



Our value is 'Respect'

20 December  
2024

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderfully festive in school over the past couple of weeks with all children participating in various Christmas activities and events.

The Nativity performances last week were just beautiful and I was so proud of all the children who took part – they obviously enjoyed performing it. Thank you to Mrs Thurlow, Mrs Clarke and all the staff for working so hard to make it such a wonderful show; 'easy-peasy Nativity squeezy'!

On Monday this week it was lovely to welcome people into the church for our KS2 Carol Service – an event I always look forward to. I was so proud of all the children as they sang so beautifully and clearly. Many people who attended have let me know how amazed they were by the quality of the singing and how well the children did who had readings. Thank you to all the staff involved for ensuring the service was a success and also for organising the many batches of delicious mince pies to share after the service.

Also, this week Nursery families were invited into school for Christmas crafts and a sing-a-long with their children. Mrs Carter said it was so lovely to see everyone come together – thank you to everyone who came to make it such a super afternoon.

### **Fundraising Totals**

Once again, the generosity of families at Twyford School has helped support fundraising for various charities – thank you to everyone who has contributed. £74.96 was raised for Save the Children with our Christmas Jumper Day. We have also raised £210 this term for our selected school charity, Akwaaba Volunteers. We are well on track to reach our target of £750 by the end of the year and have some events planned over the coming term to help us get there.

### **Christmas Colour Hamper Raffle**

At the end of the carol service, we drew the winning tickets for the Christmas Colour Hamper Raffle. The hampers were bursting with lots of lovely items thanks to all the donations we had. The lucky winners have now all collected their hampers and are thrilled with their prizes. Many thanks to everyone who donated items for the hampers and purchased raffle tickets.

### **Staffing Update**

I would like to thank Mrs Lee for her hard work and support in Nursery and Reception over this past year and wish her all the best in the future. Also, many thanks to Mrs Oakes who taught Reception alongside Mrs Butcher, covering Mrs Rumble's maternity leave. After Christmas we welcome Mrs Rumble back to Early Years, both she and Mrs Butcher will be teaching our Reception class. Mrs Oakes will continue to support all the children across Early Years.

This week we have also said goodbye to Mrs Kerr, our SENDCo. Mrs Kerr has worked with us for the past five years helping support our children and families. I am sure you will join with me in wishing her all the best as she takes on a larger role in another school. We will begin the recruitment process for a new SENDCo when we return to school in

January. In the meantime, myself and Mrs Rumble will be working together to ensure that the support for our SEND children continues.

**Volunteers**

I would like to say a big thank you to the parents who gave up some of their time to help over the past couple of weeks by either wrapping presents, sourcing items for the Christmas parties or helping set up and serve the Christmas lunch. Your support was very much appreciated.

There are many ways you can get involved in school by volunteering. If this is something you would like to know more about, please either talk to me in person or contact the school office.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year on behalf of all our staff. I hope you all enjoy your time together and we look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January.

**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 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

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

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20  
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2024

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY		
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024		School closes for Christmas break
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025		INSET Day
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2025		School re-opens after Christmas break
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	NEW	Baby and Toddler group restarts
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	NEW	Year 3 & 4 Visit to The Living Rainforest
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2025		School breaks up for half term
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2025		School re-opens after half term
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	NEW	Year 5 & 6 Visit to Bletchley Park, Home of the Code-breakers
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2025		School breaks up for Easter
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025		School re-open after Easter
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	NEW	Class Photographs
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2025		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
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2025	NEW	INSET Day
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	NEW	School re-opens after summer break
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	NEW	Individual photographs
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	NEW	School breaks up for half term
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2025	NEW	INSET Day
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	NEW	School re-opens after half term
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	NEW	School breaks up for Christmas holiday
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	NEW	INSET Day
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	NEW	School re-opens after Christmas break
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	NEW	School breaks up for half term
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2026	NEW	School re-opens after half term
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	NEW	School breaks up for Easter holiday
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	NEW	School re-opens after Easter break
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2026	NEW	INSET Day
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2026	NEW	School breaks up for half term
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2026	NEW	School re-opens after half term
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2026	NEW	INSET Day



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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



**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 30th 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 £100 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days and reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 71 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 £130 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 to 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.



**Starting school for the first time**  
Was your child born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021?

If yes, Buckinghamshire parents can apply online for a school place from 5 November 2024. Visit [buckinghamshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools-index/school-admissions](https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools-index/school-admissions) to apply.

You must apply even if your child is at the nursery attached to the school you would like them to go to.

Information about starting school for the first time will be available on our website from the end of October [buckinghamshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools-index/school-admissions](https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools-index/school-admissions).

**The application deadline is 15 January 2025, please do not miss it**

Please contact the school nursing service using the link below to find out what health checks and vaccinations are available for your child.

[buckshealthcare.nhs.uk/cyp/school-years-development/school-nursing](https://buckshealthcare.nhs.uk/cyp/school-years-development/school-nursing)

Application deadline is midnight on 15 January 2025



# Christmas Family Fun!

From 24 November - 21 December

Join us for Magical Christmas Tales with Santa, A Christmas Carol, Creative Crafts, Cake decorating and Fun Science Adventures!

For more event details, charges and to book please scan the QR code or visit [discoverbucks.com](http://discoverbucks.com)



## English for Health and Wellbeing

### \*FREE CLASS

Join our friendly class to help improve your English.

You will learn speaking and listening skills for Health through Wellbeing activities and conversation.

This course is being run in partnership with Public Health.

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**Thursday 9 January - Thursday 27 March**  
10.00 am to 12.00 pm

Elmhurst Adult Learning Centre  
Dunsham Lane, Aylesbury HP20 2DB

### Booking required, please contact:

☎ Shabana on 07977 611576 or  
✉ [cldevteam@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:cldevteam@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)  
Support with travel is available.

\*Funded for targeted adults 19 years or over who meet UK residency requirements and who otherwise might not be able to afford to attend adult learning courses, including those on low incomes, job seekers; and others referred by community partner organisations.



[www.adultlearningbc.ac.uk](http://www.adultlearningbc.ac.uk)

## Brush up your digital skills!

### FREE\* courses for beginners!

Join our friendly classes for adults 19+ at Quarrendon Adult Learning Centre  
Holman Street, Aylesbury HP19 9LJ



Foundation Digital Skills: **6th Jan - 17th March**  
Mondays 9:30am - 11.30am

Foundation Digital Skills: **7th Jan - 18th March**  
Tuesdays 12:00pm - 2.30pm

Moving on with your Digital Skills: **8th Jan-19th March**  
Wednesdays 9.30am - 12pm

Foundation Digital Skills: **10th Jan - 21st March**  
Fridays 9:30am - 12pm

Improve your skills quickly in a friendly and supportive environment

To find out more and to enrol please contact

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[cldevteam@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:cldevteam@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)

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\*Eligibility requirements apply



### ONLINE SCHOOLS COURSES for PARENTS and CARERS

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

#### RECEPTION

Support Your Child with Phonics and Reading (5 weeks) **EMPR063**

Monday 13 Jan - 10 Feb 9:30am - 10:30am  
Tuesday 14 Jan - 11 Feb 9:30am - 10:30am  
Wednesday 15 Jan - 12 Feb 9:30am - 10:30am



#### YEARS 1&2 WORKSHOPS

Monday 6 January 6:30pm - 8:30pm Help Your Child with Handwriting (EMM0562)  
Tuesday 7 January 9:30am - 11:30am Maths Through Stories Workshop (EMM0328)  
Wednesday 8 January 9:30am - 11:30am Help Your Child with Handwriting (EMM0562)  
Thursday 9 January 9:30am - 11:30am Support Your Child with Homework (EMM0328)



#### YEARS 1&2

Support Your Child with Maths (Shape, Data and Measure) (5 weeks) **EMM5047**

Monday 13 Jan - 10 Feb 8:30pm - 9:30pm  
Tuesday 14 Jan - 11 Feb 9:30am - 10:30am  
Thursday 16 Jan - 12 Feb 9:30am - 10:30am



Support Your Child with Maths **EMMN024**

Thursday 16 Jan - 12 Feb 7:00pm - 8:00pm



#### YEARS 1&2

Support Your Child with Phonics and Reading (5 weeks) **EMPR064**

Wednesday 15 Jan - 12 Feb 9:30am - 10:30am



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Would you like to learn some simple ideas for cooking inexpensive, delicious healthy meals and a chance to take a FREE Air Fryer\* home with you?

(ingredients included)

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13th January - 24th March 2025  
Mondays 11.30-2pm

Elmhurst Adult Learning Centre  
Dunsham Lane  
Aylesbury HP20 2DB

\*Eligibility criteria apply. Multiply is a government-funded programme to help adults (aged 19+) living or working in Buckinghamshire who do not already have a GCSE in Maths at grade C (or equivalent) improve their numeracy skills.

#### Find out more and book your FREE place

- ☎ 07770 802497 (call or text)
- ✉ multiply@buckinghamshire.gov.uk
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14th January - 25th March 2024  
Tuesdays 9.30am- 12noon

Southcourt Baptist Church  
40 Penn Road  
Aylesbury HP21 8HW

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