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Don't panic, it's not the end of the month already! Due to having so much going on in school that I am keen to share with parents and the community, I am having to send out a more frequent Newsletter than once a month! This is great as it means even more opportunities to communicate and keep you all up-to-date with all the amazing things going on in school.

We're fully into the swing of the term now and the children are loving their new classes and topics. Clubs are up and running and roles and responsibilities have been allocated so we are all systems go.

Have a great weekend,

Sarah x

Mrs Tebbutt

Emma has had her operation and is recovering well at home. She was delighted with the flowers and goodies she received from staff this week and while she is still taking things easy to aid her recovery, she is missing the children and keen to get back to school.

Roles and Responsibilities

This week has seen the appointment of our House Captains, School Council members and Eco-Council Warriors! The announcements were made in our Celebration Worship today but badges will be given out next Friday and we invite parents to come and watch the presentation if you are able.

I have reassured the children that if they were looking for a role but were not selected on this occasion that there will still be plenty of opportunities to show their community spirit and support their class and the school.

	House Captains	School Council	Eco-council
Ruby		Lucia & Timmy	Rio & Max
Opal		Jayden	Henry D & Ginny
Diamond		Harry & Amirah	Lucy & Ryan Yvie & James
Sapphire	Verney – Max & Sam Schorne – Lewis & Martha Campden Neald – Jake & Layla	Emilia	Scarlett & Jack Mabel & Poppy L

Meet the Teachers

Thank you to all those who were able to attend the meetings with the class teachers last week. For your reference, and for those who were unable to join us, the presentations are now available on the class pages on the school website.

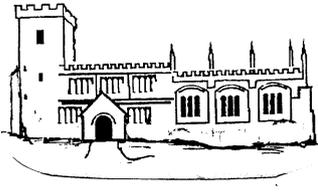
Attendance

The new DfE guidance on school attendance tells us that good attendance is *“essential for pupils to get the most out of their school experience, including their attainment, wellbeing, and wider life chances.”*

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The Governors have tasked me with improving attendance across the school so I make no apologies for being relentless in my ambition to do so by encouraging parents to bring their children to school on every day that they are well enough to be here, and by gently challenging absences which could reasonably be avoided. I cannot do this without your support - it is vital that we work together, so I would ask all parents to aim to book routine medical appointments for children outside of school hours. I know this can be difficult – I am also a parent who faces the stand-off with the dentist's receptionist but, even an hour out of school means your child (and the adults) are then playing catch-up, putting extra pressure on everyone and limiting learning opportunities.

Forest School

Forest school helpers for next half term

Forest School continues for children in KS1 with Opal going on a Monday and Ruby going on Fridays. This amazing experience is only possible due to the wonderful parent helpers we have each week to accompany the children. We really need some more volunteers for after half term – that's right, when it will be cold and muddy! If you are willing and able (you don't have to have a child in Ruby or Opal, all volunteers gratefully received!), please email Katie in the office with the dates you will be able to offer support and she will get back to you to confirm.

We have agreed that KS2 children should continue with their Forest School experience once a term and are currently choosing suitable dates so watch this space for further information.

Clubs

We have had a very successful start to our new clubs programme and the children are already speaking enthusiastically about what they have been doing. There are still a few spaces in some clubs so, if you would like your child to join, please email Katie in the office stating which club and she will get back to you to confirm.

Spellings

Spellings for Sapphire and Diamond classes will be brought home on Monday. The sheet is an overview for the half term and will be laminated. The sheet must be brought in on the day of the class' spelling test. Each week, the children will learn the focus sound in the word (e.g. 'igh' as in might) and tested on those spelling words in school. We will mark on the laminated sheets which words your child has spelt correctly, and these can be crossed off accordingly and the sheet returned home for the children to continue practising.

If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher.

PE

The children have loved having our specialist teacher Mark Lambert for their Monday PE lesson each week and I am pleased to see that everyone has remembered to come to school in their PE kit and thank parents for your support with this. I will take this opportunity to remind parents of the uniform expectations for PE as outlined on the school website:

Indoor P.E. Kit:

Emerald T-shirt with the school logo
Navy shorts or skorts
Black plimsolls or clean trainers

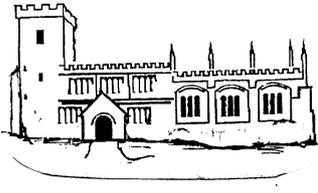
Outdoor P.E. Kit:

Emerald t-shirt with the school logo

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Navy Hoodie with school logo

Remember there are many items available from our pre-loved school uniform shop to support our work on sustainability and looking after the environment.

Mr Lambert did point out that there are some children coming into school with their hair loose (particularly half up/ half down styles). While it looks lovely, it is much better for school days to have hair which can be tied back, fully up. This keeps it out of the way in lessons when the children have their heads down over their books and also avoids any safety issues while they are running around at playtimes and during PE.

Thank you in advance for your support on this.

Many thanks to...

Pendragon Scientific for agreeing to sponsor our membership to the Science Hub for this year. Pendragon Scientific are a company who service, repair and calibrate laboratory equipment for universities, research facilities and hospitals throughout the UK and felt that this was a valuable opportunity for us as a school that they would like to support.

I would also like to thank Nadia and Brett for continuing to support the school with donations raised at the pub quiz which takes place regularly at The Pilgrim.

Feedback from parents

Thank you to those parents who have taken the time to offer feedback on the school, either through the parent survey in the summer term, or by chatting to me in person, or sending an email. It is great to have this level of parental engagement and helpful to have comments whether in support of what we do, or making suggestions for improvements.

A couple of parents have asked about the changes to Celebration Worship on a Friday so, further to the communication on the summer term newsletter, I thought I would give a little more context and reassure you that this decision was not taken lightly, as I appreciate how many parents enjoyed attending this event each week.

In order to streamline the school day (and week), we have created a whole school timetable and now have a routine where Collective Worship is at the same time every day which supports with transitions. Having Celebration Worship at the end of the day on a Friday meant that home time was rushed and often felt chaotic when what the children need at that point in the week is calm and a chance to reflect on the week which is finishing and preparing for the week to come. Starting Celebration Worship earlier was not a viable option as this would take out valuable curriculum time.

I appreciate that the new time does not suit all of our parents but this decision (as with all the decisions we take) was done in the best interests of the children.

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Autumn Term 2024 Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>23rd September</u>	<u>24th September</u>	<u>25th September</u>	<u>26th September</u>	<u>27th September</u> MacMillan Coffee Morning
<u>30th September</u>	<u>1st October</u>	<u>2nd October</u> Hazard Alley workshop for Y5/6 children in school	<u>3rd October</u> 7pm PTA AGM in school hall – all welcome	<u>4th October</u> 2pm Harvest Service – details to follow
<u>7th October</u>	<u>8th October</u>	<u>9th October</u>	<u>10th October</u>	<u>11th October</u>
<u>14th October</u>	<u>15th October</u>	<u>16th October</u> Artist to visit school to work on a project with the children	<u>17th October</u> Autumn Term Disco! 5 -6 Ruby & Opal 6:15 – 7:30 Diamond & Sapphire	<u>18th October</u>
<u>21st October</u>	<u>22nd October</u> Parents' Progress Update Meetings	<u>23rd October</u>	<u>24th October</u> Parent Engagement Morning – details to follow Parents' Progress Update Meetings	<u>25th October</u> Break up for half term @ 3:10pm
<u>4th November</u> INSET day for staff – children do not attend	<u>5th November</u> Children return to school @ 8:40am Individual & Sibling photos	<u>6th November</u>	<u>7th November</u>	<u>8th November</u> PTA cake sale after school

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Term Dates 2024/2025

Term	Start at 8:40 on:	Finish at 3:10 on:
Autumn 1	Thursday 5 th September	Friday 25 th October
Autumn 2	Tuesday 5 th November	Friday 20 th December
Spring 1	Tuesday 7 th January 2025	Friday 14 th February 2025
Spring 2	Monday 24 th February 2025	Friday 4 th April 2025
Summer 1	Tuesday 22 nd April 2025	Friday 23 rd May 2025
Summer 2	Tuesday 3 rd June 2025	Wednesday 23 rd July 2025

INSET days (for staff only): Tuesday 3rd September; Wednesday 4th September; Monday 4th November; Monday 6th January; Monday 2nd June

Free parenting programmes

Our parenting programmes will help you develop new and existing parenting skills, offer advice and build your confidence as a parent.

Our programmes

- Little Talkers** (for parents of 18 months to 3-year-olds)
 - focuses on children's speech, language and communication skills and how parents can promote them
 - designed by Buckinghamshire Speech and Language Therapy
 - parents attend with children
- The Nurturing Programme** (for parents of 3 to 11s)
 - help deal with the challenges that come with parenting
 - think about what we do, why we do it and how it makes us feel
 - parents attend without children
- Talking Teens** (for parents of 11 to 18s)
 - focuses on relationships within the family, communication, negotiating, decision-making and strategies to reduce conflict
 - learn more about teenagers and their needs
 - parents attend without children
- Keeping Your Child in Mind** (for parents of children of any age)
 - work together in ways that support growing children and a calmer family life
 - explore the conflict between parents/carers both in a current or previous relationship
 - parents attend without children

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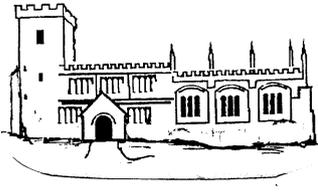
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For information, to sign up or to register interest

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Wellbeing matters

For 7 to 11 year olds

A one-day workshop during October half-term for primary-aged young people

Topics will include your wellbeing, emotions, self-esteem, resilience, and relationships with others

Spaces are limited, secure your place now!

Scan/press the QR code to secure your place or for more information

If you need help completing the form or registering your interest please email familyhubgroups@buckinghamshire.gov.uk or call 01296 383293.



Wing
Family Centre

Monday
28 October 2024
10am to 4:30pm



Elmhurst
Family Centre

Wednesday
30 October 2024
10am to 4:30pm



Mapledean
Family Centre plus

Wednesday
30 October 2024
10am to 4:30pm



Amersham
Family Centre

Friday
1 November 2024
10am to 4:30pm

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