



Our value is 'Respect'

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

06 December  
2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Choir singing at The Stroke Association**

What a wonderful start to the festive season when our choir recently visited The Stroke Association at Lace Hill Community Centre in Buckingham. I am delighted to say that we have received a number of thank you cards expressing how beautifully our children sang and how polite and engaging they were. The afternoon was thoroughly enjoyed by all and could not have been possible without Langston and Tasker kindly providing the transport.

### **Year 5 and 6 Football Tournament**

Our Year 5/6 football squad participated in a 6-a-side football festival held at the RLS this week. Our team played five games, demonstrated some great skills against tough competition and ended up finishing third overall. I am really proud of how well the team worked together as a squad and the sportsmanship they demonstrated. Thank you also to Mr Dalmedo for coming to support the team.

### **Hot Chocolate Wednesday – 18<sup>th</sup> December**

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December we will be holding a hot chocolate fundraiser in support of our chosen charity this year, Akwaaba Volunteers. For a donation (minimum £1), your child can have a hot chocolate treat at breaktime, including marshmallows, cream and a biscuit.

### **Lots and lots coming up...**

Earlier this week I sent out a separate ParentMail about the many different events and activities we have coming up before the end of term. If you have not yet had time to see what is happening, please do so you are aware of the different things your child will be doing.

Many thanks to those who have offered their help following my plea in the last newsletter. We are still desperately looking for helpers on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December to help with the Christmas lunch. If you are able to give your time between 11:45 and 1:30 on that day to help, please get in touch.

### **Advent Service**

On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November we went to the church to visit Rev. David who held our annual Advent service for us. He spoke to the children about the time of advent and what the different parts of the advent wreath represent. Each class was presented with a special advent candle which they can use during their class collective worship.

### **Colour Hamper Raffle**

Thank you for the generous donations we have received so far for the Christmas hampers - they are filling up with lots of lovely goodies. There is still time to make a donation just remember that item can either be in the colour of the hamper or the colour can be in the name/product itself. E.g. a jar of Gold Blend Coffee or a bottle of red wine. Raffle tickets remain on sale until the **13<sup>th</sup> December**. If you require more tickets, please ask the office. **The draw will take place on 16<sup>th</sup> December.**

### **Bookbag Keyrings**

Over the past term, we have noticed an increase in number and size of keyrings on children's bookbags – we are happy for them to have one suitable, small accessory on their bag, but will ask them to put any other such additions in their trays to keep them safe before taking them home. Therefore, if your child has several keyrings or a large one on their bookbag, please could you support us by ensuring that our guidance is followed before next coming to school. Thank you.

## Online Safety Newsletter

The December issue of the Online Safety Newsletter is a very useful read, especially if your child is being gifted any new technology for Christmas as there are tips and hints about how to set it up to ensure settings are appropriate for their age. Additionally, the second page of the newsletter is dedicated to information you should be aware of about Roblox – a game I know many of your children play.

I wish you all a wonderful weekend and as always, please take time to look at the events in the diary dates at the bottom of this letter.

**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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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY		
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2024		Baby and Toddler Group
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2024		Reception and KS1 Nativity performances (2:00pm and 5:30pm)
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2024		Christmas lunch and party day (lunch to be ordered with Fresh Start)
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2024		Baby and Toddler Group (last session before Christmas)
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2024		Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2024		KS2 Carol Service at St Marys Church - 6:30pm
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	NEW	Hot Chocolate Fundraiser in support of Akwaaba Volunteers
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2024		Nursery/Pre-school Christmas Sing-a-long and Activities 2:00pm
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 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2025		Baby and Toddler Group
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

<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026</b>	NEW	School breaks up for Easter holiday
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026</b>	NEW	School re-opens after Easter break
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026</b>	NEW	INSET Day
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026</b>	NEW	School breaks up for half term
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2026</b>	NEW	School re-opens after half term
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2026</b>	NEW	INSET Day



## 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

## NXT Level Coaching After School Clubs

4<sup>th</sup> November to 20<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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*

✉ [info@nxtlevelcoaching.co.uk](mailto:info@nxtlevelcoaching.co.uk)

☎ 07703187543



**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)

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 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 £180 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



## 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](http://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](http://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](http://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 [discoverbucksmuseum.org](http://discoverbucksmuseum.org)



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



Online  
**Tuesday 10 December**  
6:00pm to 8:00pm

For parents and carers with children at primary schools in Buckinghamshire. To book your FREE place, contact our enrolment team on 01296 383582 or scan the QR code. For more information call/text Kathryn on 07770 641997

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### Christmas Cake Decorating

Sunday 24 November

Learn how to create a snowman cake decoration to take home and decorate your Christmas Cake with.  
12.30pm & 2.15pm (adults only)  
£10 per participant



### Storytelling with Santa in the Roald Dahl Children's Gallery

Saturday 30 November & Saturday 21 December

Join us for a heart-warming experience that brings the joy of the festive season to life.  
10am - 12pm and 1.15pm - 3.15pm (5-10yrs)  
Included in your standard Roald Dahl Children's Gallery admission



### The Science of Christmas

Saturday 7 December

Could Father Christmas catapult a present down a chimney? How can you grow a candy cane? Is it possible to make a snowman without snow? Discover the answers in our seasonal workshop.  
10.30am, 12.00pm & 2.00pm (5-10yrs)  
£5 per participant



### A Christmas Carol

Sunday 8 & 15 December

Ring in the Christmas season with this exquisite performance of the Dickens' festive classic, brought to life in vivid detail by Mat Jones.  
7pm (11+yrs)  
£20 per ticket



### Christmas Clay

Saturday 14 December

Make your own hanging clay and paper ornaments to take home!  
10am - 2pm (5-10yrs)  
£5 per participant

Make a day of it and visit the Roald Dahl Children's Gallery and the rest of the Museum whilst you're here.

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





## Thank you for your support

Your support has made a real difference to those in the Armed Forces community.

To find out more about how your donation helps, please visit [rbl.org.uk/poppyappeal](http://rbl.org.uk/poppyappeal)



To Twyford Church of England School

Thank you for supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Together we raised £100.04





# Buckinghamshire Family Learning



## 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) [FMPR063](#)

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

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### YEARS 1&2 WORKSHOPS



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Monday 6 January	6:30pm - 8:30pm	Help Your Child with Handwriting ( <a href="#">FMWR102</a> )
Tuesday 7 January	9:30am - 11:30am	Maths Through Stories Workshop ( <a href="#">FMMN116</a> )
Wednesday 8 January	9:30am - 11:30am	Help Your Child with Handwriting ( <a href="#">FMWR102</a> )
Thursday 9 January	9:30am - 11:30am	Support Your Child with Homework ( <a href="#">FMHM028</a> )

### YEARS 1&2

Support Your Child with Maths (Shape, Data and Measure (5 weeks) [FMMS047](#)



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Monday 13 Jan - 10 Feb	6:30pm - 8:30pm
Tuesday 14 Jan - 11 Feb	9:30am - 11:30am
Thursday 16 Jan - 13 Feb	9:30am - 11:30am

Support Your Child with Maths [FMMN024](#)

Thursday 16 Jan - 13 Feb	7:00pm - 9:00pm
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### YEARS 1&2

Support Your Child with Phonics and Reading (5 weeks) [FMPR064](#)

Wednesday 15 Jan - 12 Feb	9:30am - 11:30am
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