

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 18th July 2025

News from The Three Schools

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

Sports Day, Year 2 Leavers' service, a visit to the splash park, a graduation ceremony for Kingfishers and Year 6 perform-Ha!

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have had a good week; we have had another very busy one across the Three Schools with many opportunities for the children including; Sports days for EYFS, KS1 and KS2, Year 6's AMAZING performance of Ye-Ha! our Year 2 pupils at Drayton Parslow taking part in their Leavers service, Kingfishers' pupils graduating to EYFS and both EYFS classes visiting the splash park and beach and so much more – phew what a week!

We hope you enjoy this week's newsletter!

Yours sincerely

David May (Executive Headteacher)

The KS2 Golden mile update - W.C 7th July 2025

Gates are open at 8.30am—COME AND JOIN US!



We have had a fantastic week of running this week, the children have managed to clock up an AMAZING number of miles – Great work everyone!

As a school collectively, we managed to clock up **1049 laps** which is **42 miles**.

The class that covered the most distance was **Year 4** with **498 laps** which is **25 miles**.

Golden Mile Certificates have been awarded to the following pupils;

- Sai C (Year 3) – 30 Miles
- Charlie L (Year 6) – 40 Miles

(Mrs Newman —Golden Mile Co-ordinator)

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.....**

Violins For sale

- Hidersine 1/2 size - good quality entry level violin, comes with bow / case / everything £50 ONO
- Franz Sandner 3/4 size - this is a very good make with beautiful sound quality, again comes with case etc £80 ONO



Please contact Anna - 07929 541675

Sports Day 2025

On **Thursday** morning the children at Swanbourne took part in a very competitive and incredibly closely fought sports day. As the temperature steadily built throughout the morning, so did the tension and excitement about who would be the eventual winners.

After some very closely fought events, the final scores were extremely close, with **Seacole House** taking the title (by a single point).

Following a lovely picnic lunch, under umbrella conditions, it was the turn of the younger children. They were able to show a range of sporting skills, as they took part in nine different multi-skill events, before finishing their afternoon of activities with a couple of races. The smiles on their faces showed that the children were having a really good time.

Each event (of the morning and afternoon) was brilliantly supported by team-mates, as well as all the family members who had come along to spectate. I think we can all agree that the atmosphere was fantastic and embodied the ethos of The Three Schools.

A special mention is needed for the **Year 6 children**, who supported the younger children so well in the afternoon. Demonstrating the different activities and encouraging the younger children helped make the afternoon a lovely event.

Thank you to all of the staff for making the events run as smoothly as they did, especially **Mrs Smuts** for her organisation of the KS1 & EYFS session.

Thank you to everyone who came to support the children and who helped create a lovely atmosphere.

Thank you to the Friends, for organising the coffee van and for providing every child with an ice lolly at lunchtime.

Thank you also to **Swanbourne House School** for once again letting us use their field and athletics track.

(Mr Thorp – Deputy Headteacher)



EYFS visit the 'Beach' and make a SPLASH!

EYFS enjoyed perfect weather for our beach day at Leighton Buzzard Splash and Play on **Wednesday 16th July**.

After preparing a picnic at school we packed up our bags and we headed off for our day out.

The giant sand pit was so much fun and all the digging was hungry work so we found a shady spot under a tree to enjoy the sandwiches the children had made followed by the cakes they had baked using the strawberries we picked last week.

After lunch everyone was ready to cool down and agreed that it was time to splash and get wet.

There was just time for an ice cream and a climb in the adventure playground before it was time to leave.

A perfect day out and a well-deserved treat for this year's Fabulous Foundation Stage children!

(Mrs Towse and Mrs Cadigan – EYFS Teachers)

Brilliant Bella grabs GOLD at Junior World Championships!

Huge congratulations to Bella B (Year 6) who won gold in the **Junior Jiu Jitsu World Championships** over the weekend. Amazingly, Bella had to go up 2 weight brackets from the 44kg division to fight at the 56kg division. Bella is super proud as so much physical and mental work has gone in to achieve this amazing achievement.

Well done Bella we are incredibly proud of your efforts

(Mr May – Executive Headteacher)



Bonnie bags BRONZE at the Tumbling Regional Challenge Cup Final!

Well done to Bonnie C (Year 5) who competed at the Tumbling Inter Regional Challenge Cup Final at Utilita Arena in Birmingham over the weekend, after qualifying at the South Region Tumbling Championships earlier in the year.

Bonnie was selected to represent the South region, competing in a tough category of 22 girls across England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales and won a bronze medal!

Well done Bonnie we are incredibly proud of your efforts

(Mr May – Executive Headteacher)



Kingfishers Pre-School Update

Well, what can I say Kingfishers, it has been a truly amazing year and we wouldn't change a thing about it!

We have learnt so much, made so many new friends and have had so much fun. From our amazing Christmas performance, to our summer trip to Mead Open Farm and we still have our leavers ceremony to look forward to next week.

You have all made us so very proud and we are so glad we have been a part of your journey.

We are saying goodbye to 18 of our Kingfishers children this year as they head off to school.

A huge well done to our 2025 Kingfishers leavers, you are all amazing.

(Kelly Hall – Pre-School Leader)



Kingfishers Leavers 2025



Amazing Art at Swanbourne

Once again **Ms Jeffery** has developed the children's awareness and abilities of art, throughout the year. Here is just a snap-shot of some of the work that decorates the school.

Thank you, **Ms Jeffery** for your continued focus on the details, which give our children such a rich art and design technology experience.

We always receive positive comments from secondary schools about how advanced the Swanbourne children are.



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.

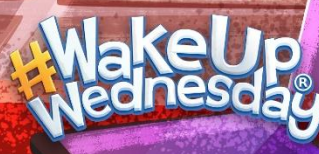
10 TEACH WATER SAFETY



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)		
Monday 21 st July 2025	Mursley (Year 2)	Year 2 Leavers' Service (2.30pm) (Please note new time!)
Tuesday 22 nd July 2025	Swanbourne (Year 6)	Year 6 Leavers' Service (9.30am)
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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- Monday 28th, Tuesday 29th & Wednesday 30th July @ 10am - 3pm
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OR
- Monday 18th, Tuesday 19th & Wednesday 20th August @ 10am - 3pm

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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

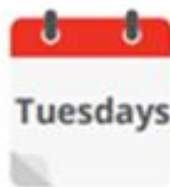
Drop-ins for parent/carers

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



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09.30 to 10.15



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17.45 to 18.30
18.30 to 19.15

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- 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

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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

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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

Students: 190 days

Teachers: 195 days

Transition Days

Sep-25						
Mon	1	8	15	22	29	
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