



Our value is 'Respect'

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

10 January
2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back

Welcome back to the new term. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. This week has winter truly arrive with cold and frosty weather. We endeavour to go outside every break time for fresh air, and children need to be equipped to do so. Hats, gloves and scarves are able to be brought in but please make sure every item is clearly named with your child's name or initials.

Reading Awards

There was much excitement this morning in our celebration assembly as we handed out a record-breaking number of reading awards at any one time – 36! Talk about starting 2025 off with a bang! I would really like to thank you all for your support with helping your child practise their reading at home. Reading regularly with your child to develop their reading skills and fluency is so important, as reading is such an integral part of all curriculum areas in school, as well as being a key life skill. Please remember to sign your child's reading record each time you hear them read.

Awards are handed out as follows:

Bronze Award	Read a book at home to an adult for a total of 50 days
Silver Award	Read a book at home to an adult for a total of 100 days
Gold Award	Read a book at home to an adult for a total of 150 days
Platinum Award	Read a book at home to an adult for a total of 250 days

At the beginning of the year I challenged the whole school to commit to achieving at least a bronze award. We now have 55 children who have already achieved this – what a great start with still 6 months of the school year to go.

House Point Totals

The house points have been counted from last term the totals were announced in celebration assembly this morning. Each coloured token is worth 1 point and a golden token (awarded for completing a spelling passport) is worth 5 points. The results are as follows:

Churchill	440
Nightingale	461
Rothschild	499

Many congratulations to Rothschild house! Rothschild house captains have now collected the 'treat' jar and in their house assembly next week the children will vote for which reward they would like.

Mrs Bloomfield's Trip to Ghana – Akwaaba Volunteers

It is not long now until February half-term when I will be travelling to Ghana to volunteer with Akwaaba Volunteers. In only 36 days, I will be flying out to Accra and will spend the week teaching in the local school as well as supporting other community initiatives run by the charity. Last term in school we raised £210 through fundraising activities and donations – many thanks to all who have supported with this. Every penny will go towards sponsoring one of the three children we are committed to supporting; Blessing, Aaron and Mekadeskey. It costs £250 for each child to access education for the year so we still have a way to go in order to reach our target of £750. Over the coming months, each house will be organising a fundraiser – more details will be shared soon.

Can you donate? I will be taking an extra bag of luggage with me to Ghana that I am hoping to fill with donations of items that they are in desperate need of. Jordan and King (who run the charity) have said they are in need of the following:

- flat shoes
- trainers/football boots
- sports clothing
- sports bras

All sizes will be welcomed. Seeing as space is limited in the bag, please only donate items that are still in good usable condition. There will be a box in the school entrance for any donations that you are able to make. Thank you.

Attendance

We are currently in the process of analysing attendance data for the autumn term. We are very proud of our attendance percentages and I would like to thank you all for your support with this. If over the autumn term your child's attendance dipped below 96%, a letter will be sent next week to inform you of this so that you are aware. If you haven't yet done so, it is important that you follow up any absences in writing, even if you had already informed us of the reason via the phone.

I have shared the following facts about attendance with you previously, but thought it relevant to share once again:

- If attendance is at 96% (8 days absence per year) during a child's time at primary school, they would miss a term of education during their primary years.
- If attendance is between 90% and 96% (8-20 days absence per year) during a child's time at primary school, they would miss two terms of education during their primary years.
- If attendance is between 85% and 90% (20-30 days absence per year) during a child's time at primary school, they would miss over a year of education.

If you have any concerns about your child's attendance, please do make contact and I would be more than happy to meet with you.

Nursery

We are excited to welcome new children to our nursery class this term and are looking forward to getting to know them. We still have some sessions with spaces available so if you know of anyone looking for a nursery, please ask them to get in touch and I will happily show them around our wonderful setting.

Staff Car Park

I would like to remind you that the staff car park should not be used at any time of the day, including dropping off for breakfast club or picking up from clubs at the end of the day. Likewise, please use the pathway next to the carpark when collecting children on foot at the end of the school day instead of walking up through the carpark to the little gate. These are all busy times of the day with both vehicles and people moving around and we want to keep everyone as safe as possible. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Class Newsletters

Today you will receive the class newsletter for this term via ParentMail. Please do take 5 minutes to read them through as they provide a super overview of what your child will be learning in school this half-term. If you have any questions or queries, get in touch with your child's class teacher either directly or via the school office and they will be more than happy to meet with you or arrange a phone call.

Diary Dates

I will be letting you know of any new dates for your diary in the newsletter each fortnight. All dates that have previously been shared are available to view on the website school calendar [here](#).

- **A reminder that the application deadline for children starting school in September 2025 is fast approaching: 15th January.**

I wish you all a wonderful weekend.

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 th November 2024	Friday 20 th December 2024
Spring 1 Term 2025	Tuesday 7 th January 2025	Friday 14 th February 2025
Spring 2 Term 2025	Monday 24 th February 2025	Friday 4 th April 2025
Summer 1 Term 2025	Tuesday 22 nd April 2025	Friday 23 rd May 2025
Summer 2 Term 2025	Tuesday 3 rd June 2025	Tuesday 22 nd July 2025

TERM DATES 2025/2026

Autumn 1 Term 2025	4 th September 2025	24 th October 2025
Autumn 2 Term 2025	4 th 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	2 nd June 2026	21 st July 2026

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Diary



10 January
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 29th January 2025	NEW	Year 3 & 4 Visit to The Living Rainforest
Friday 14th February 2025		School breaks up for half term
Monday 24th February 2025		School re-opens after half term
Monday 17th March 2025	NEW	Year 5 & 6 Visit to Bletchley Park, Home of the Code-breakers

Friday 4 th April 2025		School breaks up for Easter
Tuesday 22 nd April 2025		School re-open after Easter
Thursday 24 th April 2025	NEW	Class Photographs
Monday 5 th May 2025		May Bank Holiday – School closed
Friday 23 rd May 2025		School breaks up for half term
Monday 2 nd June 2025		INSET Day
Tuesday 3 rd June 2025		School re-opens after half term
Tuesday 22 nd July 2025		School breaks up for summer
Wednesday 23 rd July 2025		INSET Day
Wednesday 3 rd September 2025	NEW	INSET Day
Thursday 4 th September 2025	NEW	School re-opens after summer break
Tuesday 21 st October	NEW	Individual photographs
Friday 24 th October 2025	NEW	School breaks up for half term
Monday 3 rd November 2025	NEW	INSET Day
Tuesday 4 th November 2025	NEW	School re-opens after half term
Friday 19 th December 2025	NEW	School breaks up for Christmas holiday
Monday 5 th January 2026	NEW	INSET Day
Tuesday 6 th January 2026	NEW	School re-opens after Christmas break
Friday 13 th February 2026	NEW	School breaks up for half term
Monday 23 rd February 2026	NEW	School re-opens after half term
Friday 27 th March 2026	NEW	School breaks up for Easter holiday
Monday 13 th April 2026	NEW	School re-opens after Easter break
Monday 1 st June 2026	NEW	INSET Day
Friday 22 nd May 2026	NEW	School breaks up for half term
Tuesday 2 nd June 2026	NEW	School re-opens after half term
Wednesday 22 nd July 2026	NEW	INSET Day



NXT LEVEL COACHING WRAP AROUND CARE

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

Contact: 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 31st 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 £320 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 absences 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.



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

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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 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.

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



Application deadline is
midnight on
15 January
2025



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



SCAN ME

Monday 6 January	6:30pm - 8:30pm	Help Your Child with Handwriting (FMWR102)
Tuesday 7 January	9:30am - 11:30am	Maths Through Stories Workshop (FMMN116)
Wednesday 8 January	9:30am - 11:30am	Help Your Child with Handwriting (FMWR102)
Thursday 9 January	9:30am - 11:30am	Support Your Child with Homework (FMHM028)

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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