

**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 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**News from The Three Schools**

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

**A super Science week for all!**

What a **FANTASTIC** week we have had, with so many exciting opportunities across the Three Schools. The staff and pupils have thoroughly enjoyed themselves. It has been lovely to see so many varied and interesting activities across EYFS, KS1 and KS2 in and out of the classroom.

Please read on to learn of some of the adventures that have taken place this week including; iRock performances, Science Week activities, Mother's day activities, Structures for KS2 in DT, a visit from an international athlete for EYFS and KS1 as well as lots of Science week fun for Kingfishers.

We hope you enjoy finding out more about some of our exploits!

Please enjoy this week's newsletter!

Yours sincerely

*David May (Executive Headteacher)*



**The KS2 Golden mile update - W.C 2<sup>nd</sup> March 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 **421 laps – 22 miles!!**

The class that covered the most distance was **Year 3** with **276 laps – 14 miles**

**Golden Mile – Certificate Winners:**

- Freddie G (Year 5) – 10 Miles
- Sai C (Year 4) – 20 Miles
- Alma D (Year 3) – 10 Miles

*(Mrs Newman—Golden Mile Co-ordinator)*

**iRock Concert - Swanbourne**

Today our iRock Bands had their first performance to a live audience made up of family and friends. It was such a treat to see all that they have learned over the last few weeks.

Well done to our 5 bands!

*(Mrs Mailer – Music Leader)*



## Design Technology Update: Structures

Over the last few weeks, we have all been constructing and building. In **Year 3** they have been learning about packaging and nets ready to design and make some safe and enticing boxes to protect the Egyptian Jewellery they are planning to make.



In **Year 4** they have been investigating which shapes are strongest and how to build tall. They have had to consider the factors architects have to take into account, such as earthquakes and winds.

They then worked as an excellent building crew and constructed a huge temple out of an intricate framework of bamboo and elastic bands. They worked very well with many new techniques and concepts to get to grips with.



In **Year 5** they first explored a collection of marble runs to get inspiration to help them design and make a themed marble maze. They had to design with **Year 4** in mind as they came in to test and evaluate each **Year 5** pair's final product.



**Year 6** focused their structure work on bridges, first looking at the different ways they are constructed and few famous examples. They then looked at how a basic material such as paper, could be shaped and combined to create strength. Using their knowledge of strong shapes, they used the bamboo and bands to construct a large truss beam and then were asked to transform it into a free-standing bridge with only set resources. A tricky challenge for every group.

*(Miss Jeffery – Art & DT Leader)*



## Super Science Investigations in EYFS

For Science day over in Foundation we conducted two investigations.

1. **Are all metals magnetic?** - We made our predictions, recorded results in a tally chart and then tested our thoughts.
2. **Which materials were best suited to make a boat?** – Children could choose from a range of junk modelling containers and given 5 minutes to make a boat. We then tested whether they floated, were water-tight and could hold some passengers! Riley managed a capacity of over 50 plastic people! Wow!

Well done Foundation Stage!

*(Mrs Cadigan – EYFS Teacher)*



## Girls' football v Whitchurch (10<sup>th</sup> March 2026)

On Tuesday the Swanbourne girls' team played another of their league fixtures, this time away at Whitchurch. With the boys having played their A and B teams in the past two weeks, the minibus virtually drove itself over.

It was a beautiful spring day; the pitch was in relatively good condition and the girls were very excited to get the game under way. Unfortunately, they were so keen on watching the ball from the start that within the first minute Whitchurch broke down the right-hand side, put in a cross and scored a very neat goal. That was when we woke up!

Being more aware of everything going on around them, the girls then really got stuck in. Several attacks drew good saves from the opposition keeper and a shot was cleared off the line, after hitting the post. However, at half-time it was still 1-0 to the hosts. The second half started in the reverse of the first, with Swanbourne kicking off and immediately progressing into the Whitchurch penalty area. Bonnie then managed to latch on to the end of a loose ball and thundered the ball into the back of the net. 1-1.

For the remainder of the half, it is fair to say that Swanbourne had the better of the possession and position but lacked that cutting edge needed to score again. They did however manage to nullify all of Whitchurch's attempts at breaking forwards, meaning that the game ended in a draw. The match was played in a truly joyous spirit, with lots of smiles and positive chat happening between the players of both sides. The spectators seemed to enjoy it as much as the players.

Well-done girls and well-done Maryam who was voted player of the match.

*(Mr Thorp – Football Coach)*



## EYFS and KS1 enjoy a Great Athlete workshop

Mursley and Drayton Parslow schools were buzzing with excitement this week as we welcomed **Fred Afrifa**, a professional sprinter and ambassador from Great Athletes, for a special fundraising fitness event.



Fred led the children through an energetic fitness circuit, where every class had the chance to take part. The sessions were full of laughter, encouragement, and teamwork, as pupils pushed themselves to complete each challenge. It was wonderful to see everyone supporting one another and showing great determination!

After the workout, Fred gathered the students together to share his inspirational story — from his early love of sport to his journey becoming an international runner. He spoke about the importance of resilience, dedication, and believing in yourself, even when things get tough with wise words from his coach to 'Keep moving forwards' and you will achieve your goals.



The children were full of curiosity and enthusiasm, asking Fred thoughtful questions about his training, competitions, and what motivates him to keep improving. Fred's visit left a lasting impression on everyone, reminding us that with hard work and a positive mindset, anything is possible.

A big thank you to Great Athletes and to all the families who supported the event — your generous contributions are helping our school raise funds for future sports activities and equipment which will make a huge difference to the children's play time and PE lessons.

*(Mrs Hepden-Sanson – Year 1 Teacher)*

## Year 5 Frogmore Paper Mill Visit.

Frogmore Paper Mill is the world's oldest mechanised paper mill and last Friday the children had the opportunity to learn about mills role in the industrial revolution.

They also had a go at making their own paper which was great fun!

*(Mrs Mailer – Year 5 Teacher)*



## Key Stage 1 Book Week

EYFS and KS1 had a wonderful week celebrating books and stories! The children were treated to daily 'mystery readers' (thank you to all parents who volunteered) and loved listening to so many new stories being read to them!

The children enjoyed a variety of activities across the week, such as 'Guess the Story/Character', quizzes, 'Book Swap' and sharing photos of their 'extreme' reading. During the week, each class read 'Follow the Swallow' and completed some amazing art work to create a school display, based on the story. On Friday, we all dressed up as characters from Julia Donaldson stories.



*(Mrs Smuts – KS1 English Leader)*



## Science Week

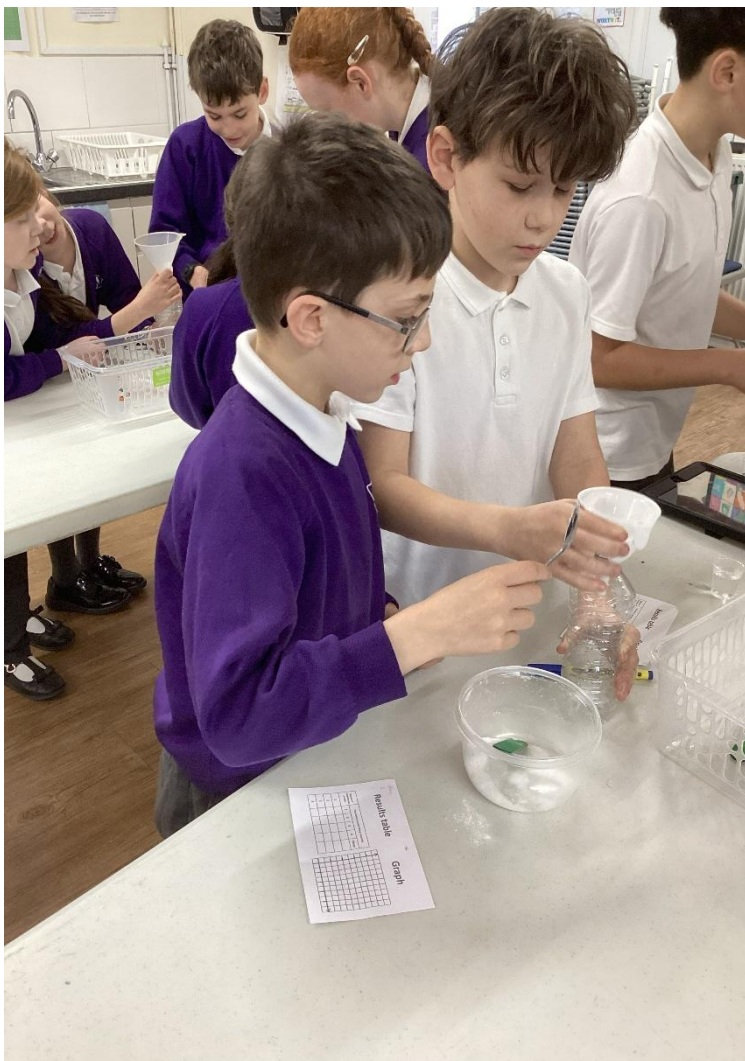
British Science week has been a fantastic celebration of Science across the Three Schools. The theme 'Curiosity' encouraged everyone to ask questions, explore ideas and discover the world around us. We linked this to our Maths lessons and learnt how to record our results, using line graphs, tables, tally charts and bar charts. In Foundation, they conducted two investigations.

Asking the questions if all metals magnetic and which materials were best suited to make a boat. They then tested them - Riley managed a capacity of over 50 plastic people! Wow! Over at Swanbourne we had Scientist Lou O'Connell come and visit.

We made a human graph to show the most common number of letters in our names, and each class conducted their own experiments into the amount of bicarbonate needed to make a solution fizz!

Don't forget to get your posters in for 'How do children see their 'ideal' life in the future?'. Not only are there prizes to win but data collected is going towards a national survey.

*(Mrs Mailer – KS2 Science Leader)*



## Year 2 Class Mother's Day Poem

With Mother's Day approaching Year 2 pupils have created a wonderful class poem we would like to share with the school community;

*Without you Mummy, I feel... (Fatima)*

*Like a diamond without any sparkle, (Louis)*

*Like a hug with no arms, (Raife)*

*Like a band without any instruments, (Israel)*

*Like a game without any fun, (Evelyn)*

*Like a daffodil without any colour, (Henry)*

*Like a coat with no warmth, (Amaya)*

*Like a bear with no roar, (Kieran)*

*Like a cookie without any chocolate, (Gabriel)*

*Like a puzzle without any pictures, (Belle)*

*Like a cake without any butter, (Sebbie)*

*Like Christmas without any family, (Morgana)*

*Like a zebra without any stripes, (Theo)*

*Like a drawing book without any paper, (Louisa)*

*Like a mirror without any reflection. (Evelyn)*

*Happy Mother's Day! (All)*

*(Year 2 Mursley)*





Working together The Friends of the Three Schools (Swanbourne CE, Mursley CE, Drayton Parslow and KF Pre School) and Furze Down School are excited to bring back...

# **COLOUR RUN**

## **SAT 16TH MAY 2026**

### **AT FURZE DOWN SCHOOL, WINSLOW**

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Don't miss out on this family fun event. We hope that all students running will raise sponsorship for their school.

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**ENTRY- £6 PER PERSON**

**RACE TIMES: 11AM, 11.45AM, 12.30PM, 1.15PM**

**LIMITED SLOTS PER RACE**

**ALL BOOKINGS OPEN MONDAY 9TH MARCH, THESE**

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STEWKLEY GIRLS U11  
CRICKET TEAM***



***STEWKLEY REC  
FIRST SESSION 6-7PM  
MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL***

***BE IN A TEAM, HAVE FUN, MAKE NEW  
FRIENDS AND IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS  
FREE TRIAL SESSION***

***GIRLS (YEARS 4-6)  
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## Kingfishers Pre-School Update

Another lovely week was had at Kingfishers, we really got into the spirit of things years science week theme and have been full of questions and curiosity.

We have been exploring the changing season and although the weather hasn't been very spring like we are really seeing the physical signs of spring as flowers start to pop up everywhere. We have also been using our non-fiction books to look at similarities and differences between animals and to find out more information about when the dinosaurs lived. We took part in some cooking, making something yummy and very special for someone special. We made predictions about what would happen as we added each ingredient and made comparisons between the raw mixture and our finished brownies.

At forest school we went on a bug hunt to see which creepy crawlies like to live there. Sam lifted up the logs at base camp to see what we could find; we were very excited to have a look underneath. Some of us found worms and put them in our magnifying pots, we watched them wriggling and bending then stretching to move before we safely placed them back in their home. We had colouring and sticking out to decorate some pictures which was a lovely calm activity. Some of children also made up a game where they were flying into the sky on an adventure, the children discussed where they were going and off, they flew! At the end of Forest School, some of the older children stayed behind for a short while and played Simon says. The children took it in turns to be Simon to see if they could catch their friends out and as always, we all had a delicious hot chocolate and biscuit to keep us warm.

*(Kelly Hall – Pre-School Leader)*



# The SAXONS

Three lives. Three burial sites. Three extraordinary stories.  
28 March - 1 November 2026



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**B** Discover Bucks  
Museum  
& Roald Dahl Children's Gallery

# The SAXONS

28 March - 1 November 2026

## Easter Holidays

28 March - 12 April  
Also this Easter holiday enjoy family-friendly Easter crafts, science fun and hands-on Saxon-inspired activities across the museum.

→ Discover Buckinghamshire's Saxon past in this major new immersive exhibition at Discover Bucks Museum

## Why visit?

- Meet the Saxons through engaging films, sounds, and immersive experiences.
- Hands-on interactives and digital storytelling bring history vividly to life.
- Discover real artefacts and try the fun family trail and creative activities.

**A great day out for curious minds and young explorers!**

## Opening Fun Day!

**Saturday 28 March, 10am - 5pm**

Join us for our fun family opening day featuring **re-enactors**, **storytelling** and **hands-on crafts**. Meet Saxon warriors and craftspeople, hear stories inspired by real discoveries, and take part in activities for all ages — the perfect way to bring the Buckinghamshire Saxon world to life.

Make a day of it and visit the Roald Dahl Children's Gallery this Easter holiday for hands-on discovery and amazing science inspired by Roald Dahl's stories.

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



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**The Three Schools Calendar and Important Dates (Spring 2026)**

Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Swanbourne (KS2)	iRocks Concert (3.00pm)
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Swanbourne (Year 5)	Knebworth House Trip
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Swanbourne (Year 6)	Easter Cracked
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Swanbourne (Year 5 & Year 6)	Shrek The Musical (Swanbourne House School)
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Swanbourne (KS2)	Cricket Enrichment Day
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2026	Mursley & Drayton Parslow (Year 2)	Hampton Court Palace Trip
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March – Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Swanbourne (Year 4)	Woodrow House Residential Trip
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Swanbourne (KS2)	Easter Services (9.30am & 2.00pm)
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Mursley & Drayton Parslow	Easter Bonnet parades
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	All Three Schools	Break up for Easter Holidays
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	All Three Schools	INSET DAY
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	All Three Schools	Summer Term 1 Starts
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	All Three Schools	Parents Evenings (3.30pm – 8.00pm)
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	Swanbourne (KS2)	Parents Evenings (3.30pm – 6.30pm)
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	Mursley & Drayton Parslow (Year 1)	Windsor Castle Trip
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	Swanbourne (Year 4)	Clophill Lakes Trip
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	All Three Schools	Early May Bank Holiday
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	Swanbourne (Year 3 & Year 4)	Benchball Event
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	Mursley & Drayton Parslow (EYFS)	Ashridge Trip
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	All Three Schools	Colour Run
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	Swanbourne (Year 4)	Multi-skills Event
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	Mursley & Drayton Parslow (Year 2)	Multi-Sports Event
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	All Three Schools	Break up for May Half Term
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2026	All Three Schools	INSET DAY
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	All Three Schools	May Bank Holiday
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2026	All Three Schools	Summer Term 2 Starts
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2026	Swanbourne (Year 5)	Bletchley Park Trip
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Swanbourne (Year 5 & Year 6)	Girls' Cricket Event
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Swanbourne (Year 6)	Skern Lodge Residential Trip
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	All Three Schools	Book Look
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Swanbourne (Year 5 & Year 6)	Rounders Event
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	All Three Schools	Summer Disco
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	All Three Schools	INSET DAY
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Swanbourne (Year 6)	Red Bull Racing Event
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Swanbourne (Year 3)	Caldecotte Trip
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Swanbourne (KS2)	Athletics Event
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	All Three Schools	Transition Day
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Swanbourne (Year 6)	Transition Day 2 (Year 6 only)
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	All Three Schools	Speech Cup Final
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Swanbourne (Year 6)	Year 6 Production (7.00pm)


Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 20206	All Three Schools	Sports Day
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 20206	All Three Schools	Reserve Sports Day
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2026	Mursley & Drayton Parslow (Year 2)	Year 2 Leavers' Services (2.30pm)
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2026	Kingfishers Pre-School	Leavers' Graduation Party
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2026	Swanbourne (Year 6)	Year 6 Leavers' Services (9.30am)
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2026	All Three Schools	Break up for Summer Holidays



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

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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.
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### 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.

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- Explores what to expect at secondary school.
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