http://www.twyfordschool.org.uk)

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## Peripatetic music lessons at Twyford C of E School

XYZ will be providing Drum (one to one and group), Guitar, Piano and Woodwind lessons at Twyford C of E School from September 2024

Please see the following details:

Lessons per annum (September-July): 34

Length of lesson: 20 minutes - one to one / group (3 students)

Price per lesson: £15.00 - one to one / £290 - group per student

Parents can be invoiced on a family basis or in instalments via a monthly direct debit plan starting in September 2024 and ending in August 2025

For new starters we encourage the purchase of a starter pack. This is an optional, but highly recommended for effective participation in the lessons and school and home practice

For more information please visit us at [www.xyzmusicacademy.com](http://www.xyzmusicacademy.com)

You can also contact us at:  
Email - [admin@xyzmusicacademy.com](mailto:admin@xyzmusicacademy.com)  
Phone - 01296 634032

To sign up please visit our website [www.xyzmusicacademy.com](http://www.xyzmusicacademy.com) or scan the QR code.



## Buckinghamshire Family Learning

Where can I find simple resources, which can me help my child get the best out of school?

How is my child taught about NUMBER in school?

**Supporting your child with Number- Years 3&4**

Join our **free**, 5 week **online** course, for parents and carers.

Starting on : **Monday 23rd September 9.30-11.30am**

Or **Wednesday 25th September 12.30-2.30pm**

Or **Thursday 26th September 6.30-8.30pm**

**To book your place, click on your chosen date above**

**or scan the QR code below.**



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## Buckinghamshire Family Learning

Find out what they will learn and how they will be taught.

Learn how to help your child settle and enjoy Reception

Starting Reception

**Free**, 5 week, online course for parents and carers of children starting Reception in September 2024.

**Wednesdays 9:30-11:30, starting 25 September**



To book, please click on the day above, use the QR code or phone our team on 01296 383582 and give code FMSR019



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## Buckinghamshire Family Learning

What is my child learning in maths at school and how is it taught?

What easy and fun activities can I do at home to help my child do well in maths?

**Support Your child with Maths (Number) Year 1&2**

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

For parents and carers of children in Year 1 and 2, attending schools in Buckinghamshire

**Tuesday 24th September 12:30-2:30pm**

**Wednesday 25th September 09:30-11:30am**

**Thursday 26th September 09:00-11:30am**

To book your place, please click on one of the dates above, scan the QR code or phone our enrolment team on: 01296 383582

For more information visit [www.bucksadlearning.com](http://www.bucksadlearning.com) or 01296 145234



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[www.studysmartuk.online](http://www.studysmartuk.online)



**Levels 1, 2 & 3**

CACHE Certificate in Understanding  
Safeguarding & Prevent  
CACHE Certificate in  
Understanding Challenging Behaviours  
CACHE Certificate in the  
Principles of SEN

**Six Week  
Course  
Mon - Fri  
9:30 - 11:30am  
12:30 - 2:30pm  
4 - 4:30pm**

**(last optional session for  
reflection and support if needed)**

**Level 1:**

- CACHE Level 1 Award in Preparing to Work in Schools
- CACHE Level 1 Award in Safeguarding in a Learning Environment
- CACHE Level 1 Certificate in Wellbeing
- Level 1 Occupational Studies for the Workplace

**Level 2:**

- CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Safeguarding & Prevent
- CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Challenging Behaviours

**Level 3:**

- Level 3 Certificate in the Principles of Special Educational Needs

**Eligibility Criteria:**

- Must Be Aged 19+
- Either Claim Benefits (Universal Credit, JSA, ESA, PIP, Income Support, Housing Benefits or any type of Tax Credit including Child Tax Credit).
- OR, be in employment, able to attend the sessions and earning less than £23,500 per year
- You Can't be a student or an International Student
- You Can't be an Asylum Seeker
- You Must have lived in the UK for a Minimum of 3 Years (Except if you are from the Ukraine).

Go to: [www.studysmartuk.online](http://www.studysmartuk.online) for more info!

**Autumn Harvest  
Theme Day  
Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**

**CHICKEN BURGER**

*Breaded chicken burger in a bun served with mixed salad*

*To order this option, please order before 9am Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September*

**HASSELBACK POTATOES**

*Baked Hasselback potatoes filled with cheese, spring onion and garlic (V)*

*To order this option, please order before 9am Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September*

**PASTA**

*Rustic tomato and basil pasta (VG)*

*To order this option, please order before 9am Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October*

**DELI**

*Tuna mayonnaise wrap, crudité & salad*

*To order this option, please order before 9am Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October*

**DESSERT**

*Toffee apple crumble (VG)*

**All you need to do is book your meal  
on Meal Manager**

