

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 19th December 2025

News from The Three Schools

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

A week of Cinema trips, Community Action, Woolly Mammoths and Christingles!

Dear Parents and carers,

Please enjoy sharing the children's experiences, achievements and the latest updates on events as we come to the end of the final week of term before we break up for Christmas.

David May (Executive Headteacher)

The KS2 Golden mile update - W.C 8th December 2025

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

We have had a fantastic week of running this week and the children have managed to clock up an AMAZING number of miles. As a school collectively, we managed to clock up **988 laps – 50 miles!!**

The class that covered the most distance was **Year 3 with 410 laps – 21 miles.**

Golden Mile – Certificate Winners:

- 10 Miles – Isaac C (Year 3)

(Mrs Newman—Golden Mile Co-ordinator)

From milk bottles to Woolly Mammoths

We have really enjoyed our book in English called *"The First Drawing"*.

We have created some fabulous pieces of descriptive writing, poetry and diary entries

This lovely book is also linked to our art and history work this term. Have you ever thought who was the first person to invent drawing and what was it they drew? We used the young boy's idea and created mammoths too.

(Mrs Fisher – Year 3 Teacher)



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about AI TOYS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

TOYS THAT LISTEN AND LEARN

When a toy uses AI, it collects data such as voice recordings, interactions, and background sounds. This information is sent to remote servers, where it is analysed to improve responses. Your child's voice becomes training data, which may be stored indefinitely or shared with third parties.

WEAK SECURITY PROTECTIONS

Some AI toys have poor password protection or open network connections. Others may have microphones or cameras that stay on, even when the toy appears to be off. This can lead to recordings being made without your knowledge, including conversations unrelated to play.

ARTIFICIAL VOICES, REAL INFLUENCE

For very young children, an AI companion may become one of the first voices they interact with regularly. How that voice shows humour, empathy, or authority can shape how a child learns to communicate. If the model is artificial, then part of what is learned is artificial as well.

This festive season, the newest toys on the shelves do not just blink or make noise; they listen. Many now come with artificial intelligence (AI), allowing them to talk, learn, and even respond to a child's emotions. These toys can be educational and engaging, but they also collect, store, and process information. This guide explains what that means for families and why it matters.

PRESSURE TO KEEP ENGAGING

Some toys reward repeated use or track engagement, encouraging children to interact more. When children compare how their toys perform, it creates pressure to play more often. This increases the amount of data collected and can make learning feel like competition.

MARKETING THROUGH PLAY

Toys that learn a child's preferences may feed that data into future advertising. A toy that knows a child's favourite colour or hobby could help a company design more targeted marketing to that child and their family.

PLAYTIME AS DATA TRAINING

The information collected from children helps train AI systems. Their voice, emotional responses, and behaviour shape how machines 'understand' people. Play becomes part of a much larger system that influences how future technologies behave.

Advice for Parents & Educators

START WITH A CONVERSATION

Talk to young people. Explain that some toys learn from what they say and do. Help them understand that even friendly technology should have boundaries, and to ask questions about it. Curiosity is healthy, blind trust is not.

SET LIMITS ON USE

Turn off Wi-Fi or Bluetooth when the toy is not in use. Check for updates regularly, as they can change privacy or safety settings. Treat connected toys like any smart device; they should be monitored, updated, and switched off when not in use.

MODEL DIGITAL AWARENESS

Children learn from adults. If they see you checking privacy settings, reading terms, and talking openly about online safety, they are more likely to do the same. Show them how to question technology in a healthy way.

RESEARCH BEFORE YOU BUY

Look for toys that work offline or store data locally. Check for a free or demo version so you can test how it behaves. Read privacy policies to understand what data is collected, where it goes, and whether it's shared with others.

REVIEW PRIVACY SETTINGS

Find out where the data is stored and who has access to it. Some companies sell or share data with advertisers. If the toy connects through an app, check what it requests access to and limit those permissions whenever possible.

BALANCE AI WITH REAL PLAY

AI toys can be fun and creative, but they are not a replacement for real human interaction. Encourage time away from technology with activities that foster emotional and social development. Use AI toys to support learning, not define it.

Meet Our Expert

Clara Hawking is Executive Director of Kompass Education. She advises governments, school trusts, and global organisations on AI governance and safeguarding, helping schools and families understand how technology shapes learning, wellbeing, and the digital future of children.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

The Three Schools spreading Christmas joy in the community

KS2 CATs out and about in the community

On **Thursday 18th December**, our KS2 Courageous Advocate Team (CATs) were on a mission to spread Christmas cheer in our village community. They wrote out Christmas cards, with a Christmas joke included. Then we posted them at lunchtime today to put a smile on the face of the receiver.

On the occasions that we came into contact with the recipient of the card, it was clear to see how appreciative they were and of course it brought a smile to their face.

Well done team! Mission accomplished!

(Mr Mitchell – CAT Leader)



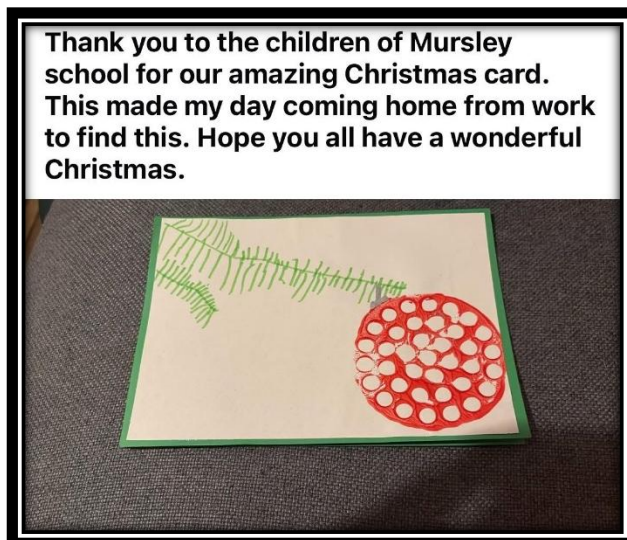
Mursley out and about in the community

Well done to pupils at Mursley who have managed to spread festive cheer throughout Mursley village. They have created a beautiful Christmas tree that is currently in St Mary the Virgin Church (Mursley).

The school office has received lots of cards, emails and calls from different residents in Mursley thanking pupils for the Christmas cards that Year 2 pupils made and delivered.

As you can see from this social media post, pupils have really done a great job at bringing joy to others at this special time of year.

(The Mursley Team)



Swanbourne Year 5 & 6 Inter-House Swimming Gala

On **Monday 15th December** 2025, Year 5 and Year 6 pupils took part in an inter-house swimming gala, representing their Houses in the following fun races;

- Reindeer Race
- Santa's Sleigh Race
- Special Delivery Presents Race
- Shooting Stars Race
- Penguin Dives
- Down the Chimney Race



The results for the gala are as follows;

1st Place – Seacole House

2nd Place – Pankhurst House

3rd Place – Elizabeth House & Attenborough House

Well done to all members of Year 5 and Year 6, it was a fantastic gala and all pupils took part with a fantastic attitude, lots of effort and amazing teamwork – Great work!

(Mrs Hill – Swimming Leader)

Winslow Rotary Shoebox Appeal – Thank you!

Rotary Shoebox Scheme
www.rotaryshoebox.org

Thank you!

As you will be aware, to bring a little happiness to disadvantaged children in Eastern Europe, often in orphanages, The Three Schools volunteered to support the Winslow Rotary by joining the many schools across the country by participating in the Rotary Shoebox Scheme.

Each year the Winslow Rotary organisation sends Shoeboxes full of gifts, filled by their supporters (schools, business and individuals), to trusted partners for distribution to countries in Eastern Europe including Romania, Moldova and Ukraine.

We would like to say an enormous **THANK YOU** to all pupils, parents and staff for their amazing support of the Shoebox appeal, we are delighted to confirm we have sent **over 90 shoeboxes** to the Rotary Shoebox Appeal which will be making their way to children in time for Christmas!

(Mr May – Executive Headteacher)

KS2 Timestable Rockstars Autumn Term Competition

Congratulations to the following pupils who made the top 20 in this terms TTRS competition;

1. Ishantha K (Year 6)
2. Josh C (Year 5)
3. Albie B (Year 5)
4. Fred G (Year 5)
5. Elliot M (Year 6)
6. Jess W (Year 6)
7. Teddy C (Year 4)
8. Jane A (Year 6)
9. Hugo N (Year 4)
10. Phoebe M (Year 6)
11. Oliver Y (Year 6)
12. Remiel O (Year 5)
13. Oliver N (Year 5)
14. Sai C (Year 4)
15. Charlie H (Year 5)
16. Jimi (Year 6)
17. Maisie L (Year 5)
18. Maryam (Year 6)
19. Ted D (Year 6)
20. Alfie L (Year 5)



Year 4's Traditional Christmas Artwork

Please see a selection of some of the beautiful traditional Christmas Artwork we have created in Year 4 RE lessons. As you can see the children have explored the traditional imagery of Christmas artwork and have conveyed the emotion and true meaning of Christmas.



(Mrs Hill – Year 4 RE Teacher)

Christmas Cinema Trip – Thank you to The Friends of The Three Schools!

On **Wednesday 17th December**, all of EYFS, KS1 and KS2 visited the Odeon Cinema at Stadium MK to watch Disney's 'Zootropolis 2'.

A wonderful time was had by all. We would like to say an **ENORMOUS** Thank you to The Friends of The Three Schools for their amazing support to provide us with the coach transport, popcorn and sweets to ensure we could have a well-earned Christmas treat!



Christingle Services

Thank you to all those who joined us for our Christingle services. The children at Drayton Parslow and Mursley spent time learning about the origins of Christingles and what each element represents, before making their own. The service was a lovely opportunity to share this with you.



Once again, the children enjoyed having the opportunity to sing together, especially when they were able to hold their lit Christingle.

It really was a magical moment.

(The EYFS and KS1 Team)

SEN Coffee Morning – Tuesday 20th January 2026

Paige Latham the **Bucks Educational Psychologist** will be coming into **Swanbourne CE School** on **Tuesday 20th January** at **9.00am** to run a flexible discussion with parents around Emotional Regulation.

We would like to invite all parents across The Three Schools and Kingfishers Pre-School to attend the session.

There will be coffee and cake available for all who attend!

(Mrs Chapman-Hill – SENCo)



Year 3 and Year 4 Swimming – Spring Term 2026

In **January 2025**, **Year 3** and **Year 4** will be attending swimming lessons on a **Monday morning** — Due to the INSET day in Week 1, we will be starting swimming sessions on **Monday 12th January 2026**.

(Mrs Hill – Swimming Leader)



12 Top Tips for Children and Young People to Enjoy a TECH-FREE CHRISTMAS

The Christmas holidays are tailor made for families to enjoy relaxed quality time in each other's company – but with distractions like pinging phone notifications, the lure of games consoles and online Boxing Day sales, that can be more difficult than it sounds. Staying off our phones, laptops and tablets, however, can really help us to appreciate the things that genuinely matter at this special time of year. Follow our 12 top tips for a tech-free festive season – Yule be glad you did! Merry Christmas!

CHRISTMAS CRAFTING

Get out the paper, glue and scissors and have a go at hand-making cards or gift tags. You could also create your own decorations to add a uniquely personal touch to the Christmas tree.

NATURE QUEST

Try a scavenger hunt in the garden or your local park. Challenge yourself and your family to find natural treasures that are symbolic of this time of year – like holly or pinecones, say.

CAROL KARAOKE

Sing your hearts out with a Christmas carol karaoke night. Pick out your favourite tunes and enjoy a musical celebration with family and friends.

WANDER DOWN MEMORY LANE

How about making a scrapbook filled with your favourite memories from Christmases gone by? Unleash your creativity while you enjoy reliving those magical holiday moments.

TRY REFLECTIVE JOURNALLING

Jot down your thoughts, feelings and reflections on the holiday in a notebook or diary – you could also list some of your main goals for the new year.

WRAP IT UP

Take time to get inventive with some luxurious gift wrapping. Break out the wrapping paper, ribbons and bows to make parcelling up those presents into a creative adventure.

WALK IN A WINTER WONDERLAND

Delight in the great outdoors with some gentle walks over the holiday. The family can all wrap up warm as you add to your step count and savour the crisp winter air together.

BE A SEASONAL CHEF

Get the whole family working together in the kitchen for some Christmas cooking. Choose a recipe and whip up a festive feast that all of you can enjoy.

ENJOY A CHRISTMAS STORY

Christmas is a perfect time for sparkling stories. Get cosy and lose yourself in a brilliant book, from Dickens to Dr Seuss or a more modern favourite by Chris van Allsburg or Tom Fletcher.

SNOWY SCULPTURES

If we're fortunate enough to get a white Christmas this year, make the most of the opportunity by having a family snowman-building competition!

GAMES NIGHT GALA

Dive into some old-school fun with a tech-free games night. Classic board games and card games have stood the test of time for a reason!

GOODWILL TO ALL

You and your family could spend a day volunteering – perhaps at a food bank or helping a local charity. After all, kindness and thinking of others are part of what Christmas is all about.

Meet Our Expert

Minds Ahead design and deliver the UK's only specialist postgraduate mental health qualifications. They also provide training and support to education organisations and local authorities – empowering school leaders and staff with the knowledge and tools to shape their settings into inclusive communities where the mental health of pupils and personnel is prioritised.



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National Online Safety

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Kingfishers Pre-School Update

I can't believe we have reached the end of our first term, we have had so much fun, learnt so much and made lots of new friends. We have had a very festive week full of fun and Christmas magic.

We had the most amazing day at our Christmas extravaganza on Wednesday. We were so excited to see the bouncy castle and all of the fun activities when we arrived. We made reindeer food, decorated biscuits, made tree decorations and also had beautiful glittery tattoos.

During the morning we heard some jingle bells and were so surprised to see Father Christmas at the door, he was looking for his reindeer who had run away but luckily, he had time to stop for a chat and some fun. We felt very lucky when Father Christmas had a special gift in his sack for each of us. After we received our gift, we said a big thank you and waved goodbye as off he went to find his cheeky reindeer and get ready for Christmas Eve. We then danced, played and bounced some more before a delicious party lunch.

After lunch we got changed ready for our performance, where we were fabulous and incredibly cute!

Thank you to everyone who came to support our Kingfishers in their performance and for all of your support so far this year.

As some of you have asked for our updated Kingfishers wish list - please find the link to this here

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3L46EZVDJN79K?ref=wl_lfu_nav_8

(Kelly Hall – Pre-School Leader)





Rotary **YOUNG** **MUSICIAN** **COMPETITION**

**Calling all budding
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solo instrumentalists.**

Any age up to 17 yrs
Any musical genre

**For more information
and application form go to:**
www.rotarymk.org



Milton Keynes
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AND

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Milton Keynes



All entrants receive a personalised
certificate and medal, with the winners
awarded a trophy

TEA & TOAST

FANCY A CHAT AND A CUPPA?
JOIN US FOR SOME TEA AND
TOAST!

ELMHURST FAMILY CENTRE
TUESDAY 30TH DECEMBER
10 TO 11:30AM

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN AND
YOUNG PEOPLE OF ANY AGE ARE
WELCOME.

THERE WILL ALSO BE SOME
CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES
AVAILABLE.





Aylesbury Music Centre Timetable: Autumn 2025

MONDAY

16:00-16:45	Flute Choir	Fay Hayhurst	Youssou N'Dour	Grade 1+
16:15-17:00	Advanced Improvisation	Ralph Wyld	Roblin Hall	Email rwy@bucksmusic.org
17:00-17:45	Percussion Ensemble	Ralph Wyld	Roblin Hall	Grade 2+ Any instrument
18:00-19:15	Big Band	Ralph Wyld	Roblin Hall	Grade 7+
19:30-20:30	Hi-Gain	Mappleby	Roblin Hall	Grade 2+

TUESDAY

16:00-16:45	MusiKids	Fay Hayhurst	Roblin Hall	Ages 5-8
16:45-17:15	Tuesday Choir	Fay Hayhurst	Roblin Hall	Ages 5-11
17:15-18:00	Prep Orchestra	Lauren Hollis-Hill	Roblin Hall	½ term's lessons – Grade 1
18:00-19:00	Brass Ensemble	Nigel Gibbon	Roblin Hall	Grade 3+

WEDNESDAY

17:00-17:45	Classical Guitar Group	Jaime Zaldua	Roblin Hall	Grade 1+
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THURSDAY

16:15-17:00	Training Big Band	Alex Dani	Roblin Hall	Grade 1-3
16:30-17:00	Grade 5 Theory Crash Course	Fay Hayhurst	Youssou N'Dour	Grade 4-6
17:00-18:00	Intermediate Big Band	Sam Roberts	Roblin Hall	Grade 4-6
18:00-19:00	Intermediate Band	Peter Fisher	Roblin Hall	Grade 4-6

SATURDAY

09:00-10:45	Youth Orchestra	Tom Horn	Roblin Hall	Grade 7+
09:00-10:45	Intermediate Orchestra	John Wilkinson	Harding Hall	Grade 4-6
10:00-10:45	Training Strings	Fay Hayhurst	Main Hall	Grade 1-3
10:45-11:15	Theory	Naomi Jacob	Youssou N'Dour	Grade 1-5
10:45-11:20	Saturday Youth Choir	Fay Hayhurst	Harding Hall	Open to all
10:45-11:30	Training Band	Kate Nathan	Main Hall	Grade 1-3
11:30-13:00	Concert Band	John Wilkinson	Roblin Hall	Grade 7+
11:30-13:00	Training Orchestra	Tom Horn	Harding Hall	Grade 1-3
11:30-12:30	String Ensemble	Julian Trafford	Main Hall	Grade 4+
By request	Advanced Aural	Jonathan Rowe	Youssou N'Dour	Grade 6-8



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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)		
Friday 19 th December 2025	All Three Schools	Christmas Jumper/Headwear Day
Friday 19 th December 2025	All Three Schools	Break up for Christmas
Monday 5 th January 2026	All Three Schools	INSET DAY
Tuesday 6 th January 2026	All Three Schools	Spring Term 1 Starts
Wednesday 14 th January 2026	Mursley & Drayton Parslow (Year 1)	ZSL Tring Museum Trip
Tuesday 3 rd February 2026	Swanbourne (Year 5 & Year 6)	Young Voices Concert
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
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)
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 (2025-2026)

The INSET Days for 2025-2026 are shown below:

- Monday 5th January 2026
- Monday 13th April 2026
- Friday 22nd May 2026
- Friday 26th June 2026



Swanbourne School Term Dates 2025/26 Academic Year

Pupil Days

School holidays

Students: 190 days

Teachers: 195 days

Bank holidays

Proposed inset days - 4 more inset days can be set by the schools

Transition Days



Sep-25							Oct-25							Nov-25							Dec-25						
Mon	1	8	15	22	29		Mon		6	13	20	27		Mon		3	10	17	24		Mon	1	8	15	22	29	
Tue	2	9	16	23	30		Tue		7	14	21	28		Tue		4	11	18	25		Tue	2	9	16	23	30	
Wed	3	10	17	24			Wed	1	8	15	22	29		Wed		5	12	19	26		Wed	3	10	17	24	31	
Thu	4	11	18	25			Thu	2	9	16	23	30		Thu		6	13	20	27		Thu	4	11	18	25		
Fri	5	12	19	26			Fri	3	10	17	24	31		Fri		7	14	21	28		Fri	5	12	19	26		
Sat	6	13	20	27			Sat	4	11	18	25		Sat	1	8	15	22	29		Sat	6	13	20	27			
Sun	7	14	21	28			Sun	5	12	19	26		Sun	2	9	16	23	30		Sun	7	14	21	28			

Jan-26							Feb-26							Mar-26							Apr-26						
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Sun	4	11	18	25			Sun	1	8	15	22	29		Sun	1	8	15	22	29		Sun	5	12	19	26		

May-26							Jun-26							Jul-26							Aug-26						
Mon		4	11	18	25		Mon	1	8	15	22	29		Mon		6	13	20	27		Mon		3	10	17	24	
Tue		5	12	19	26		Tue	2	9	16	23	30		Tue		7	14	21	28		Tue		4	11	18	25	
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Sun	3	10	17	24	31		Sun	7	14	21	28		Sun	5	12	19	26		Sun	2	9	16	23	30			

Merry Christmas