

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**



Tuesday 22nd July 2025

News from The Three Schools

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

Goodbye Year 2 and Year 6 – Hello Summer!

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a good start to the week; we have had 2 very busy days across the Three Schools with many opportunities for the children including; Year 2 pupils at Mursley and Year 6 pupils at Swanbourne taking part in their Leavers service and so much more – phew what a busy couple of days to end the year!

On behalf of the staff across The Three Schools, I wanted to say an enormous ‘Thank-you’ to all parents, carers and family members for the lovely conversations, comments, cards, gifts and emails that you have shared with staff at the schools this week.

As a staff team, we have been really touched by your generosity the incredibly kind words you have shared about your child/ren’s time with us during their time at The Three Schools.

I hope you have a wonderful break, enjoy the holidays and hopefully lots of Sunshine!

We hope you enjoy this week’s newsletter!

Yours sincerely

David May (*Executive Headteacher*)

Dates and INSET days for 2025-2026

The **5 INSET Days** for 2025-2026 are as follows;

- Wednesday 3rd September 2025
- Monday 5th January 2026
- Monday 13th April 2026
- Friday 22nd May 2026
- Friday 26th June 2026

(Please see the academic calendar for 2025-2026 at the end of the newsletter).

**Dates for
your
diary.....**

OPEN EVENING



Thursday 18 September 2025

- Headteacher’s talk
- School tours
- See the facilities
- Fun & interactive Curriculum activities
- Meet staff and students



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Message From the Friends of Three Schools

Thank You!

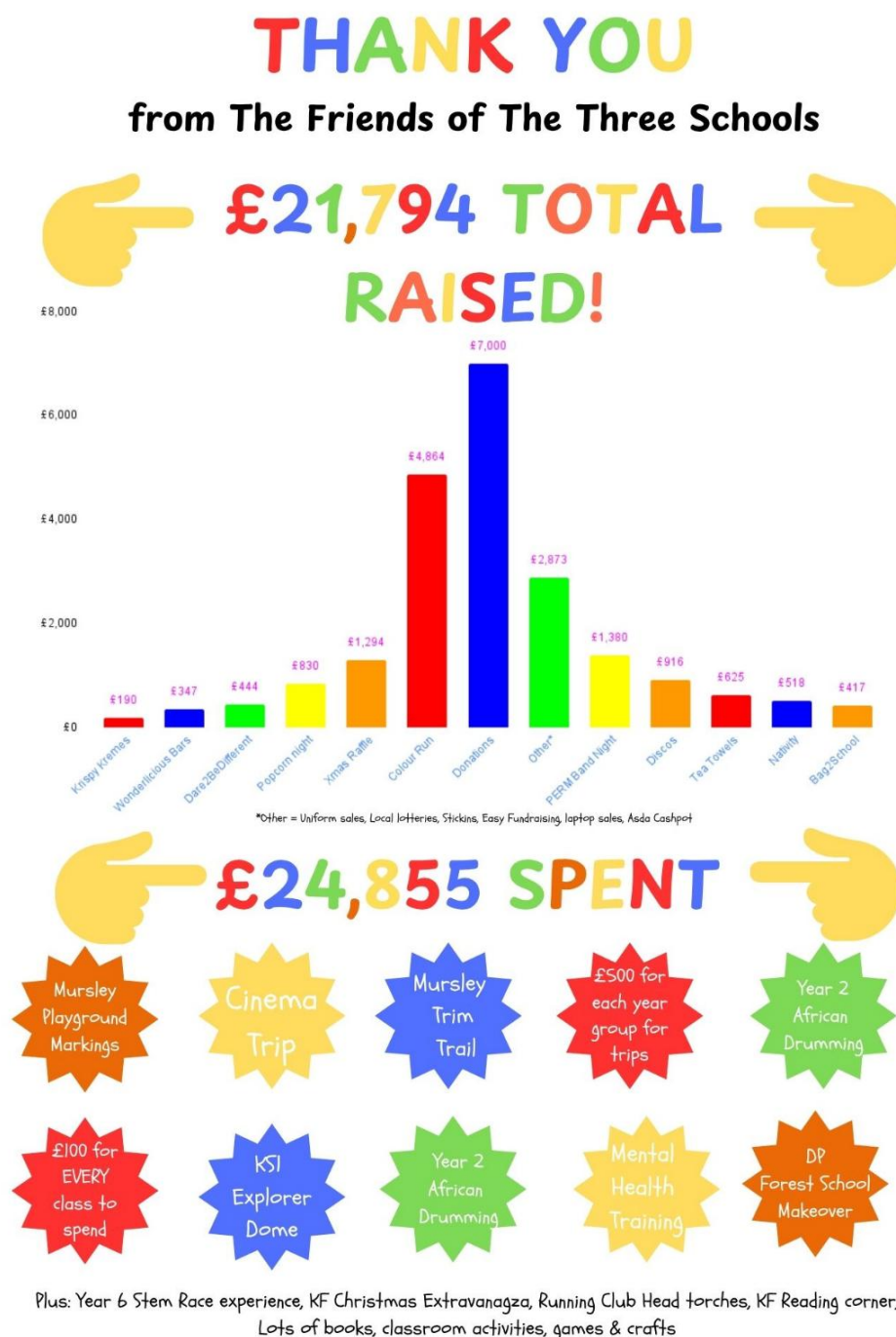
A huge thank you to every single one of you — and beyond that, to your friends and families — for all your incredible contributions throughout the year. Whether you bought raffle tickets, chocolate bars, doughnuts, or supported our events in other ways, your involvement has made all the difference.

Thanks to your generosity, we've achieved remarkable success, see attached poster, and have been able to make significant investments in enhancing the educational experience for all our students. We truly couldn't have done it without you!

Our first meeting for 2025/26 is on Thursday 12th September 8pm, please come along and find out how you can get involved.

Hope you all have a great summer and we look forward to another successful fundraising year!!

(The Friends of the Three Schools)



10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

STAYING SAFE AROUND WATER

Enjoying time in, on, and around water plays a vital role in a young person's overall development, offering a healthy and exhilarating way to have fun. This guide outlines essential safety advice, based on the Royal Life Saving Society UK's Water Safety Code, to help ensure children can enjoy swimming and similar activities safely and responsibly.

1 STICK TO LIFEGUARDED AREAS

It's never advisable to enter unsupervised bodies of water, especially alone. Instead, it's considered best practice to accompany children to places with lifeguards, as they will be trained to respond swiftly in emergencies and provide first aid when needed.



2 LEARN SIGNS AND FLAGS

When going to a new environment, it's important to research the local area and make children aware of safety signage before entering the water. If visiting the seaside, make sure children are always supervised by an adult and that they know what different beach flags mean, so they're knowledgeable of where and when they can enter the sea.



3 STOP AND THINK

Young people should be cautious before entering water, as it's difficult to know what hazards could be underneath. Use the Water Safety Code and encourage children to ask themselves questions such as, "Is the water too deep or too shallow? Are there currents, tides, or underwater objects?" Make sure children know never to enter water from a height, as what lurks below could cause serious injuries.



4 CONSIDER WATER TEMPERATURE

Even on hot days, water can be deceptively cold. Tragedies strike when young people experience cold water shock. Never let children enter water quickly; instead, ensure that they enter slowly and carefully to allow their bodies to adjust to the temperature or exit easily if needed.



5 INFLATABLE SAFETY

Although inflatables may seem like a fun idea when visiting locations like the beach, they can float further out from shore and into more dangerous water. It's advisable only to use inflatables in spaces like appropriately managed swimming pools, where they're used in more controlled and supervised environments.



6 SUPERVISION IS KEY



For young children, and particularly those under the age of five, it's important for them to be supervised at home, outside and at the pool at all times. It's essential for parents and educators to understand that young children can drown quickly and silently; therefore, anyone supervising them must maintain constant watch in case they get into difficulty.

7 DON'T GO TOO FAR



When swimming, especially in open water, it's best to teach children to stay within a safe depth. Share advice with them such as only entering water up to a standing depth, and in the case of visiting the beach, swim parallel to shorelines. This will allow a child to stay in control and get out of the water easily.

8 KEEP POOLS AND TUBS DRAINED



For parents of young children, a simple way to protect them at home is to keep outdoor spaces and bathrooms tidy after playtime. This includes removing water from paddling pools after use and turning them over, returning lids to hot tubs and taking toys out of baths, so all water can be fully drained from the tub.

9 FLOAT AND CALL 999



If a child gets into difficulty in the water, they should try to float on their back, stay calm, and call for help. If a young person sees someone else in trouble, they should dial 999 or 112 immediately, then shout to reassure their friend, encouraging them to float on their back, and letting them know that help is on the way. Children should never enter the water to attempt a rescue or retrieve belongings.

10 TEACH WATER SAFETY



Beyond swimming lessons, children should be educated in school on water safety. Use RLSS UK's accredited programme, 'Water Smart Schools', which offers free lesson plans and resources on how to be safe on, near and around water by following the Water Safety Code.

Meet Our Expert

The Royal Life Saving Society UK (RLSS UK) is a national water safety charity that gives children the chance to enjoy a lifetime of fun in the water, safely. Water safety education provided in schools is vital and, in some instances, could be a child's only opportunity to learn about the water.



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The Three Schools Calendar and Important Dates (2025-2026)		
Tuesday 22 nd July 2025	All Three Schools	Break up for Summer Holidays
Wednesday 23 rd July 2025	All Three Schools	INSET Day
Wednesday 3 rd September 2025	All Three Schools	INSET Day
Thursday 4 th September 2025	All Three Schools	Autumn Term 1 Starts
Friday 5 th September 2025	All Three Schools	Shine Day
Monday 8 th September 2025 – Thursday 11 th September 2025	Swanbourne (Year 5)	Bike-ability Sessions
Tuesday 9 th September 2025	Swanbourne (Year 6)	Secondary Transfer Practice Test
Wednesday 10 th September 2025	Swanbourne (Year 4, 5 & 6)	Meet the Teacher Meetings (2.45pm)
Wednesday 10 th September 2025	Mursley (Year 1 & 2)	Meet the Teacher Meetings (2.45pm)
Wednesday 10 th September 2025	Drayton Parslow (Year 2)	Meet the Teacher Meeting (2.45pm)
Thursday 11 th September 2025	Drayton Parslow (Year 1)	Meet the Teacher Meeting (2.45pm)
Thursday 11 th September 2025	Swanbourne (Year 6)	Secondary Transfer Test
Friday 12 th September 2025	Swanbourne (Year 3)	Bike-ability Sessions
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)
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
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

Thames Valley Cyber Protect Team - Workshops for parents and carers

Thames Valley Cyber Protect team are inviting Parents and carers to join engaging and informative Cyber Security training presentations.

These sessions will share easy-to-implement tips for parents/carers regarding theirs and their family's online behaviours and internet-enabled device usage.

This session covers key topics, including:

- **Emails and mobile phones:** The art of spotting a scam – lots of hints and tips to share with your children around phishing and other scams.
- **Social media safety:** The risks around social engineering, disinformation, AI, privacy and hacked accounts.
- **Gaming:** Understand what the risks are to young people when gaming, particularly online, and discover ways to monitor and restrict usage.
- **Password mastery and Two-Factor Authentication (2FA):** Helping you and your family to secure your accounts following best practice.

To access these informative sessions, please book via the link below;

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/cc/online-safety-for-parents-3386699?utm_medium=Email&utm_source=GovDelivery

(Mr May – Designated Safeguard Lead)



Join us in the Mursley Church or the Swanbourne Village Hall for some fun together.

We will listen to a Bible story and then get creative with our bricks of all sizes!

Suitable for all who like to build - both old and young!

Encounter God, God's story and your story through the use of Lego.

Mursley Church, Fourth Sunday of the month, 4-5 pm,

27th April, 25th May, 22nd June, 27th July, 24th August

Swanbourne Village Hall, First Sunday of the month, 4-5pm,

4th May, 1st June, 6th July, 3rd August, 7th September

Each session ends with sandwiches and cake!

VENUE - FAIRFIELDS SPORTS HUB
APOLLO AVENUE, MK11 4BA



GIRLS TALENT ID DAYS

SUMMER 2025

U8s - U16s

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
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10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

PROMOTING PHYSICAL WELLBEING

Physical activity isn't only beneficial for our bodies; it also plays a role in promoting mental wellbeing. With both the Euros and the Olympics this summer, it's an opportunity to engage young people in regular exercise which can reduce stress, improve mood and boost self-esteem. Despite these benefits, many children face barriers to participating in physical activity.

1 MAKE IT FUN

Incorporate activities that children enjoy, such as playing games or dancing. Encourage participation in team sports or group activities to foster social connections and a sense of belonging.

2 MIX MOVEMENT WITH LEARNING

Educational settings can incorporate movement breaks and physical activities to enhance focus, concentration and cognitive function. Embedding exercise into the curriculum can also reinforce learning and stimulate creativity. 'Revision walks' with podcasts and flashcards can benefit older learners.

3 CREATE OPPORTUNITIES

Provide clear chances for physical activity throughout the day, both indoors and outdoors. Schools can encourage active play during breaks and at lunchtimes, while limiting screen time at home can help keep children up and about.

4 PROVIDE POSITIVE REINFORCEMENT

Praise and encourage children for their efforts and achievements in physical activity. Recognise their progress and celebrate their successes to reinforce positive behaviours. Educators could do this in several ways, such as applauding their efforts at assemblies or celebrating their accomplishments in newsletters.

5 VARIETY IS KEY

Introduce a selection of physical activities to keep children engaged and prevent boredom. From swimming and cycling to yoga and martial arts, trying different types of exercise can help children to discover what they enjoy most.

6 ENJOYMENT OVER COMPETITION

Encourage children to focus on the enjoyment of physical activity rather than winning or achieving perfection. Emphasise effort, improvement and having fun rather than outcomes, to minimise the amount of stress that children can sometimes associate with sports and other competitions.

7 SET REALISTIC GOALS

Help children set achievable physical activity targets based on their interests, abilities and preferences. Celebrate their progress and successes to maintain motivation and enthusiasm.

8 MAKE IT ACCESSIBLE

Ensure that children have access to safe, suitable spaces for exercise at home, at school and in the community. Advocate for inclusive environments which accommodate diverse needs and abilities. Be a change maker in your community if facilities aren't already available.

9 LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Parents and carers can be positive role models by prioritising their own exercise and involving children in their fitness routines. Gentle walks, bike rides or sports activities can be wonderful opportunities for bonding and staying active together.

10 ENCOURAGE PERSISTENCE

Help children develop resilience and perseverance by encouraging them to overcome challenges and setbacks in physical activity. Teach them the importance of perseverance and the value of effort in achieving their goals.

Meet Our Expert

Adam Gillett is a learning and development specialist who, as well as working for Minds Ahead, is associate vice principal for personal development at a large secondary school in Barnsley. He was asked to be part of an expert research group for the Department for Education, one of only three school leaders to be asked to do so.



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Mental Health
Support Team
Buckinghamshire

YOU ARE INVITED TO MHST SUMMER WELLBEING CAMP 2025

WHAT?

A 3-day programme packed with fun activities to help you take care of your emotional health and wellbeing

WHO?

For children aged 7 - 11,
starting Year 3, 4, 5 or 6



WHERE & WHEN?

Stoke Mandeville Combined School, Lower Road, Stoke Mandeville,
Aylesbury, Bucks, HP22 5XA

- Monday 28th, Tuesday 29th & Wednesday 30th July @ 10am - 3pm
OR
- Monday, 4th, Tuesday 5th & Wednesday 6th August @ 10am - 3pm
OR
- Monday 18th, Tuesday 19th & Wednesday 20th August @ 10am - 3pm

PLACES WILL BE
ALLOCATED ON A
FIRST COME,
FIRST SERVED BASIS

TO SIGN UP,
PLEASE ASK YOUR
SCHOOL FOR A
REGISTRATION
FORM

PLEASE NOTE. CHILDREN
NEED TO BRING A PACKED
LUNCH AS LUNCH WILL
NOT BE PROVIDED

For more information please contact:

Email: bucksmhst@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk

Phone: 01865 901566



SEND Peer Support

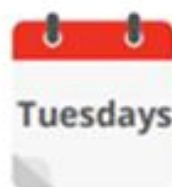
Drop-ins for parent/carers

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.



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HOLBORN CRESCENT, MK3 3EQ

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PER DAY

Limited spaces
available

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PROMOTIONAL CODE (10%)
KICKOFFSUMMER10

9AM-3PM
REGISTRATION
FROM 8:30AM



Junior Squash Coaching at Buckingham Swan Pool Squash Courts

Saturday Morning

Age 6 to 11
08.45 to 09.30
09.30 to 10.15



Wednesday Evening

Age 11 to 17
17.45 to 18.30
18.30 to 19.15

**45 minute sessions supervised by
England Squash Qualified Coaches**

All levels welcome, including complete beginners

- Have fun whilst being fit and active
- Develop hand-eye coordination and racquet skills
 - Make friends outside of school
- Boost confidence and encourage interaction

**Is your child doing a Duke of Edinburgh
or studying GCSE PE**

- Our coaches can assist in the completion of the DofE sport assessment
- We can assist with GCSE evidence including videos of matches and competitions

To register your interest and for further information please email:

Wednesday Session: buckingham.midweek.juniors@gmail.com

Saturday Session: buckingham.weekend.juniors@gmail.com

www.buckinghamsquashclub.co.uk

SCAN TO BOOK!



SWANBOURNE ULTIMATE ACTIVITY CAMP



5-14 YEARS OLD

NERF GUN BATTLES, FOOTBALL, LASER TAG, ARTS & CRAFTS, GLOW IN THE DARK SPORTS, DODGEBALL, CRICKET, TENNIS, INFLATABLES & MORE!



PRICES:

STANDARD DAY - £30 (PER CHILD)

EXTENDED DAY - £35 (PER CHILD)

TIMES:

STANDARD- 9:00AM - 3:30PM

EXTENDED - 8:00AM - 5:30PM

2025 Dates:

WEEK 1 - 28th - 31ST July

WEEK 2 - 4th - 7th August

WEEK 3 - 11th - 14th August

WEEK 4 - 18th - 21st August

SWANBOURNE HOUSE SCHOOL

MILTON KEYNES

SWANBOURNE

MK17 0HZ

BOOKING LINK - <https://www.primary-sports.co.uk/events/2025/07/28/swanbourne-house-ultimate-activity-camps-summer-2025?query=Swanbourne+>

More Information: ed.doble@primary-sports.co.uk /07903347412



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						
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Aug-26						
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