

**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 17<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

## **News from The Three Schools**

**Welcome Back – Summer Term 1 begins!**

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

Dear Parents and carers,

We hope you had a wonderful Easter break and had a well-earned rest!

We have only been back at school for 4 days and the children and staff across the Three Schools have got straight back to working hard and playing hard!

We hope you enjoy this week's newsletter!

*David May (Executive Headteacher)*

**SEN Coffee and Cake Morning – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

We would be delighted if parents would like to join us for the following Coffee and Cake SEN morning;

- Date - **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2026**
- Time – **9.00am – 10.00am**
- Session Leader – **Louise Jones (Buckinghamshire Council Inclusion Manager)**
- Focus – **The SEN support process**
- Audience – **Parents of all pupils**



## **Fabulous Florence secures second place in the Bucks Schools County Golf Competition**

On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April, Florence (Year 6) competed in the Bucks Schools County Golf competition at Buckingham Golf Club, representing her school and competing against other schools in the county. Florence played brilliantly and came second overall, shooting a score of net 72.

Florence was competing against older girls from Bucks grammar schools and other private schools in the area but showed her true character and determination to shoot a very good score in difficult playing conditions. She was also third overall in the lowest gross score competition.

In the picture Florence is being presented with her prize for second place by the Captain of Buckingham Golf club and being announced by Mr Chapman, Honorary Secretary of Bucks Schools Golf Association.

Well done Florence what a fantastic achievement – we are incredibly proud of you!

*(Mr May – Executive Headteacher)*



# Parent and Carers

Our School Nursing Team can help with things like:

Behaviour management

Development

Toileting

Wellbeing

Healthy eating

Sleep

Emotional health

Find advice on supporting your  
child's health and wellbeing.



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Message your local school nursing team:

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## Year 5 Secondary Transfer Test Meeting – Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2026

On **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2026** at **3.45pm**, I will be holding a presentation for Year 5 parents and carers to share information surrounding the Transition and application process from Year 6 to Year 7 in 2027 as well as the Secondary Transfer Test (STTS) process (formally known as the 11+ Tests).

I will be delivering a PowerPoint presentation, provide admissions and Transition information documents, share test familiarisation materials for the STTS and will aim to answer any questions or queries you will have surrounding both Transition to Secondary school and the testing procedure.

If parents/carers are unable to attend the meeting, the presentation and documents will be uploaded onto the school website and hard copies will be sent home with children on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting if you are able to attend.

*(Mr May – Executive Headteacher)*



## MOVING UP TO SECONDARY SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 2027 entry

(Released March 2026)



## Kingfishers Pre-School Update

We have had a great first week back at Kingfishers, we have met some new friends and have started to explore our new topic 'New Life'.

As part of our new topic, we have been further exploring the signs of our changing season, we have spotted lots of new growth in our sensory garden as well as in our flower beds. We have also received some strawberry plants from one of our Kingfishers children and we are looking forward to caring for them and watching them grow. In the field behind the school field we have been visited by lots of sheep this past week and we are really hoping that we get to meet their lambs very soon.

We are keen gardeners at Kingfishers and before we start to grow fruits and vegetables in our flower beds we decided to create our own cress people. This is a great way for the children to see how things grow in a quick way as cress shoots up super-fast. To make this activity even more fun we have planted our cress in yoghurt pots that we have made into self-portraits, meaning as they grow, we will all look like we have crazy green cress hair.

At forest school we went bug hunting and were fascinated by worms, beetles and beautiful ladybirds. We used our magnifying glasses to take a closer look, counting how many legs we could see and also how many spots were on the ladybirds we found. We also used mud we dug up mixed with water to make our own paint and decorated the trees with some beautiful artwork before enjoying a biscuit and hot chocolate.

*(Kelly Hall – Pre-School Leader)*



## Inter-House Orienteering Competition

On Thursday the children at Swanbourne took part in the annual orienteering competition. This was split into two events, with Year 5 & Year 6 competing together and Year 3 & Year 4 competing separately.

Whilst the course (placement of the markers) was similar to previous years, the code they were looking for was different. The children had to collect the letters from the markers in pairs before working as a team to unscramble the anagram. This definitely got some of them thinking.

It was great to see the children so engaged with a sport that they don't often come into contact with, working together to solve the problem.

In the senior event **Pankhurst** were the first to collect all of the letters and unscramble to message. For them the message was 'Mental & Physical', which is what we emphasise all sports events should be.

In the junior event the winning house was **Attenborough**. They had to unscramble the words ' & '. Overall the house that did best in their combined scores was **PANKHURST!**

Well done to **PANKHURST** and well done to everyone who took part.

If your child is interested in doing more orienteering, there are several local groups/events. Many can be done by families, at a leisurely walk, however there can also be an element of competition, if that is preferred.

My family have taken part in several of the Keyne-O events, in Milton Keynes. Please use the links below if you are interested.

[Find a Course - Go Orienteering](#)

[British Orienteering](#)

[South Midlands Orienteering Club](#) – Family friendly events each month in Milton Keynes (Keyne-O)

*(Mr Thorp – PE Leader)*



## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

# POP-UP ADS

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Pop-up advertisements have been a staple of the internet since they were first introduced in the late 1990s. This form of advertising causes a small window or banner to appear in the foreground while someone is browsing a website. Although these adverts are merely irritating for most people, pop-ups can present more severe risks to younger users.

### DECEPTIVE TACTICS

Children sometimes don't understand that adverts (including pop-ups) are designed to sell a product – and can't distinguish between a legitimate feature of a site and an advertisement. Video games, for example, can be full of pop-up ads that tempt users into spending money, yet they might take the form of a mini-game or extra level.

### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

While some adverts are targeted based on a user's interests and activity online, that isn't always the case. This means that children may unfortunately be exposed to ads for age-inappropriate goods or services such as tobacco products, alcohol and gambling sites.

### MALWARE RISK

Most pop-ups from reputable advertisers are safe. However, in some cases, pop-ups can trick you into downloading malware – whereby cybercriminals install software on your device, allowing them to access your sensitive data. It can be difficult to know if malware has been installed on your device, so your best option is to avoid engaging with these pop-ups altogether. Be wary of sites that suddenly bombard you with ads or try to prevent you from leaving.

### PRIVACY RISK

Many app and game developers will collect their users' personal data, such as their name, address, email address, geolocation information, unique numerical identifiers, photos and payment information. If a child clicks on an illegitimate pop-up laced with malware, all this information could be put at risk.

### RACKING UP BILLS

If a child has access to a payment card on their device – be it a smartphone, laptop, or tablet – they could very quickly rack up a massive bill by interacting with pop-up adverts and buying products shown to them. Try to keep a close eye on their spending.

### BEHAVIOURAL IMPACT

Research has found that pop-up ads can even have an impact on children's behaviour. Some of these adverts use manipulative tactics that take advantage of children's developmental vulnerabilities, intentionally or otherwise. This approach may cause a child's mood to shift: becoming more stubborn, for example, if they begin wanting their parents to buy a specific product for them.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### START A CONVERSATION

It's important to have regular conversations with children about online advertising so that they understand the risks of interacting with pop-ups. For example, if a child asks for a product which has been advertised to them online, ask them why they want it and how they found it: this will present an opportunity to talk youngsters through the tactics used in online marketing.

### SPOT THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that a child may be following pop-up ads to make online purchases or viewing content that could be harmful, it's important to be able to spot the signs. Due to the often-manipulative nature of these adverts, children who interact with them regularly may show signs of distraction, stubbornness and an increasingly materialistic worldview.

### MONITOR CONTENT

It can often be difficult to spot when a pop-up advert is malicious – even more so for impressionable younger users. It's important to monitor the content they're consuming to prevent them from clicking on something dangerous. If a pop-up ad seems too good to be true – promising a free iPad, for example – it probably is.

### PRIVACY SETTINGS

Most modern devices have privacy settings that let you limit the amount of advertising a child is subjected to while using apps or browsing the internet. You may also want to speak to teachers about avoiding sites and apps with advertising, as well as adjusting digital privacy settings on any education technology they use.

### LIMIT SPENDING

Try to stay aware of what children are spending and ensure that payment details aren't linked to or saved on the gaming platform that they use. Most video games and internet-enabled devices have settings that can help you manage what children can or cannot purchase online.

### CUT DOWN ON SCREEN TIME

Given the prevalence of pop-up ads (which can appear on everything from smartphones and tablets to internet-connected toys and games), it might be beneficial to limit the time children spend on digital devices to curb their exposure to digital advertising.

### Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology writer with more than 10 years in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid *The Inquirer*, she is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant who writes for *Forbes*, *TechRadar* and *Wired*, among others.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/pop-ups>

# St George's Day

WOMEN IN HISTORY FAYRE

**Sunday 26 April**

**UNIFORMED PARADE**

Market Square  
4-5pm

**FAMILY FUN**

Friars Square  
12-4pm

**QUIZ, TALKS  
& DEMOS**

King's Head  
12-4pm



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# 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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IN LIFE



## 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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Part of the Love Willen event  
Saturday 23 May

**The Route**  
The route is one lap around both of the Willen lakes and can take up to two hours to complete.

**Entry & Fundraising**

- £10 per adult. Each £10 entry includes two children
- £50 fundraising goal for one adult and two children
- Team fundraising goal for two adults, and four children £85

**Time**  
Saturday 23 May  
Start times:  
1pm & 2pm

**Location**  
Willen Lake,  
V10 Brickhill Street,  
Milton Keynes,  
MK15 0DS

Find the teddies  
solve the puzzle  
and support your  
local hospice

sign up today

Willen Lake  
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(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**

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

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**ENTRY- £6 PER PERSON**

**RACE TIMES: 11AM, 11.45AM, 12.30PM, 1.15PM**

**LIMITED SLOTS PER RACE**

**ALL BOOKINGS OPEN MONDAY 9TH MARCH, THESE**

**NEED TO BE MADE THROUGH:**

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| The Three Schools Calendar and Important Dates (Summer 2026)    |                                    |                                                              |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> April 2026                              | Mursley & Drayton Parslow (Year 1) | Windsor Castle Trip                                          |
| Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2026                            | Swanbourne (Year 5)                | Year 5 STT Meeting (3.45pm)                                  |
| Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2026                            | Swanbourne (Year 4)                | Clophill Lakes Trip                                          |
| Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2026                                 | All Three Schools                  | Early May Bank Holiday                                       |
| Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2026                                | All Three Schools                  | SEN Cake and Coffee Morning (9.00am – 10.00am) at Swanbourne |
| Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2026                              | Swanbourne (Year 3 & Year 4)       | Benchball Event                                              |
| Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2026                                | Mursley & Drayton Parslow (EYFS)   | Ashridge Trip                                                |
| Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2026                              | All Three Schools                  | Colour Run                                                   |
| Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May 2026                                | Swanbourne (Year 4)                | Multi-skills Event                                           |
| Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2026                             | Mursley & Drayton Parslow (Year 2) | Multi-Sports Event                                           |
| Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May                                   | All Three Schools                  | Break up for May Half Term                                   |
| Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2026                                | All Three Schools                  | INSET DAY                                                    |
| Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2026                                | All Three Schools                  | May Bank Holiday                                             |
| Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2026                                | All Three Schools                  | Summer Term 2 Starts                                         |
| Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2026                               | Swanbourne (Year 5)                | Bletchley Park Trip                                          |
| Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2026                                | Swanbourne (Year 5 & Year 6)       | Girls' Cricket Event                                         |
| Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2026 | Swanbourne (Year 6)                | Skern Lodge Residential Trip                                 |
| Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June 2026                            | All Three Schools                  | Book Look                                                    |
| Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2026                               | Swanbourne (Year 5 & Year 6)       | Rounders Event                                               |
| Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2026                               | All Three Schools                  | INSET DAY                                                    |
| Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2026                              | Swanbourne (Year 6)                | Red Bull Racing Event                                        |
| Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2026                                | Swanbourne (Year 3)                | Caldecotte Trip                                              |
| Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2026                                | Swanbourne (KS2)                   | Athletics Event                                              |
| Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2026                               | All Three Schools                  | Transition Day                                               |
| Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2026                             | Swanbourne (Year 6)                | Transition Day 2 (Year 6 only)                               |
| Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July 2026                               | All Three Schools                  | Speech Cup Final                                             |
| Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July 2026                               | All Three Schools                  | Summer Disco                                                 |
| Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2026                               | Swanbourne (Year 6)                | Year 6 Production (7.00pm)                                   |
| Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 20206                            | All Three Schools                  | Sports Day                                                   |
| Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 20206                              | All Three Schools                  | Reserve Sports Day                                           |
| Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2026                              | Mursley & Drayton Parslow (Year 2) | Year 2 Leavers' Services (2.30pm)                            |
| Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2026                              | Kingfishers Pre-School             | Leavers' Graduation Party                                    |
| Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2026                            | Swanbourne (Year 6)                | Year 6 Leavers' Services (9.30am)                            |
| Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2026                            | All Three Schools                  | Break up for Summer Holidays                                 |



# Free Parenting Programmes

Our parenting programmes will help you develop new and existing parenting skills, offer advice and build your confidence as a parent.

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## LITTLE TALKERS

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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# Free Youth and Children's Courses

Our free online and in-person courses help children and young people understand and manage their emotions better, so they can handle life's changes more easily.

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## WELLBEING MATTERS (7-11 YEAR OLDS)

- 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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