

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 20th March 2026

News from The Three Schools

A week of market trips, football, cricket and Knebworth House

What a FANTASTIC week 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; KS2 cricket workshops, football matches for the boys and girls' teams, lots of exploration of 'Our World' fun for Kingfishers and Year 5 enjoying a visit to Knebworth House as part of their Victorians topic.

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 9th 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 **583 laps – 29 miles!!**

The class that covered the most distance was **Year 5** with **250 laps – 13 miles**

Golden Mile – Certificate Winners;

- Maisie L (Year 5) – 10 Miles
- Milly H (Year 5) – 40 Miles
- Ben D (Year 5) – 10 Miles

(Mrs Newman—Golden Mile Co-ordinator)

Message to parents from Mrs Temple

In September 2026, I will be entering the final year of a Psychology Degree (BSc) and after a great deal of thought I have decided to reduce my hours at The Three Schools from three days a week, to one day per week from that date.

Consequently, it will become necessary for me to focus my sessions only on those children with the greatest requirement for support. However, to ensure that all children needing pastoral care continue to have access to this provision, we will be training specific staff to take on this role going forward.

The transition period will be handled with care and consideration with all children being made aware of any changes that impact them directly. I will be available to offer ongoing support to staff engaging in this role and offer guidance when required. We do understand that some of you might have questions or concerns so if this is the case, please do get in touch via the school office.

Warmest regards,

(Mrs Temple – Pastoral Mentor)

Boys' football v Newton Longville (13th March 2026)



On **Friday 13th March**, the Swanbourne boys' team played their final league game of the season, away at Newton Longville school. Whilst the weather was good, this was without a doubt the worst pitch that they had played on all season, including the incredibly muddy game at Whitchurch.

Despite this, Swanbourne set about trying to play the type of football that they have become renowned for this season. Lots of movement and passing set challenges for the opposition from the outset. Playing down the hill in the first half, Swanbourne managed to carve out a few chances, but were unable to find the final piece of quality to score. There were also several excellent saves made by their goalkeeper. The second half started in much the same way, although after only a couple of minutes, Joshua was able to pounce on a great cross from Stan, to score the opening goal. After that Swanbourne tried valiantly to maintain control of the game. Ted led from defence and was rewarded for his exceptional performance with the player of the match award.

Throughout the match there had been some unusual refereeing decisions, some of which baffled not only the players, but all of the supporters as well. One of the results of this was the fact that the second half ended up being almost 20 minutes long, rather than the expected 15. It was in one of these mysteriously added minutes that the best player from the opposition hit a spectacular shot, which whizzed into the top corner of our goal. 1-1 and the Swanbourne players were stunned. The game then concluded with some more strange decisions, but Swanbourne were able to withstand these to hold out for a draw.

This was an important lesson for the boys to learn, which unfortunately cannot be gained, but through experience. At times decisions will not go as you feel they should, but that is a part of playing any sport. With the highs and the great moments that can happen also come moments of challenge. Being able to deal with these and the emotions that come with them is a vital life skill.

Well done to all of the boys – you are better players and have a better sporting perspective as a result of this season.

(Mr Thorp – Football Coach)

Girls' football v St Michael's Stewkley (17th March 2026)

If every football match could be played in this spirit, what a truly uplifting sport football would be! The sun was shining, the sky was blue and the Swanbourne girls' football team shared in a lovely game of football. The smiles and joy spread from the players to the spectators, as has been the case all season. The contest was very even. Swanbourne showed their usual determination in chasing every ball and giving every drop of energy that they had.

There was some determined defending by Luna and Jane during the first half, which was very evenly matched by the opponents.



There were not many scoring opportunities for either side, as they cancelled each other out. In the second half, both teams changed their goal-keeper, which impacted on the outfield set up. As the players tired there were more opportunities for both teams to score. On a few occasions both teams broke through, but each time Swanbourne looked ready to shoot, a defender managed to get back and put in a block.

There were only about 90 seconds remaining of the game when the opposition managed to get the ball through to their striker, who slipped it passed the goal-keeper, to effectively steal the win. Well done again girls for playing the game with such excitement and enthusiasm.

Well done also to Jane for being named player of the match.

One more league game to go.

(Mr Thorp – Football Coach)

Starting Reception

Pop-up events in Buckinghamshire

Your child's journey to school starts at home!

No matter your child's age, there is lots you can do to build their confidence and independence. This helps them (and you) feel emotionally and practically prepared by the time they start school.

- **Aylesbury Library**
Tuesday 14 April - 10am to 12pm
- **Wycombe Library**
Thursday 16 April - 10am to 12pm
- **Chesham Library**
Wednesday 22 April - 10am to 12pm
- **Burnham Library**
Tuesday 12 May - 1pm to 3pm
- **Buckingham Library**
Wednesday 13 May - 10am to 12pm
- **St Andrews Church, High Wycombe**
Thursday 14 May - 9:30am to 11:30am

There is no need to book. Scan the QR code for more information.



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SEND Peer Support

Drop-ins for parent/carers

Buckinghamshire Council in partnership with YC2 Young Carers, Forever Colours Children's Hospice and The White Hart 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.




**The White Hart,
Market Square,
Buckingham**



**Third Tuesday of
every month**



**10:00am to 12:00
midday**

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



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- Pony rides
- Tractor and trailer rides
- Picnic area
- Bouncy Castle
- Pigs, cows and calves
- Wellington boots may be necessary
- Disabled parking facilities

2026 Dates

Saturday 21 March
Sunday 22 March

Saturday 28 March
Sunday 29 March

Friday 3 April
Saturday 4 April
Sunday 5 April
Monday 6 April

Friday 10 April
Saturday 11 April
Sunday 12 April

10.30am - 4.00pm

Adults £10.00

Children £8.00

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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

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

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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Kingfishers Pre-School Update

What a lovely week at Kingfishers we have had and what a nice surprise the glorious weather has been.

We have made good use of the dry, bright days and spent a lot of time outside. We have been exploring in the water, making potions by adding lemons, limes and oranges along with herbs to make some very fragrant creations. We have been using our problem-solving skills to make large obstacle courses, moving up and over and working hard to balance.

We have also made good use of the field during a very energetic game of football. We love our outside space so much at Kingfishers and feel very grateful we have such an amazing space to explore.

As part of our 'Our World' topic we have been exploring animal habitats, creating exciting and fun worlds for our dinosaurs, wild animals, ocean creatures and our farm animals. We are also hoping to soon create our own bug world outside by making a bug hotel out of recycled materials.

At forest school this week we created nature bracelets, finding spring treasures around our site and sticking them to card. We also added water to our mud and made our own paint; we painted the logs and tree stumps with our beautiful mud paint.

(Kelly Hall – Pre-School Leader)



The Three Schools Calendar and Important Dates (Spring 2026)

Monday 23 rd March 2026	Mursley & Drayton Parslow (Year 2)	Hampton Court Palace Trip
Monday 23 rd March – Wednesday 25 th March 2026	Swanbourne (Year 4)	Woodrow House Residential Trip
Friday 27 th March 2026	Swanbourne (KS2)	Easter Services (9.30am & 2.00pm)
Friday 27 th March 2026	Mursley & Drayton Parslow	Easter Bonnet parades
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
Thursday 30 th April 2026	Swanbourne (Year 4)	Clophill Lakes Trip
Monday 4 th May 2026	All Three Schools	Early May Bank Holiday
Wednesday 6 th May 2026	Swanbourne (Year 3 & Year 4)	Benchball Event
Friday 15 th May 2026	Mursley & Drayton Parslow (EYFS)	Ashridge Trip
Saturday 16 th May 2026	All Three Schools	Colour Run
Monday 18 th May 2026	Swanbourne (Year 4)	Multi-skills Event
Wednesday 20 th May 2026	Mursley & Drayton Parslow (Year 2)	Multi-Sports Event
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
Tuesday 2 nd June 2026	Swanbourne (Year 5)	Bletchley Park Trip
Friday 5 th June 2026	Swanbourne (Year 5 & Year 6)	Girls' Cricket Event
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	Swanbourne (Year 5 & Year 6)	Rounders Event
Friday 26 th June 2026	All Three Schools	INSET DAY
Tuesday 30 th June 2026	Swanbourne (Year 6)	Red Bull Racing Event
Monday 6 th July 2026	Swanbourne (Year 3)	Caldecotte Trip
Monday 6 th July 2026	Swanbourne (KS2)	Athletics Event
Tuesday 7 th July 2026	All Three Schools	Transition Day
Wednesday 8 th July 2026	Swanbourne (Year 6)	Transition Day 2 (Year 6 only)
Friday 10 th July 2026	All Three Schools	Speech Cup Final
Friday 10 th July 2026	All Three Schools	Summer Disco
Monday 13 th July 2026	Swanbourne (Year 6)	Year 6 Production (7.00pm)
Thursday 16 th July 2026	All Three Schools	Sports Day
Friday 17 th July 2026	All Three Schools	Reserve Sports Day
Tuesday 21 st July 2026	Mursley & Drayton Parslow (Year 2)	Year 2 Leavers' Services (2.30pm)
Tuesday 21 st July 2026	Kingfishers Pre-School	Leavers' Graduation Party
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



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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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- 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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