

Our Christian Vision - *Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven* - **Matthew 5:16**



Friday 30th January 2026

With **HONESTY, RESPECT, FORGIVENESS**
and **LOVE**, we persevere, succeed and shine.

News from The Three Schools

A busy week across The Three Schools!

The staff and children across the Three Schools have had another exciting week; EYFS pupils enjoyed visiting the Library, while Kingfishers have enjoyed exploring the text 'Zog'.

We have also continued to have a variety of wonderful opportunities across all classrooms developing the children's English, Maths, Science and Topic skills.

Please enjoy some of the children's experiences in our newsletter.

Yours sincerely

David May (Executive Headteacher)

NSPCC Number Day – Friday 6th February 2026

We are delighted once again to be supporting the NSPCC by taking part in Number Day on **Friday 6th February 2026**.



Everything the NSPCC does protects children today and prevents abuse tomorrow.

We will be taking on a variety of challenges on **Friday 6th February 2026** - pupils will work to solve exciting maths puzzles, against the clock with Buddy, the 'Speak out. Stay safe' mascot as well as competing in the exciting 'Who wants to be a Mathionaire?' challenge and much, much more!

Each year group will participate in a variety of activities that will add to the fund-raising total through fun numeracy-based activities.

There is a theme for the day: **Dress up for Digits**. Pupils are asked to wear an item of clothing with a number on it (football shirt, cap, netball bib or even a onesie!). Children can get even more creative by dressing in a maths or numbers theme costume – in previous years we have had dice, calculators, T-Shirts decorated in Maths calculations and we even an abacus!

Charities including the NSPCC have seen a decrease in fundraising activities, therefore we are asking for a suggested donation of £1 on the day.

Please click on the link below to make your donation to support the NSPCC;
www.justgiving.com/page/the-three-schools

We would love everyone in the school to take part in this special event.

(Mrs Martin and Mr Mitchell – Maths Leaders)

The KS2 Golden mile update - W.C 19th January 2026

Gates are open at 8.25am—COME AND JOIN US!

We have had a fantastic 4 days of running last week, the children have hit the ground running and have managed to clock up an **AMAZING** number of miles. As a school collectively, we managed to clock up **937 laps – 47 miles!!**



The class that covered the most distance was **Year 3** with **417 laps – 21 miles**

Golden Mile – Certificate Winners;

- Toby M (Year 4) – 20 miles
- Kieran Mc (Year 4) – 20 miles

(Mrs Newman—Golden Mile Co-ordinator)

EYFS visit Bletchley Library

EYFS enjoyed a trip to Bletchley library this week. Karen the librarian talked to us about different types of books, how the library works and read us some stories.

Karen had chosen some Space related books for us to look at.

We all had a chance to explore the more than 8000 children's books they have available, before choosing a few to borrow for our classrooms.

We have been enjoying these during our story time this week.

(Mrs Towse – EYFS Leader)



40 Acts Challenge 2026 – Acts of Kindness for Lent



As you will be aware, Lent is a tradition that reminds Christians of the forty days Jesus spent in the desert, preparing for his ministry on earth where he would ultimately give himself as a sacrifice.

Lent finishes at Easter every year, so many Christians use the Lent period to spend time reflecting on Jesus' death and resurrection.

Traditionally we mark Lent by giving something up, but what if it could be more than that?

What if Lent was a preparation for a lifetime of bigheartedness, kindness and generosity?

Next week in Collective Worship, we will introduce the 40acts initiative to all pupils. 40acts is a generosity challenge which invites staff, pupils and parents to do Lent a bit differently.

During the forty days of Lent, 40acts participants will be invited to take part in forty simple acts of generosity at school and at home which will challenge them to 'do Lent generously' in 2026.

Small acts of generosity, performed by thousands of people across the UK and beyond, have the power to make a big change to our schools, our communities and ultimately, to our world.

Please see the 2 ways children can participate in the 40acts challenge below;

1) 40acts - Challenge Cards (In School Challenge)

Every day, beginning **Wednesday 18th February 2026 (Ash Wednesday)**, pupils will be set a Challenge Card which will become their challenge for that day. This year, Lent will be starting during February Half Term, therefore the 40 Acts challenge will be introduced to all pupils before we break up.

All 40 challenge cards will be introduced to the children and posted daily on Class Dojo so everyone is aware of the challenges the children are attempting to complete in school and home.

2) 40acts - Kids Planner (Home Challenge)

All pupils will also be bringing home their own 40acts Kids Planner, this is to ensure all children can also choose to challenge themselves throughout Lent and get everyone at home involved too.

Children do not have to complete all of the challenges on the planner or do them in any particular order.

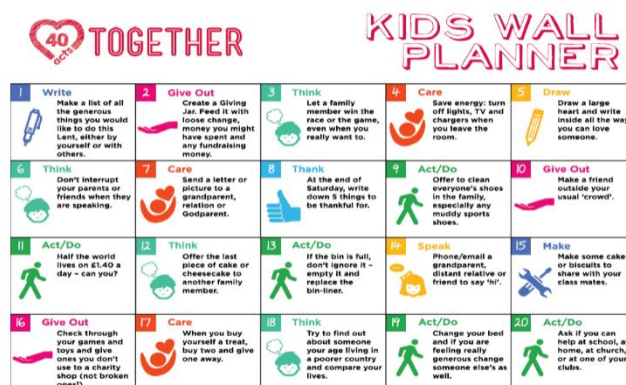
The Kids Planner provides some suggested Acts of Kindness the children could do or provides inspiration for other acts to complete at home during the challenge to 'Do Lent generously'.

I have attached a copy of the 40acts Kids Planner to this email for your reference.

Good luck and enjoy the 40acts challenge if you decide to join us 'Doing Lent generously'.

Kind Regards and have fun!

(Mr May – Executive Headteacher)



Kingfishers Pre-School Update

We have had a lovely week at Kingfishers despite the cold and sometimes very wet weather.

We have been looking at our fourth book of our topic 'We love stories' which was Zog. This is one of Kingfishers favourite stories and we often listen to it on our Tonnie box throughout the day.

We designed and made our own dragons using paper cups, pom poms and tissue paper which we have hung from the ceiling so we can see them flying around Kingfishers. We also really enjoyed taking it in turns to dress up as Zog as well as becoming the other dragons in the story using our dragon masks.

We recreated the story of Zog in our sensory tray, using different textures to create different parts of the story and making sure we represented all of the characters with our small world toys including the Knight and Princess.

At forest school we enjoyed a delicious hot chocolate and biscuit around base camp before we went off exploring. We had a lot of fun despite the wet weather creating dens, talking to each other through the large tubes and creating delicious treats in the mud kitchen.

We are still on the hunt at Kingfishers for the following items if you are having a clear out of no longer needed items -

- Realistic small world animals and people
- Big cars or trucks for outside play
- Complete Orchard games aimed at ages 2-5years

(Kelly Hall – Pre-School Leader)



Mursley CAT Team Fundraiser for Medical Detection Dogs

Our amazing CAT team are hoping to raise some money for a very special local charity 'Medical Detection Dogs'. We have a limited supply of freshly pressed Apple Juice made using Apples from our own tree on the Mursley School Field.

The bottles will be available via parent pay, limited initially to 1 bottle each. We only have 30 bottles so want to be as fair as possible. Each bottle will be a minimum £4 each (you are very welcome to donate as much as you like) payable on parent pay.

We expect high demand so please make payment as soon as possible to avoid disappointment, but definitely by **Friday 6th February**. Any unsold bottles will be available via parent pay on Monday morning; a message will be sent out to notify that the 1 per person restriction has been lifted.

(Please note the school will pass on all monies directly to the charity minus any platform administration cost associated with ParentPay) Bottles will be distributed by the CAT team at school pick up on **Monday 9th February**.

If you are not able to collect, we will send home with your child on Tuesday 10th February/or you can collect from the school office.



TEACH IN BUCKS RECRUITMENT FAIR

*Interested in becoming a teacher?
We want to meet you!*

Saturday 7 February 2026, 10am - 2pm

 **Buckinghamshire New University | Wycombe Campus**



Event Programme

Featuring presentations from a number of organisations including the Department for Education and several of the county's school and university based Initial Teacher Training providers:

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| 10.00am | Doors open - meet local providers |
| 11.00am | Get into Teaching Introductory Presentation - Why, How and What <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation by a representative from the Department for Education |
| 11.30am | How to Apply - Applications, Qualifications and Compliance
Presentations by local SCITTs* |
| 12.00pm | Meet local providers |
| 1.00pm | Training Programmes: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Early Years and Primary Teacher Training Programme<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation by local SCITTs*2. Secondary Teacher Training Programme<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation by local SCITTs*3. Further Education Training Programme<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation by the Buckinghamshire College Group |
| 1.30pm | Routes into Teaching: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The Apprenticeship Route into Teaching<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation by local SCITTs*2. The Assessment Only Route into Qualified Teaching<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation by local SCITTs*3. University Routes into Teaching<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation by Buckinghamshire New University |
| 2.00pm | Close |

If you have any queries about the event, please email
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*Programme is subject to change * SCITT: School Centred Initial Teacher Training*

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10am - 12pm



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LITTLE TALKERS

18 months to 3 years old

- Focuses on children's speech, language and communication skills and how parents can promote them
- Designed by Buckinghamshire Speech and Language Therapy



PARENT PUZZLE

0 to 5 years old

- Understand challenges and how to address them
- How to support your child's growth for calmer parenting



TALKING TEENS

11 to 18 years old

- Focuses on relationships within the family, communication, negotiating, decision-making and strategies to reduce conflict
- Learn more about teenagers and their needs



THE NURTURING PROGRAMME

3 to 11 years old

- Help deal with the challenges that come with parenting
- Think about what we do, why we do it and how it makes us feel



BALANCEABILITY

2.5 to 5 years old

- Accredited learn to cycle programme
- Develops confidence, spatial awareness, dynamic balance, and how to ride without stabilisers



KEEPING YOUR CHILD IN MIND

All ages

- 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



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WELLBEING MATTERS (7-11 YEAR OLDS)

- Helps children develop emotional awareness through using the Five Ways to Wellbeing in a creative way.
- Introduces practical tools to help build emotional resilience.

HOW TO COPE WITH STRESS, ANXIETY AND LOW MOOD

11-19 YEAR OLDS (UP TO 25 WITH SEND)

- Introduces creative strategies to feel better and to deal with setbacks.
- Helps young people plan for a brighter future.



HOW TO BUILD CONFIDENCE AND SELF-ESTEEM

11-19 YEAR OLDS (UP TO 25 WITH SEND)

- Explore ways to increase confidence and self-esteem.
- How to deal with peer pressure and setbacks.
- Explores how the online world affects self-esteem.

MOVING UP TO SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR YEAR 6'S

- Explores what to expect at secondary school.
- Learn skills to make friends, deal with peer pressure and address any worries about the move.
- Practical tips about getting organised.



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Topic	Date	Link	QR code
Exam Stress	Monday 12th of January 2026	<u>Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams</u>	
Awareness and understanding of eating disorders	Monday the 26th of January 2026	<u>Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams</u>	
Understanding childhood development and behaviour	Tuesday the 10th of February 2026	<u>Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams</u>	
Understanding Low mood	Monday the 9th of March 2026	<u>Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams</u>	
Understanding adolescent development and behaviour	Monday the 9th of March 2026	<u>Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams</u>	

The Three Schools Calendar and Important Dates (2025-2026)

Tuesday 3 rd February 2026	Swanbourne (Year 5 & Year 6)	Young Voices Concert
Wednesday 4 th February 2026	Swanbourne (KS2)	Author Workshop (11.15am)
Wednesday 4 th February 2026	All Three Schools	Oracy Meeting (5.00pm) at Swanbourne CE School
Thursday 5 th February 2026	Swanbourne (16 Year 3 & 4 pupils)	Swanbourne Mini Trail Cross Country Event
Friday 6 th February 2026	All Three Schools	NSPCC Number Day 2026
Friday 6 th February 2026	Swanbourne (12 KS2 Girls)	Thornton Trail Cross Country Event
Tuesday 10 th February 2026	All Three Schools	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 11 th February 2026	All Three Schools	Popcorn Night
Friday 13 th February 2026	All Three Schools	Dare to be different day
Friday 13 th February 2026	All Three Schools	Break up for February Half Term
Monday 23 rd February 2026	All Three Schools	Spring Term 2 Starts
Wednesday 4 th March 2026	Mursley & Drayton Parslow	Book Look (2.15pm – 3.15pm)
Wednesday 4 th March 2026	Swanbourne (KS2)	Book Look (3.30pm – 4.30pm)
Thursday 5 th March 2026	Swanbourne (Year 3)	Egyptian Day
Saturday 14 th March 2026	Swanbourne (KS2)	Cross Country Event (Ascott House)
Friday 27 th March 2026	Swanbourne (KS2)	Easter Services (9.30am & 2.00pm)
Friday 27 th March 2026	All Three Schools	Break up for Easter Holidays
Monday 13 th April 2026	All Three Schools	INSET DAY
Tuesday 14 th April 2026	All Three Schools	Summer Term 1 Starts
Wednesday 15 th April 2026	All Three Schools	Parents Evenings (3.30pm – 8.00pm)
Thursday 16 th April 2026	Swanbourne (KS2)	Parents Evenings (3.30pm – 6.30pm)
Friday 24 th April 2026	Mursley & Drayton Parslow (Year 1)	Windsor Castle Trip
Monday 4 th May 2026	All Three Schools	Early May Bank Holiday
Saturday 16 th May 2026	All Three Schools	Colour Run
Thursday 21 st May	All Three Schools	Break up for May Half Term
Friday 22 nd May 2026	All Three Schools	INSET DAY

Monday 25 th May 2026	All Three Schools	May Bank Holiday
Monday 1 st June 2026	All Three Schools	Summer Term 2 Starts
Monday 8 th June – Friday 12 th June 2026	Swanbourne (Year 6)	Skern Lodge Residential Trip
Wednesday 17 th June 2026	All Three Schools	Book Look
Friday 19 th June 2026	All Three Schools	Summer Disco
Friday 26 th June 2026	All Three Schools	INSET DAY
Wednesday 1 st July 2026	All Three Schools	Transition Day
Thursday 2 nd July 2026	Swanbourne (Year 6)	Transition Day 2 (Year 6 only)
Friday 10 th July 2026	All Three Schools	Speech Cup Final
Monday 13 th July 2026	Swanbourne (Year 6)	Year 6 Production (7.00pm)
Tuesday 21 st July 2026	Mursley & Drayton Parslow (Year 2)	Year 2 Leavers' Services (2.30pm)
Wednesday 22 nd July 2026	Swanbourne (Year 6)	Year 6 Leavers' Services (9.30am)
Wednesday 22 nd July 2026	All Three Schools	Break up for Summer Holidays

Dates for your diary – INSET Days (2026)

The INSET Days for 2025-2026 are shown below:

- Monday 13th April 2026
- Friday 22nd May 2026
- Friday 26th June 2026

Swanbourne School Term Dates 2025/26 Academic Year

 Pupil Days
  Bank holidays
 School holidays
  Proposed inset days - 4 more inset days can be set by the schools
 Transition Days

Students: 190 days
Teachers: 195 days

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