

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 12th September 2025

News from The Three Schools

A busy first full week back

Across the Three Schools, we have continued to work hard and play hard – again we have had an incredibly busy week, with so much happening!

EYFS have attended Forest School for the first time, **Year 6** have sat their Secondary Transfer Tests, **Year 5** and **Year 3** have completed their Bike-ability training and **Kingfishers** went on a Blackberry picking expedition.

It has been an absolute delight to visit the classrooms to see just how hard the children are working as well as how much fun they are having too – Phew, I think we are all ready for the weekend!

Please enjoy this week's newsletter and have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

David May (Executive Headteacher)

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 (**Thursday 2nd 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)



**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

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.

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'.

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 Coordinator) & Mrs Temple (School Counsellor)

Harvest Lunch – Mursley Village Hall (Sunday 12th October 2025 at 1.00pm)

Please keep the above date free to join your fellow neighbours and villagers at lunch in Mursley.

Please let me know if you thinking of attending so we have an idea of numbers.

If you feel you would like to supply a pudding, that would be amazing!

Tickets are £12 per Adult & £6 (under 12's)

There will be a Bar, and then an Auction of Produce, the proceeds of which will be shared between Mursley Church and Tear Fund.

All non-perishables will go to Church Pantry & Food Bank.

Everyone is welcome....

My mobile number is 07850299375

Lynn (Mursley Church)

Shine Day 2025

Last Friday all children across The Three Schools took part in 'Shine Day'. For EYFS and KS1 children across Drayton Parslow and Mursley, the focus for the first part of the day was on the concept of 'Spirituality' in a way that is accessible to them at their young age.

We began by looking at images in nature and sharing our thoughts on how they made us feel, noticing small details and explaining why they made us say 'wow!' After which, each class chose to develop their skills of reflection and mindfulness through a variety of different activities - including painting to pieces of classical music, practising yoga, creating art inspired by nature, and reflecting on what makes them happy.



In KS2 at Swanbourne, children have begun exploring spirituality as a way for them to recognise and listen to their thoughts and feelings, take time to appreciate the world around them, reflect on their own ideas and beliefs whilst also considering the influence others can have on us, and then consider their place in the world and the impact they can have on those around them. To help them, we did a variety of different activities as part of Shine Day.

We spent some time outside, appreciating our surroundings and taking inspiration from nature; listened to some music and created artwork based on where the mood took us; discussed our role models and how they influence us and help us grow before researching some inspirational people from around the world. It's been wonderful to hear how many 'spiritual moments' children are already experiencing across the schools - from appreciating the intricate details of a cobweb on a classroom window to the awe and wonder of finding a bird's egg shell on the playground!

Finally, each child across all Three Schools wrote a statement on a star about how they are going to demonstrate the school's values of love, respect, honesty and forgiveness and how they hope to shine this year.

What a wonderful day it was - we know that there will be lots of 'shining stars' this year!

Mrs Cadigan & Mrs Featherston (RE Leaders)



Free School Meals & Pupil Premium 2025/2026

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 application form is attached to this email or alternatively please ask the school 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
- ✓ 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.

Children who receive IS or IBJSA in their own right are also entitled to receive 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, Year 1 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.



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**

Proud to be part of
Family Hub Network
Buckinghamshire

Kingfishers Pre-School Update

We have had a fabulous first full week at Kingfishers.

We have explored, made new friends and been out on adventures.

As part of our first topic 'All about me' we have been creating self-portraits, looking carefully in a mirror to identify our hair and eye colour and then creating our own representation of our face. Some of the children were very accurate with their choices, whilst others took a more creative approach.

At our first forest school session on Tuesday the children learnt about the forest school rules and had lots of fun digging in the mud, watching the sheep in the field and using the binoculars. We especially enjoyed a hot chocolate and a biscuit at base camp.

This week we went out for a walk around the village and found some blackberries. We carefully picked some from the bushes and next week we are going to make some blackberry and apple pies, yum, yum!!!

(Kelly Hall – Kingfishers Pre-School Leader)



MILTON KEYNES THEATRE CREATIVE LEARNING

YOUTH THEATRE & MKT YOUNG COMPANY



ATG
Milton Keynes
Theatre
Academy

Did you know... Milton Keynes Theatre run weekly drama-based classes for those in Year 2 to Age 18?

All our weekly Youth Theatre classes take place in the backstage studio right in the heart of Milton Keynes Theatre, giving children and young people a unique glimpse into the world of professional theatre.

The classes develop key drama skills, teamwork, confidence, speech development and creativity through a range of drama-based games, scriptwork, devising and more!

Plus, being a member of the MKT Academy gives you access to other Creative Learning Masterclasses and events, workshops with industry leaders, theatre tickets (where available) and performance opportunities.

MKT YOUTH THEATRE: ACT 1

School Years 2 – 4
Tuesday evenings
4.30pm – 5.30pm
£126 for the 14-week term



MKT YOUTH THEATRE: ACT 2

School Years 5 – 8
Tuesday evenings
5.45pm – 7pm
£133 for the 14-week term



MKT YOUNG COMPANY

A performance project where young people can perform or take on backstage roles to bring a production to life!

School Year 9 – Age 18
Wednesday evenings
6pm – 8.30pm
£380 or (4x £95)
Bursary supported places available



You can attend the first session as a taster before committing to the term – just drop us an email to secure your place!

Email MKCreativeLearning@atgertainment.com or visit ATGTickets.com/MiltonKeynes for more info

The Three Schools Calendar and Important Dates (2025-2026)		
Thursday 18 th September 2025	Mursley & Drayton Parslow (Year 2)	Year 2 Maths Workshop for Parents (2.15pm) at Drayton Parslow
Friday 26 th September 2025	All Three Schools	MacMillan Coffee Events
Thursday 2 nd October 2025	Mursley & Kingfishers (EYFS & KS1)	Harvest Festival Service (2.30pm)
Thursday 2 nd October 2025	Drayton Parslow (EYFS & KS1)	Harvest Festival Services (2.30pm)
Friday 3 rd October 2025	Swanbourne (KS2)	Harvest Festival Services (9.30am & 2.00pm)
Tuesday 7 th October 2025	Swanbourne (KS2)	Author Workshop (11.15am)
Friday 10 th October 2025	All Three Schools	Hello Yellow Day
Wednesday 15 th October 2025	All Three Schools	Parents Evenings (3.30pm – 8.00pm)
Thursday 16 th October 2025	Swanbourne (KS2)	Parents Evenings (3.30pm – 6.30pm)
Friday 17 th October 2025	All Three Schools	Show Racism the Red Card Wear Red Day
Monday 20 th October 2025	Swanbourne (Year 3)	Chiltern Open Air Museum Trip
Monday 20 th October 2025	Mursley & Drayton Parslow (Year 1 & 2)	Stables Theatre Trip
Wednesday 22 nd October 2025	All Three Schools	Popcorn Night
Friday 24 th October 2025	All Three Schools	Break up for October Half Term
Monday 3 rd November 2025	All Three Schools	Autumn Term 2 Starts
Tuesday 11 th November 2025	All Three Schools	Remembrance Services
Thursday 13 th November 2025	Drayton Parslow (Year 1)	Celebration Assembly (2.50pm)
Friday 14 th November 2025	All Three Schools	Children in Need (Spots & Stripes Day)
Friday 28 th November 2025	All Three Schools	Winter Disco
Monday 8 th December 2025	Kingfishers, Mursley & Drayton Parslow	Nativity Dress Rehearsal – Grandparents & Younger Siblings to watch (2.00pm)
Wednesday 10 th December 2025	Kingfishers, Mursley & Drayton Parslow	Nativity Performance (2.00pm)
Thursday 11 th December 2025	Kingfishers, Mursley & Drayton Parslow	Nativity Performance (2.00pm)
Monday 15 th December 2025	Kingfishers, Mursley & Drayton Parslow	Christingle Services
Tuesday 16 th December 2025	Swanbourne (Year 6)	Christmas Cracked (10.00am)
Wednesday 17 th December 2025	All Three Schools	Christmas Cinema Trip
Wednesday 17 th December 2025	Kingfishers Pre-School	Christmas Party
Thursday 18 th December 2025	Swanbourne (KS2)	KS2 Christmas Concert (9.30am & 2.00pm)
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
Monday 2 nd February 2026	Swanbourne (Year 5 & Year 6)	Young Voices Concert
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
Friday 12 th June 2026	All Three Schools	Summer Disco
Wednesday 17 th June 2026	All Three Schools	Book Look
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



Swanbourne School Term Dates 2025/26 Academic Year

Pupil Days

Bank holidays

School holidays

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

Transition Days

Students: 190 days

Teachers: 195 days



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

Oct-25						
Mon		6	13	20	27	
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Wed	1	8	15	22	29	
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Fri	3	10	17	24	31	
Sat	4	11	18	25		
Sun	5	12	19	26		

Nov-25						
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Dec-25						
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Jan-26						
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Feb-26						
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Mar-26						
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Apr-26						
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Wed	1	8	15	22	29	
Thu	2	9	16	23	30	
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Sat	4	11	18	25		
Sun	5	12	19	26		

May-26						
Mon		4	11	18	25	
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Wed		6	13	20	27	
Thu		7	14	21	28	
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Sun	3	10	17	24	31	

Jun-26						
Mon	1	8	15	22	29	
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Sun	7	14	21	28		

Jul-26						
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Sun	5	12	19	26		

Aug-26						
Mon		3	10	17	24	
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