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 26th September 2025

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

News from The Three Schools

Goodbye September –Hello October!

I cannot believe that we have nearly reached the end of September already! The weeks are flying by, the children have really settled into their routines and everyone is working incredibly hard. So much has happened these past few weeks at all Three Schools, our children and staff have been so busy!

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

Yours sincerely
David May (Executive Headteacher)

The KS2 Golden mile update - W.C 14th September 2025

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

W.C 14th September 2025 —It's been another energetic week for the daily mile runners this week, a great effort!

The Star class this week is **Year 4** clocking up **257 laps** which is **13 miles!**

As a School collectively, we have managed to cover a staggering **732 laps** which is **31 miles**!

(Mrs Newman—Golden Mile Co-ordinator)



World Mental Health Day (Friday 10th October 2025)

In support of World Mental Health Day on **Friday 10th October 2025,** the Three Schools will take part in Young Minds' 'HelloYellow' Day.

#HelloYellow is back! And it's never been more important.
Last year #HelloYellow was a record-breaker - it was the brightest year yet! But this year a different, more concerning record has been broken. According to the latest NHS figures, 420,000 young people are now being treated for mental health problems every month. That's more young people than ever before seeking support - and most aren't getting the help they need.

YOUNGMiNDS
fighting for young people's mental health

This needs to change. With our support, it can!

This World Mental Health Day, thousands across the country are coming together to say #HelloYellow. The Three Schools will be taking part to show young people that how they feel matters and help create a future where all young people get the mental health support they need, when they need it, no matter what.

So, to support this wonderful cause, we are asking that children wear something 'Yellow' on **Friday 11th October** in return for a **voluntary donation of £2**. All the money raised on the day will be donated to 'Young Minds'.

If you would like to make a donation to this amazing charity, please use the link below to help us reach our target of £500.

YoungMinds - Three Schools

Children can wear a scarf, hat, their favourite bow-tie – or they can even wear their favourite yellow 'dressing-up' (Minions, emojis, bananas – these are just a few ideas! On the day in school we will be doing activities to share positive moments, such as the 3-step 'HelloYellow' challenge to brighten up someone's day and show some kindness. We might even set up some fun 'yellow' photo booths in our classrooms!

We thank you for your support and cooperation.

Mrs Smuts (Emotional Health and Wellbeing Co-ordinator) & Mrs Temple (School Counsellor)

Girls Rugby Taster for Year 5 and Year 6

Following a fantastic rugby taster afternoon for Year 5 and Year 6 girls please find below the link to Aylesbury Rugby Club, where our girls have been invited to join a new rugby group.

https://forms.gle/PdvFsLBb9hkyJ31L7.



Harvest Festival Donations

We are asking if you would be so kind to add a few additional items to your shopping in forthcoming weeks so that we can support the **Milton Keynes Foodbank** to help those in our community who are in need. Please see the list below for the items that have been requested by the charity.

If you are happy to donate any items from the list below to your trolley in the next couple of weeks, we would really appreciate your support. Any donations will be collected by the **Milton Keynes Food Bank** after the children have visited the churches as part of their Harvest Festival services.

Can we please request that all donations are to be brought in **on the day** of the Harvest Festival for each school—Thank you!

Drayton Parslow **(Tuesday 7th October 2025 – 2.30pm at Drayton Parslow Church)**

Mursley **(Thursday 2nd October 2025 – 2.30pm at Mursley Church)**

Swanbourne **(Friday 3rd October 2025 – 9.30am and 2.00pm at St Swithun's Church)**

Suggested items;

- Long life Whole milk
- Spaghetti (Tinned)
- Long life juice
- Spread (E.g. Jam)
- Cup A Soup/Noodles
- Rice pudding (Tinned)
- Vegetables (Tinned)
- Biscuits
- Dried Pasta
- Breakfast Cereals
- Dried Rice
- Pasta sauce
- Tea bags
- Soup (tinned)
- Sugar
- Meat (Tinned)
- Tomatoes (Tinned)
- Tuna (Tinned)
- Baked Beans (Tinned)



Mursley CAT members for 2025/2026

Congratulations to the new members of the Mursley Courageous Advocacy Team (CAT). These pupils will work with Mrs Wilson to 'Be the Change' at Mursley and help raise funds for charities as well as making a big difference at school and the wider community.

The CAT members will have many different roles in school to ensure the teaching and learning in Religious Education and Collective Worship are effective and embed the School Christian Values in all pupils and stakeholders of the school.

<u>Year 1 CAT members</u>

- Felix
- Emrys
- Layla

<u>Year 2 CAT members</u>

- Louis
- Kieran
- Bethany



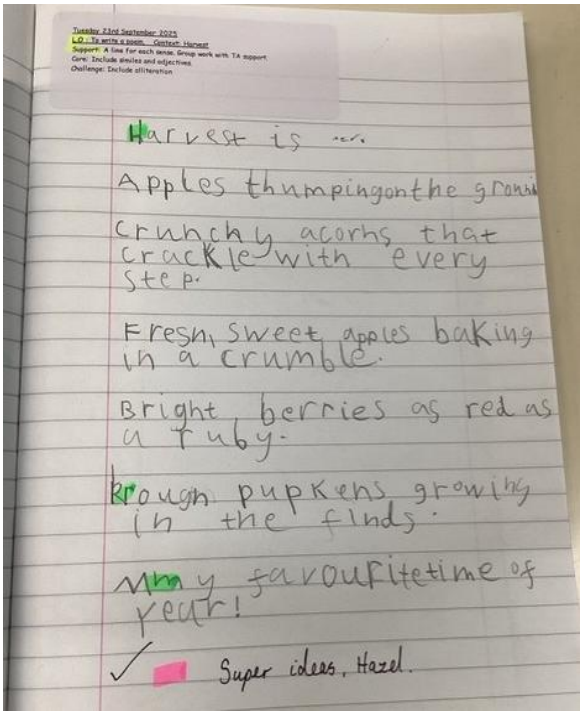
(Mrs Wilson – CAT Leader at Mursley)

Perfect Poetry in Year 2

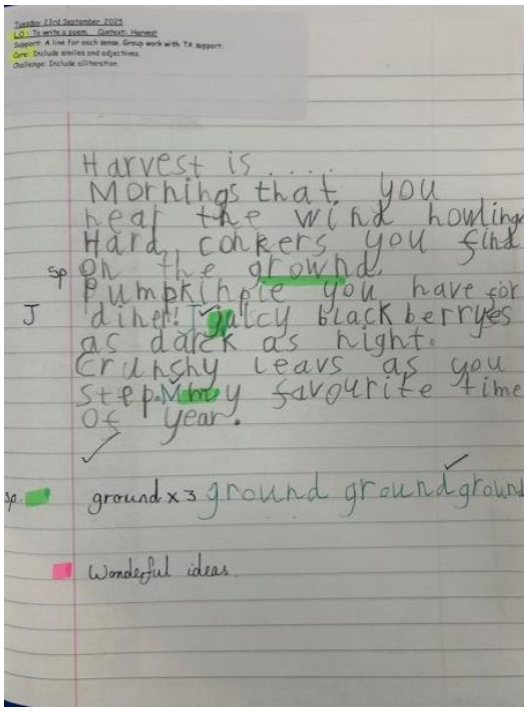
Year 2 have been writing 'Harvest' poems using their senses while also trying to include similes and adjectives in their work.

Well done to **Hazel** and **Charlie** at **Drayton Parslow** and **Kieran** and **Evelyn** at **Mursley** for producing some beautiful imagery in their poetry.

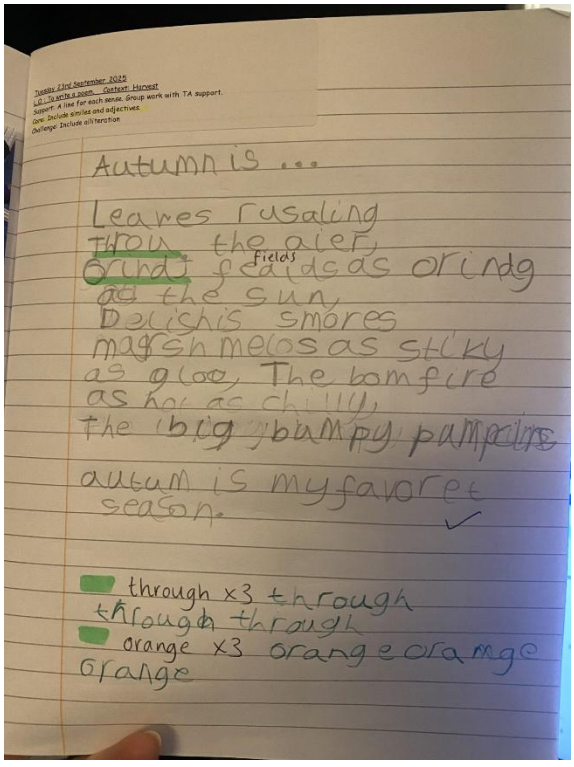
(Mrs Glover and Mrs Meichtry – Year 2 Teachers)



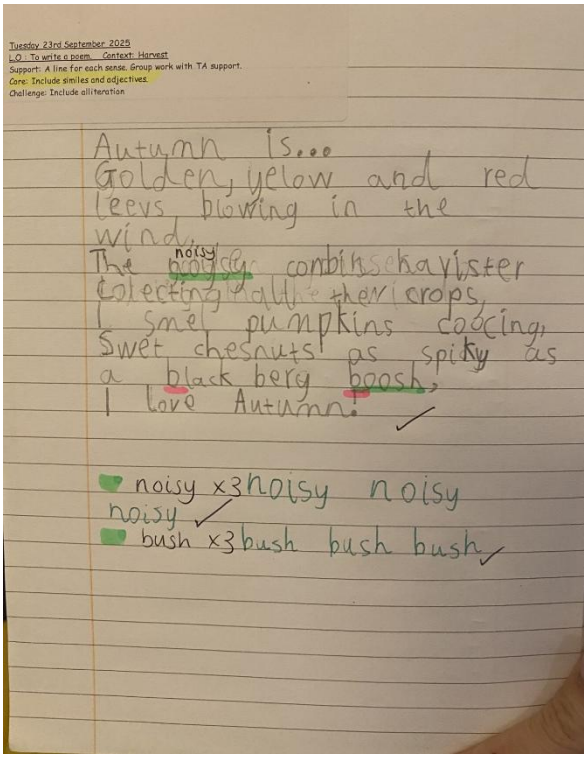
Hazel – Drayton Parslow



Charlie – Drayton Parslow



Kieran – Mursley



Evelyn – Mursley

Drayton Parslow School Council members for 2025/2026

Congratulations to the new members of the Drayton Parslow School |Council. These pupils will work with Mrs Venturi to 'Be the Change' at Drayton Parslow and help raise funds for charities as well as making a big difference at school and the wider community.



Year 1 School Council Members

- Tommy
- Sky

Year 2 School Council Members

- Moses
- Dexter

(Mrs Venturi – School Council Leader at Drayton Parslow)



NPSCC Children in Sport Campaign

Play your part



Bring out the best in your child

The NSPCC annual campaign Keeping Your Child Safe in Sport will run 6-12 October 2025.

The part you play in your child's sport can have a big impact on how your child feels about sport and physical activities.

We want to make it easier for you to talk to your child about what support means to them and how you can help to bring out their best.

Whether your child's goal is to achieve a winning score, a personal best, be a good teammate or to simply enjoy their sport, your positive support can help them achieve their goals.

How to play your part

- Listen to your child – do they play sport for fun, for friendship or because they enjoy the competition? And how do they want you to support them? Some children love loud cheers of encouragement, while others prefer a quieter show of support like a hand signal or a smile.
- Keep sport fun – make children feel good by praising effort and progress as well as performance. Help them cope with difficult situations like team selections and competitions with encouragement and constructive feedback.
- Respect everyone – show what great sportsmanship looks like by cheering on the whole team, and respecting the coach and officials (even if you disagree with their decisions).
- See something, say something - are adults shouting insults, criticising mistakes or challenging official decisions? Raise any issues with your club's welfare officer or match day official.

What you do and what you say will make a difference to how your child feels, but it also makes a difference to how safe they are in their sport.

See something, say something

If you understand what your child needs to be their best, you will find it easier to spot when others are doing things that could be potentially harmful.

For example, are adults shouting from the side-lines? Are they criticising mistakes? Are they focusing on a child's weight? Do they challenge official decisions? Do they disrespect others? Are they pushing competitions when the child is too young?

If you see something, say something. Your club or activity organisation should have a welfare officer and you can raise anything you see or hear with them.

And if you are worried about anything that may cause harm to your child's wellbeing, you can always contact the NSPCC Helpline **0808 800 5000** or **email help@nspcc.org.uk**

'Keeping your child safe in sport' is a short, free online course that can help parents understand how to be part of the bigger safeguarding picture in sport – Please click on the link below to access the course.

https://thecpsu.org.uk/parents/parents-in-sport-e-learning-course/

The Three Schools

Swanbourne, Drayton Parslow and Mursley Schools

Vacancy for Cleaner

Term time plus deep clean during school holidays – 40 weeks per year

10 hours per week (1½ hours per day)

Fixed Term Contract

Bucks Pay Range 1A Point 5

£23, 797 (Pro rata - this is the full-time salary)

Required End of October 2025

Closing date for applications Friday 3rd October 2025

The Three Schools require a cleaner at Drayton Parslow Village School, we are a KS1 primary school in a small Buckinghamshire village. The children range in age from 4 – 8 years. We are looking for a cleaner to join our hard working, friendly team.

Responsibilities will include:

- Cleaning the school on a daily basis – Monday to Friday
- Ensuring the school meets Health and Safety requirements
- Attend any relevant training

Working Hours:

- Monday to Friday, 1½ hours per day to suit the requirements of the school and agreed between candidate and Headteacher.
- Deep Clean – School Holidays

Job Description:

- Clean all floors including hard floors and carpets.
- Clean toilets, bathrooms, mop floors and replace toilet tissues, hand towels, soap etc as required.
- Clean all tables and hard surfaces, empty bins and general cleaning in classrooms and office.
- Ensure Bins out for collection on appropriate days.
- Ensure cleaning supplies stocks are up to date. Place orders with office manager when required.

Deep Cleaning:

- Pull out cupboards and vacuum underneath
- Clean skirting boards
- Window ledges
- Wipe door handles
- Clean on top of fridge in kitchen.
- Once a month do a thorough clean of a room and rota around the school so that each room received a thorough clean every now and again.

Duties may vary from time to time depending on the cleaning requirements of the school.

We are looking for someone with attention to detail and willingness to learn, though experience in not essential. A person who is adaptable and likes working in a small school would suit this post. Job share considered.

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our children, which will be reflected throughout the recruitment process. The successful applicant will be subject to an Enhanced DBS check. Drayton Parslow Village School is an equal opportunities employer.

For an application form please contact the school office

Telephone - 01296 720306 **Email - office@draytonparslowschool.org**

THE THREE SCHOOLS

OPEN MORNINGS

SWANBOURNE

Wed 8th Oct - 9.30am and 11am
Wed 19th Nov - 9.30am and 11am
office@swanbourneceschool.org
01296 720295

MURSLEY

Mon 6th Oct - 9.30am
Mon 17th Nov -11am
office@mursleyceschool.org
01296 720305

DRAYTON PARSLOW

Mon 6th Oct - 11am
Mon 17th Nov -9.30am
office@draytonparslowschool.org
01296 720306

www.threeschools.org

Please email or call to book your place - we look forward to welcoming you



SCAN ME

SEND Peer Support

Drop-ins for parent/carers

Buckinghamshire Council in partnership with YC2 Young Carers, Forever Colours Children's Hospice and Verdetto Lounge are offering a drop-in session for parents and carers of children with SEND. The sessions will provide the opportunity to meet informally and build support networks.

Professionals will be on hand to provide information and signposting support. Children are welcome to attend with parents/carers.



Verdetto Lounge, Buckingham



Third Tuesday of every month



10:00am to 12:00 midday

Please note we cannot comment on individual EHC Plan queries or outcomes.

Buckinghamshire Council

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Oxford Health
NHS Foundation Trust

Mental Health
Support Team
Buckinghamshire



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FOR PARENTS
AND CARERS

LIVE WEBINARS

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH

DATES:
OCT– DEC
2025

TIME:
6PM – 7.30PM

To register, scan the QR codes on the next page!

01865 901566

bucksmhst@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk

*** PLEASE NOTE: YOUR CHILD MUST ATTEND AN MHST SCHOOL FOR ACCESS TO THE WEBINARS. IF YOU ARE UNSURE, PLEASE CONTACT US.**

SCAN THE QR CODE TO SECURE YOUR PLACE:

Topic	Date	Link	QR code
Overview of Mental health – Primary	Monday 20th of October 2025	https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/c250a6a6-2c15-4997-be09-407feae1ef4e@759ac89b-2aa4-4973-b048-e6903b46a8b6	
Overview of Mental health– Secondary	Monday 3rd of November 2025	https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/0d1c87a5-b3b5-4a9b-a4b2-dbbcbee77abf@759ac89b-2aa4-4973-b048-e6903b46a8b6	
Childhood Anxiety	Monday 17th of November 2025	https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/741a9c4f-0eb4-4a23-9694-def68b6eb3b5@759ac89b-2aa4-4973-b048-e6903b46a8b6	
Adolescent Anxiety	Monday 1st of December 2025	https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/ffeb1299-da8c-44dc-8d3b-6ad280e5c729@759ac89b-2aa4-4973-b048-e6903b46a8b6	

Kingfishers Pre-School Update



Another very busy but fun week at Kingfishers this week. We have been continuing our all about me topic and this week have been focussing on where we live and spend our time. We have been comparing our house photos, looking at how many windows and doors, each house has and also creating our own representations of our house through our construction materials and our junk modelling.

At forest school the children had a lot of fun and also showed us how much they have already learnt. The children were able to recall all of the very important forest school rules to the adults while they ate our biscuit and had our yummy hot chocolate. The children also explored high, low, underneath and on top to see what they could find, using the binoculars to help them.

On Wednesday morning we decided to go out for a walk around Mursley, we packed up the new wagon that The Friends kindly purchased, with the essentials such as our water bottles and snacks and off we went. We walked along the street having a look at the different houses and some of us where able to spot our own house or our friends' houses. We also looked for autumn treasures along the way, spotting autumn leaves, twigs, pine cones and berries. When we got to the park it was a bit rainy so we decided to use the pavilion to shelter and have a snack and a drink. Thankfully the rain stopped quickly and we were soon able to go and have some fun in the park and go across the field in search of more autumn items. We had lots of fun, climbing, spinning, swinging and going up and down on the seesaw.
On the walk back to Kingfishers we were passed by lots of big lorries and tractors which was very exciting and we also enjoyed a singalong. We are very proud of our Kingfisher children they all walked beautifully and listened excellently.

One of the things the Kingfishers children are really loving at the moment is having our family photos up on our family tree. The children spent a long time over the week showing each other their family photos and sharing memories of when the photos were taken. The Kingfishers adults are also on the tree and we have loved sharing our family photos with the children also.

What a fabulous week we have all had!

Kelly Hall
(Pre-School Leader)







Free School Meals & Pupil Premium 2024/2026

We are now inviting parents and carers to complete the Free School Meal (FSM) and Pupil Premium application form for the 2025/26 academic year.

The form is attached to this email or alternatively please ask the offices for a hard copy to complete.

If you think you may be eligible – or even if you're unsure – we strongly encourage you to complete the form.

Even if your child is in Reception to Year 2 and currently receives a Universal Infant Free School Meal, completing this form is still important. If your application is successful, the school could receive additional Pupil Premium funding which goes directly towards supporting learning and wellbeing.

This funding helps us to:

- Provide extra classroom support
- Offer subsidised trips and activities
- Purchase learning resources
- Support wellbeing and pastoral care
- If in doubt, fill it out!
- Your application could make a real difference.

Thank you for your continued support.



Free School Meals & Pupil Premium

Research shows that better food in schools is improving what children eat during the school day, and there's evidence of a clear link between what children eat at lunchtime in school, where they eat it and how they focus with their teachers in the afternoon.

All children in reception, year 1 and year 2 in state-funded schools in England are eligible for Universal Infant Free School Meals. This includes infant pupils in maintained infant and primary schools, free schools, academies, special schools and pupil referral units.

Free School Meals are also available to pupils in years 3 and above whose parents receive certain benefits and register using this application form. Please return this form to your child's school if you think you qualify for Free School Meals.

Pupil Premium - completing this form could also raise money for your child's school...

The Pupil Premium is a Government scheme that provides funding to schools of £1,075 - £1,515 per pupil whose parents receive one of the qualifying benefits listed on this application form.

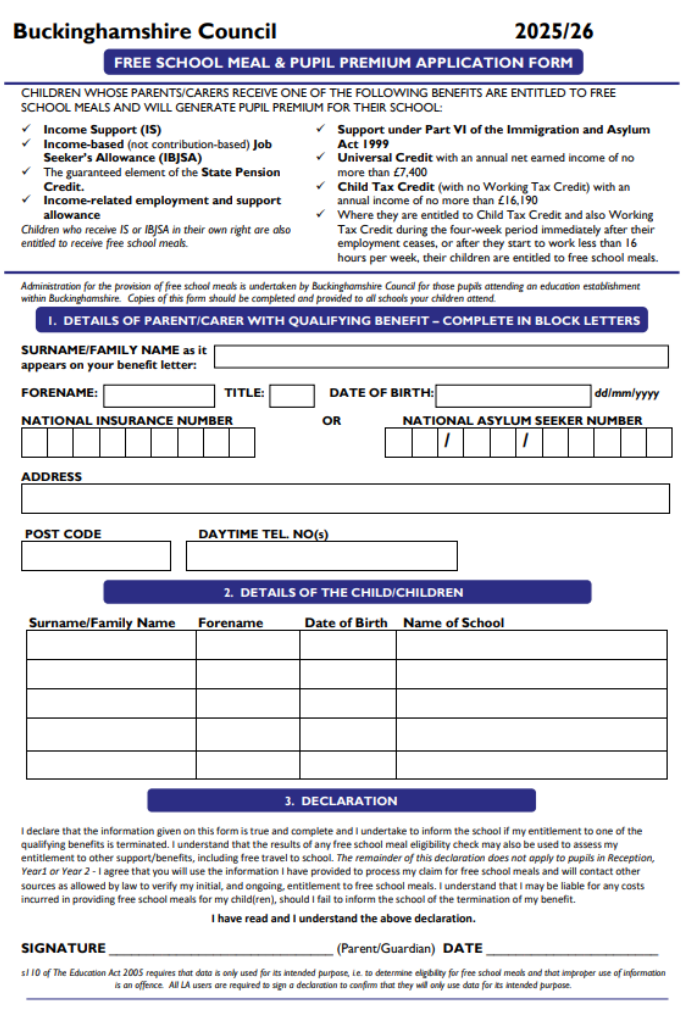
The school can use this money to raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupils and close the gap between them and their peers

Q. How can I apply?
A. Simply complete this application form and return it to your child's school

Q. Why should I apply?
A. You and your school could benefit from Pupil Premium funding worth £1,075 - £1,515 per pupil. As well as this, if your child is in year 3 or above this form is also used to apply for Free School Meals and could save you hundreds of pounds a year.

Q. My child is in Reception, year 1 or year 2 and automatically receives Universal Infant Free School Meals, do I still need to complete this form?
A. Yes! Pupil Premium is only paid to a school if the parent registers using this form and is receiving one of the qualifying benefits listed. Even though your child automatically receives free meals at school completing this application form may entitle your school to Pupil Premium funding.

To register for free school meals, including Pupil Premium, please complete this application form and return it to your child's school as soon as possible to avoid delay.



Buckinghamshire Council **2025/26**

FREE SCHOOL MEAL & PUPIL PREMIUM APPLICATION FORM

CHILDREN WHOSE PARENTS/CARERS RECEIVE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING BENEFITS ARE ENTITLED TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS AND WILL GENERATE PUPIL PREMIUM FOR THEIR SCHOOL:

- ✓ **Income Support (IS)**
- ✓ **Income-based** (not contribution-based) **Job Seeker's Allowance (IBJSA)**
- ✓ The guaranteed element of the **State Pension Credit.**
- ✓ **Income-related employment and support allowance**

Children who receive IS or IBJSA in their own right are also entitled to receive free school meals.

- ✓ **Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999**
- ✓ **Universal Credit** with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400
- ✓ **Child Tax Credit** (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190
- ✓ Where they are entitled to Child Tax Credit and also Working Tax Credit during the four-week period immediately after their employment ceases, or after they start to work less than 16 hours per week, their children are entitled to free school meals.

Administration for the provision of free school meals is undertaken by Buckinghamshire Council for those pupils attending an education establishment within Buckinghamshire. Copies of this form should be completed and provided to all schools your children attend.

1. DETAILS OF PARENT/CARER WITH QUALIFYING BENEFIT – COMPLETE IN BLOCK LETTERS

SURNAME/FAMILY NAME as it appears on your benefit letter:

FORENAME: **TITLE:** **DATE OF BIRTH:** *dd/mm/yyyy*

NATIONAL INSURANCE NUMBER **OR** **NATIONAL ASYLUM SEEKER NUMBER**

ADDRESS

POST CODE **DAYTIME TEL. NO(s)**

2. DETAILS OF THE CHILD/CHILDREN

Surname/Family Name	Forename	Date of Birth	Name of School

3. DECLARATION

I declare that the information given on this form is true and complete and I undertake to inform the school if my entitlement to one of the qualifying benefits is terminated. I understand that the results of any free school meal eligibility check may also be used to assess my entitlement to other support/benefits, including free travel to school. *The remainder of this declaration does not apply to pupils in Reception, Year1 or Year 2* - I agree that you will use the information I have provided to process my claim for free school meals and will contact other sources as allowed by law to verify my initial, and ongoing, entitlement to free school meals. I understand that I may be liable for any costs incurred in providing free school meals for my child(ren), should I fail to inform the school of the termination of my benefit.

I have read and I understand the above declaration.

SIGNATURE _____ (Parent/Guardian) **DATE** _____

s110 of The Education Act 2005 requires that data is only used for its intended purpose, i.e. to determine eligibility for free school meals and that improper use of information is an offence. All LA users are required to sign a declaration to confirm that they will only use data for its intended purpose.

Election Fever hits Swanbourne
(House Captains, Vice Captains, Sports Captains and Vice Sports Captains)

Once again, **Year 6** pupils have had the opportunity to put themselves forward as a candidate for **House Captain, Vice House Captain, Sports Captain** and **Vice Sports Captain**. The aim is that the children taking these roles will be ambassadors for our school. They will work alongside the Junior Leadership Team (JLT) and staff to represent the school, on a day to day basis and at events we attend.

The children in **Year 6** were all given the opportunity to stand for these roles and we had several willing candidates who put themselves forward, each presented a speech to the KS2 children as to why they would be the best person for the job. They all spoke with confidence and enthusiasm and presented a strong argument as to why they should be selected. Each of the KS2 children then had a vote for **House Captain** and **Sports Captain** and the staff all voted as well.

The votes were very close and we are pleased to announce the following results:

<u>Elizabeth House</u>
House Captain – **Ava**
Vice House Captain – **Alex**
Sports Captain – **Jess**
Vice Sports Captain – **Laeyah**



<u>Pankhurst House</u>
House Captain – **Maryam**
Vice House Captain – **Oliver**
Sports Captain – **Luna**
Vice Sports Captain – **Arabella**

<u>Attenborough House</u>
House Captain – **Nansi**
Vice House Captain – **Oscar**
Sports Captain – **Felicity**
Vice Sports Captain – **Freddy**



<u>Seacole House</u>
House Captain – **Phoebe**
Vice House Captain – **Flo**
Sports Captain – **Bonnie**
Vice Sports Captain – **Stan**

Thank you to all the candidates who showed great courage and resilience, you did a great job!





Winslow Rotary Shoebox Appeal

What is the Rotary Shoebox appeal?

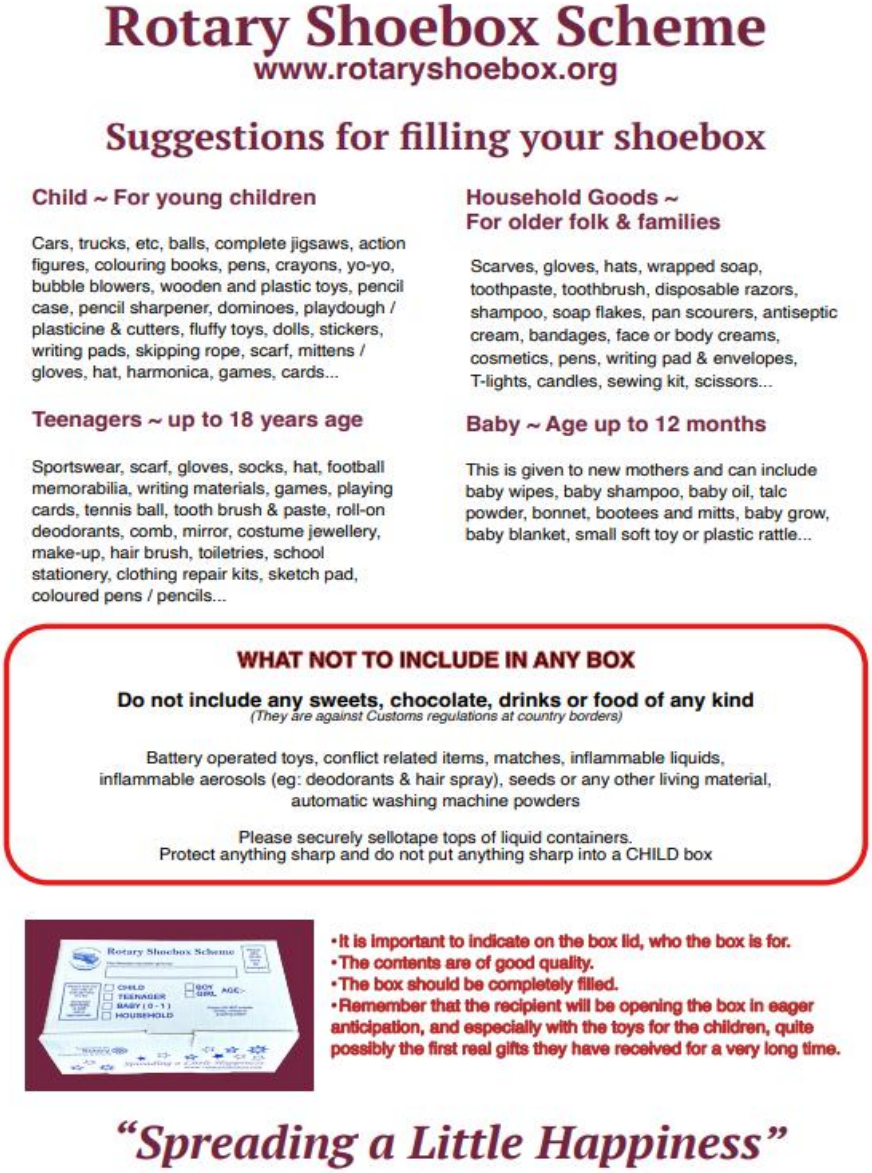
To bring a little happiness to disadvantaged children in Eastern Europe, often in orphanages, The Three Schools have volunteered to support the Winslow Rotary by joining join the many schools across the country by participating in the Rotary Shoebox Scheme.

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.

Although many boxes are delivered in time for Christmas (and there is still time to do that this year) the scheme runs all year round, not just for Christmas.

How we will be able to take part?

- Winslow Rotary will provide us with specially designed shoeboxes delivered to the schools
- There are four types of content you can choose to fill boxes and typically schools opt for either a box of toys for boys and girls or a box with contents geared towards teenagers/young people up to 18 years of age.
- We are inviting pupils and families to take a shoebox home and fill it with gifts.
- There is no charge to the school for the box itself as Winslow Rotary covers the £2 donation requested by the organisers for each box which contributes towards the cost of transport.
- School will then contact Winslow Rotary when all of our boxes are ready for collection and they will be taken away for delivery.



We are about to receive the shoeboxes in school, if your family would like to take part in this opportunity to support this wonderful charity, please email your school office or request a shoebox from the school office and we will be sending shoeboxes home from Monday 29th September 2025.

Shoeboxes will need to be returned to school by Friday 28th November 2025.

FURZE DOWN SCHOOL AND THE THREE SCHOOLS PRESENTS....

A PROFESSIONAL LOW NOISE FIREWORKS DISPLAY BY FRONTIER FIREWORKS



THURSDAY 23RD OCTOBER

EARLY BIRD* TICKETS ON SALE NOW
£20 PER FAMILY**
£7 INDIVIDUAL
PLUS BOOKING FEES

PURCHASE TICKETS ON PTA EVENTS

WWW.PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/FRIENDSOF3SCHOOLS

Location: Furze Down School, Verney Rd, Winslow, MK18 3BL

Doors open at 5:30pm Display at 6:45pm

REFRESHMENTS INCLUDING BAR WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE NIGHT - CASH OR CARD ACCEPTED

*EARLY BIRD TICKETS ARE FOR FIRST 50 FAMILY TICKETS PURCHASED, PRICE WILL INCREASE TO £25 PER FAMILY
**FAMILY TICKET INCLUDES MAX 2 ADULTS AND UP TO 3 CHILDREN

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about YOUTH VIOLENCE

UNDERSTANDING YOUTH VIOLENCE

Youth violence affects one in four children in the UK, but it doesn't have to. When parents, carers, and educators understand the risks, they're better placed to support young people. The right support, mentoring, therapy, and guidance can help young people affected by violence to feel safe, manage conflict, and make positive choices.

WHY DO YOUNG PEOPLE COMMIT SERIOUS VIOLENCE?

A recent study surveyed over 10,000 young people affected by violence, asking why serious violence occurs among their peers, such as an assault involving a weapon or sexual violence. The most common reasons given were due to a personal characteristic of the victim e.g., race, religion, sexuality, gender, a gang or school rivalry, and being provoked. While not all young people face these issues, many lack the emotional regulation skills needed to manage provocation.

Opportunity
Community
Wellbeing
Respect

UNCERTAINTY
CONFLICT
FEAR

WHEN IS VIOLENCE MORE LIKELY TO HAPPEN?

For children and young people in England and Wales, the hours between 4 pm and 8 pm – just after school – carry a particularly high risk for serious violence. This can stem from conflicts that escalate during the school day, online arguments, or simply moving through unfamiliar areas on the way home. Understanding this risk helps us support safer travel and routines. Our recent report found that over one in three young people don't feel safe in the area they live in, and 36% don't feel safe walking the streets.

WHAT ARE SIGNS A YOUNG PERSON IS AT RISK?

Children and young people often express that something is wrong through behaviour rather than words. Be alert to signs such as sudden mood changes, secrecy around friendships, excessive phone use, unfamiliar slang, unexplained injuries, fear of school, aggression, going missing, or substance use. They may also be associating with older peers. These behaviours can indicate underlying issues that can lead to violence.

WHY MIGHT A YOUNG PERSON CARRY A WEAPON?

'JUST IN CASE'

Young people may carry weapons due to fear, threats, peer pressure, or a false sense of protection. Many young people tell us they feel unsafe and carry weapons 'just in case', while others may be influenced by social media, peers, or criminal activity. Some don't realise it's illegal or may believe it earns respect.

ONLINE INFLUENCES

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Social media plays a powerful role in normalising and escalating violence. Platforms like TikTok and Snapchat can expose young people to harmful content, often shaped by algorithms. Many see violent material that distorts reality, leading to fear and desensitisation. A recent study found 70% had seen real-world violence online, and 80% felt less safe in their communities. Alarmingly, 39% said it made them more likely to carry a weapon. Online conflict can often spill into real life, with serious and sometimes tragic consequences.

WHERE IS VIOLENCE MORE LIKELY TO HAPPEN?

Violence often happens in certain places. Busy areas like transport hubs carry risk simply because lots of people gather there. Other hotspots, like places linked to drug activity, attract those more likely to be involved in violence. Some areas become risky due to poor supervision, such as under-resourced public spaces. Understanding where violence tends to occur helps us guide young people safely through their communities and advocate for better support and safer spaces.

Advice for Parents & Educators

TALKING TO CHILDREN ABOUT STAYING SAFE

Choose a safe moment for the conversation, emotionally and physically. If a child is upset or angry, help them settle before discussing serious topics. Listen actively without judgement, even if what they share is difficult. Avoid interrupting and offer advice when the time feels right. If you're worried, you're not alone; support is available.

HELP CHILDREN UNDERSTAND CONSEQUENCES

Young people can be searched by police or teachers if suspected of carrying a weapon. If found with a knife, they could face arrest and criminal proceedings. A conviction can result in a criminal record. Even being present during a violent assault, encouraging it, filming, or sharing footage can lead to prosecution. Open and honest conversations can help children understand these risks and make safer choices.

AVOID CONFLICT & MANAGE ESCALATIONS

Encourage young people to consider the 'Safe T's' – Trust instincts, Take a breath, and Talk to a trusted adult. When triggered or provoked, they may react from their 'survival brain', unable to think clearly about the consequences. Taking a breath helps calm, and helps them access their 'thinking brain'. Remind them that moments pass, and seeking support from trusted adults builds resilience and safer decision-making.

REPORT INFORMATION

We all have a role in preventing violence. If a child shares concerns, you can act. For educators, it's important to follow your school's safeguarding procedures. Other adults can report anonymously through Fearless or Crimestoppers, and speak with other parents, the school, or local police through 101. If someone is in immediate danger, always call 999. These steps help protect children and the wider community.

Meet Our Expert

The Ben Kinsella Trust is a UK anti-knife crime charity educating young people through immersive workshops, awareness campaigns, and community resources. Visit: benkinsella.org.uk

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Confidential messaging service for parents, carers, young people and professionals.

Get advice and support from the Trust's Children and Young People's Integrated Therapies team.

- Occupational Therapy
- Physiotherapy
- Speech and Language Therapy.

Send a text message to 07312 263754.
Or scan the QR code.

A Children and Young People's Integrated Therapy Link Worker will reply to the message within 2 working days.

The messaging service is available Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm (excluding bank holidays).

https://chathealth.nhs.uk/start-a-chat/h/TherapyLink

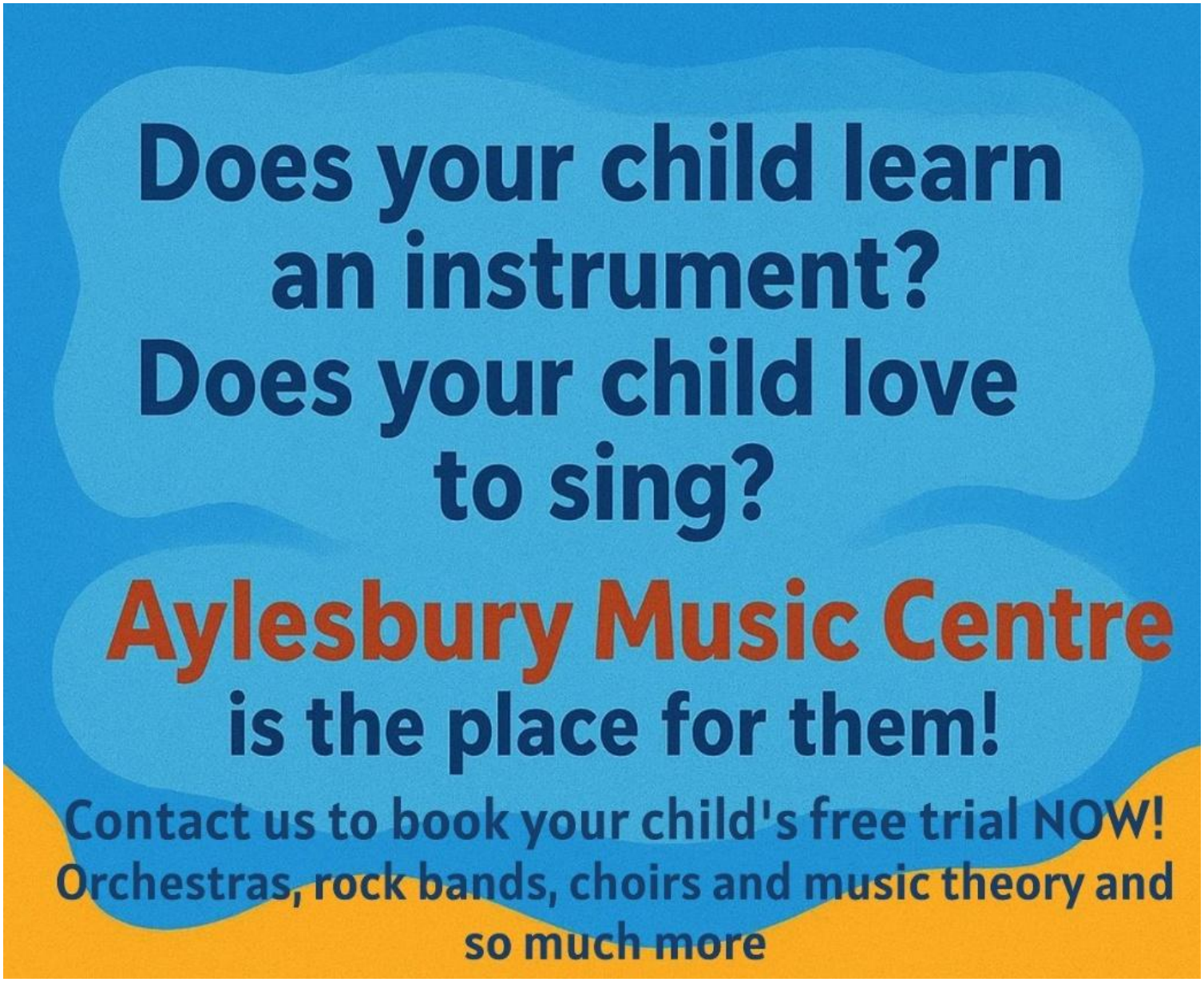
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OUTSTANDING CARE
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The Three Schools Calendar and Important Dates (2025-2026)		
Friday 26th September 2025	All Three Schools	MacMillan Coffee Events
Thursday 2nd October 2025	Mursley & Kingfishers (EYFS & KS1)	Harvest Festival Service (2.30pm)
Friday 3rd October 2025	Swanbourne (KS2)	Harvest Festival Services (9.30am & 2.00pm)
Tuesday 7th October 2025 (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE)	Drayton Parslow (EYFS & KS1)	Harvest Festival Services (2.30pm)
Tuesday 7th October 2025	Swanbourne (KS2)	Author Workshop (11.15am)
Friday 10th October 2025	All Three Schools	Hello Yellow Day
Wednesday 15th October 2025	All Three Schools	Parents Evenings (3.30pm – 8.00pm)
Thursday 16th October 2025	Swanbourne (KS2)	Parents Evenings (3.30pm – 6.30pm)
Friday 17th October 2025	All Three Schools	Show Racism the Red Card Wear Red Day
Monday 20th October 2025	Swanbourne (Year 3)	Chiltern Open Air Museum Trip
Monday 20th October 2025	Mursley & Drayton Parslow (Year 1 & 2)	Stables Theatre Trip
Wednesday 22nd October 2025	All Three Schools	Popcorn Night
Friday 24th October 2025	All Three Schools	Break up for October Half Term
Monday 3rd November 2025	All Three Schools	Autumn Term 2 Starts
Tuesday 11th November 2025	All Three Schools	Remembrance Services
Thursday 13th November 2025	Drayton Parslow (Year 1)	Celebration Assembly (2.50pm)
Friday 14th November 2025	All Three Schools	Children in Need (Spots & Stripes Day)
Friday 21st November 2025	All Three Schools	Winter Disco
Monday 8th December 2025	Kingfishers, Mursley & Drayton Parslow	Nativity Dress Rehearsal – Grandparents & Younger Siblings to watch (2.00pm)
Wednesday 10th December 2025	Kingfishers, Mursley & Drayton Parslow	Nativity Performance (2.00pm)
Thursday 11th December 2025	Kingfishers, Mursley & Drayton Parslow	Nativity Performance (2.00pm)
Monday 15th December 2025	Kingfishers, Mursley & Drayton Parslow	Christingle Services
Tuesday 16th December 2025	Swanbourne (Year 6)	Christmas Cracked (10.00am)
Wednesday 17th December 2025	All Three Schools	Christmas Cinema Trip
Wednesday 17th December 2025	Kingfishers Pre-School	Christmas Party
Thursday 18th December 2025	Swanbourne (KS2)	KS2 Christmas Concert (9.30am & 2.00pm)
Friday 19th December 2025	All Three Schools	Christmas Jumper/Headwear Day
Friday 19th December 2025	All Three Schools	Break up for Christmas
Monday 5th January 2026	All Three Schools	INSET DAY
Tuesday 6th January 2026	All Three Schools	Spring Term 1 Starts
Wednesday 14th January 2026	Mursley & Drayton Parslow (Year 1)	ZSL Tring Museum Trip
Monday 2nd February 2026	Swanbourne (Year 5 & Year 6)	Young Voices Concert
Friday 13th February 2026	All Three Schools	Dare to be different day
Friday 13th February 2026	All Three Schools	Break up for February Half Term
Monday 23rd February 2026	All Three Schools	Spring Term 2 Starts
Friday 27th March 2026	All Three Schools	Break up for Easter Holidays
Monday 13th April 2026	All Three Schools	INSET DAY
Tuesday 14th April 2026	All Three Schools	Summer Term 1 Starts
Wednesday 15th April 2026	All Three Schools	Parents Evenings (3.30pm – 8.00pm)
Thursday 16th April 2026	Swanbourne (KS2)	Parents Evenings (3.30pm – 6.30pm)
Monday 4th May 2026	All Three Schools	Early May Bank Holiday
Saturday 16th May 2026	All Three Schools	Colour Run
Thursday 21st May	All Three Schools	Break up for May Half Term

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



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AYLESBURY AYMC MUSIC CENTRE

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+
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