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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

08th December Christmas Mobile Decorations

Competition Deadline

09th December EYFS/Yr 1 Nativity Performance

10am for those who have booked tickets

09th December FOSS Movie Night-Yr5/6

10th December EYFS/Yr 1 Nativity Performance

10am for those who have booked tickets

10th December SEND Coffee Afternoon

Heelands School—2pm

11th December FOSS Movie Night-Yr3/4

11th December FOSS Movie Night-EYFS/Yr1/2

11th December Dolce Christmas Dinner

Book through SchoolGrid

15th December Christmas Jumper Week

Children are invited to come to school in

Christmas jumpers or celebratory clothing

for the last week of term

15th December Yr 4 Catch-up Swim Lesson

Please remember your swimming kit

15th December Year 6 Christmas Cracked

15th December Squirrels—Christmas Carols

16th December Pantomime Trip Yrs 2-6

For those who have booked

16th December EYFS/Yr 1/Squirrels — ELF Party

Corina Cool Kids Parties

17th December Christmas Carols

2:30pm. Details to be confirmed

17th December Squirrels Party @ Heelands

19th December Summerfields Got Talent

19th December **END of Autumn Term (2)**

> School closes at 3:15pm for End of Autumn Term Break

HEADTEACHER NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers,

We had a successful visit on Wednesday from our new School Improvement Partner, Stuart Cateridge. Stuart was incredibly impressed with both our staff and children—particularly the calm, focused learning behaviours being demonstrated across the school. It is always a pleasure to have visitors recognise the hard work and commitment we see every day.

Our EYFS and KS1 teams are working diligently as they rehearse for their upcoming nativity. The children are practising with such enthusiasm, and we cannot wait for them to share their performance with you soon.

A huge well done to Squirrels for representing Summerfield so beautifully on their Blue Light trip. We are very proud of how engaged, polite and curious they were throughout the visit.

On Monday, the updated Complaints Policy will be shared with Governors. This version includes clear expectations about how parents and carers communicate with staff and with the school (and vice versa). Over the past few weeks, we have unfortunately experienced several instances where parents have been agitated or aggressive towards staff. As a school community, we all strive to do our very best for every child and every family. We know we will not always get everything right, but relationships are most successful when concerns are discussed openly, respectfully and calmly. This is also the behaviour we want to role model for our children when dealing with disagreements and conflict. As a parent myself, I understand how deeply we all care about our children's happiness and success, and how emotional it can feel at times.

Thank you and have a restful and enjoyable weekend,

Ian Fraser-Kirkup

















EYFS/KS1

What a great Autumn term 2 we have had In Art we have explored colour and so far in Year 1!

In Maths, we have been exploring 2D and 3D shapes and in English, we have been rewriting the story of 'The Queen's Hat', with a strong focus on sentence structure and punctuation.

In History, we have been learning about what the past means and we have shared some of favourite past events! We are also learning about Queen Elizabeth II and what her past involved and soon we will compare her life to Queen Victoria's.

portraits, soon to be creating our own!

We have also been rehearsing our Nativity with Reception and we cannot wait to show it!





KS2 Lower

Year 3 have had a fantastic Autumn 2! We are so amazed at our beautiful innovated Sagas that the children wrote! We have also drastically stepped up our handwriting and presentation in Year 3. We have enjoyed the challenges in maths learning how to use the column method and are currently in the middle of our science week this week learning anything and everything we can about Rocks! We are looking forward to some festive fun happening over the next 2 weeks and a refreshing break ready to hit the ground running in 2026!!!



THE Alfred Noyes illustrated by CHARLES KEEPING

KS2 Upper

This half term, Year 5 have been working hard and learning to be independent, managing their own work. Great developments. Well done Year 5!

In our Topic 'Law and Disorder' we have focused on History, Crime and Punishment through the ages. We are preparing to create a book for Year 3 and 4 based on the style of the Horrid History series. We have covered the areas of Romans, Anglo Saxons, Tudors, Victorians and World War II. We have worked in teams to identify primary and secondary sources related to the real life highwayman Dick Turpin.

In English, we learnt sections of the poem The Highway Man and recited it aloud.

In Maths we have explored multiplication and are getting into fractions, including equivalence and common denominators. Next we will be multiplying numbers up to 4 digits. In Music we are learning about Opera and singing motifs and acting parts from Hansel and Gretel Humperdink. We went on a trip planting over a hundred bushes for the Parks Trust, learning how to protect the roots and mulch the soil. It was brilliant and the hedgerow will be there for years to come!

House Points





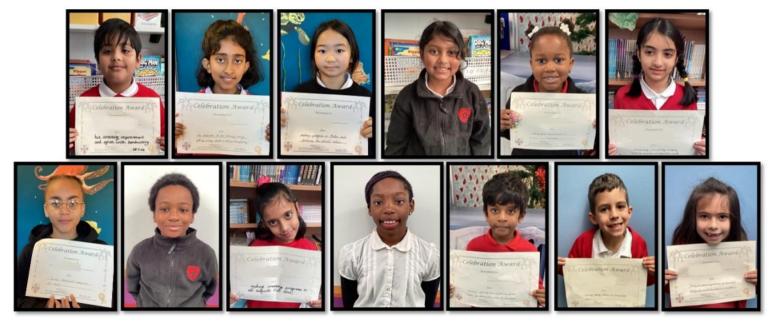




CELEBRATION Zoom Assemblies

Well done to all the children who were awarded in our Celebration Zoom Assemblies!

28.11.25



Aashvi, Aishik, Amara, Avannah, Divia, Manha, Maryam, Mrityun, Niaa, Sam, Umar, Vainah

05.12.25



Alima, Anthony, Arshiya, Bhavagna, Burhan, Ella-Rose, Freddie, Hallie-Marie, Jemima, Maxwell, Mia, and Shivangi









Squirrels - Alex, Freya, Jack, Raymond, Thea and Tyler

Manner of the Month...

DECEMBER

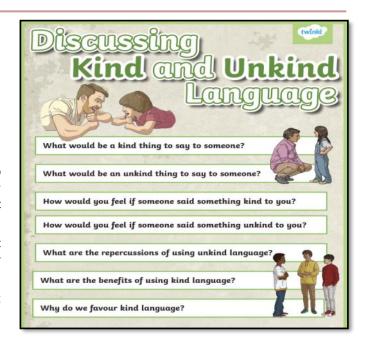
Don't use bad language

We are promoting positive language this month.

Swearing is an immediate 'red', but we also use this month to think about how words can hurt even if they are not swear words. We are committed to being kind to each other and that is through our words and actions.

Please talk to your child about how 'what' they say can impact on others. You might also like to talk about how they may hear swear words, but they shouldn't repeat them.

If they don't understand what a word means, they shouldn't use it!



School Council...

SCHOOL COUNCIL BE KIND ADVENT CALENDAR

The School Council have worked hard to create a special Kindness Calendar for December.

They discussed different ideas before deciding which ones they liked the best.

They then enjoyed delivering a copy of the calendar to each class.



Squirrels and Saplings trip...

On **Monday 1**st **December** some of our Squirrels and Saplings children were invited to tour the Blue Light Hub in Bletchley.

They had an amazing time experiencing the ambulance and police car...including lights and sirens! They went into the fire appliance and used the thermal heat camera, before putting out some "flames" with the hose (and getting one of the fire fighters wet)

The trip ended with them dressing up in police uniforms before heading back to school on the minibus for lunch.

PC Sadnani emailed to say I hope the children (and the adults!) enjoyed this morning, I know I certainly did!

The children were all fantastic and really well behaved, they were an absolute credit to your school! Well done Squirrels and Saplings!



Rock Steady Assembly...

On **Tuesday 2nd December**, parents were invited into School to see their children perform who participate in the Rock Steady Music Sessions.

The children all did really well playing the different instruments from electric guitar, bass, keyboards, drums. It really was very enjoyable and we are really proud of all the children. Thank you to Rock Steady.



MK Swimming Gala...

On **Thursday 4th December**, selected children from Yr 5 and Yr 6 went to Bletchley Leisure Centre to compete in the MK Schools' Swimming Gala.

Children took part in 3 swimming races each.

Summerfield achieved multiple top 3 finishes and a first place in the girls 25m Backstroke. Well done.





Year 4 Money Health Visitor...

On **Thursday 4th December**, Year 4 had the opportunity to learn an essential life skill based on money. We would like to say thank you to Helen from the Money Charity who came in and led the workshop with vital money related questions and scenarios.

The children immersed themselves to learn how to budget - understand what needs and wants are and learn how to spend money wisely. This was an amazing opportunity for the children arranged by Mrs Addison.





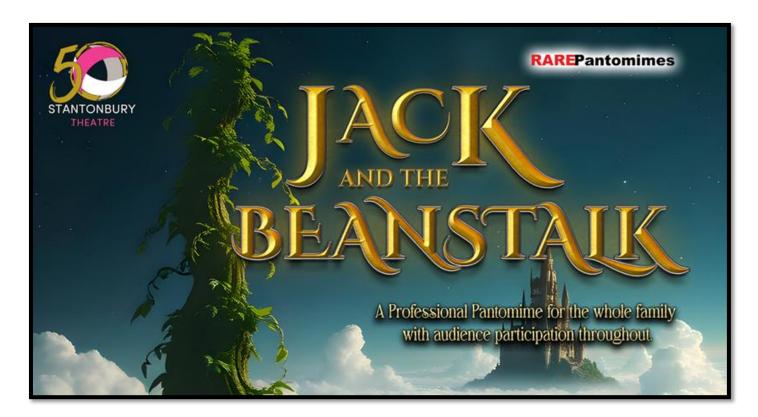


Pantomime Trip—Year 2/3/4/5/6...

On Tuesday 16th December the children have a wonderful opportunity to go to Stantonbury Theatre to see the incredible production of Jack and the Beanstalk.

Tickets are only £10 and the deadlines been EXTENDED for payment on ParentPay to Monday 8th December.

Please do make sure you have paid for your child to enjoy this opportunity with their friends.



Christmas Decoration Competition...

As part of our Christmas celebrations, we will be holding a Christmas decoration competition. Each child is invited to create a decoration to hang in their classroom. You can decide how you wish to create your decoration using an idea from the themes below or you can come up with your own.

The decorations will be used to decorate the classrooms and shared areas. The staff will then choose two winners from each class and their decorations will be displayed in the main hall. Small prizes will be awarded to the children with the winning mobiles!

Ideas include: Christmas trees, Christmas stockings, reindeers, bells, snowflakes, presents, Christmas puddings, Father Christmas, crackers, angels and stars.



All decorations need to be finished and returned to school by Monday 8th December at the latest.

Every child who enters will receive a small prize. A winner from each class will be selected and their mobile will be hung in the hall. They will receive a larger prize.

Children can bring their mobile in from **Monday 1**st **December**.

We hope you can support your child in making their decoration to make this a Christmas to remember.

FOSS Christmas Events...

TUESDAY 9th DECEMBER

Yr 5/6

3:15pm-5:00pm

THURSDAY 11th DECEMBER
EYFS/Yr 1/Yr2

1:45pm-3:15pm

THURSDAY 11th DECEMBER

Yr 3/ Yr4

3:15pm-5:00pm





DON'T FORGET TO BUY YOUR

RAFFLE TICKETS

Tickets available to purchase on: (from 3:15pm by the Chickens)

> Friday 28th November Friday 5th December Friday 12th December

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Friday 19th December



Big Thank you to the FOSS ladies who have decorated our School Christmas Tree so our entrance way is filled with festive cheer! Thank you very much for all your help.





School Photograph Orders...

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPH ORDERS

If you are not ordering school photographs online, the deadline for orders to be returned to school is Monday 8th December

The Importance of Hand Washing...

There is a stomach bug in school.

Please make sure you inform your children about the importance of hand washing to minimise the risk of spreading infection.

If your child has unfortunately become unwell with the stomach bug, they must not return to school until 48 hours AFTER the last case of vomitting.

Please do not bring your child in before this time as they will still be infectious. We have vulnerable children in school with vulnerable family members and we wish to reduce the risk of spreading.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

You can find out more about sickness bugs in schools here on the NHS website: Diarrhoea and vomiting - NHS

Diarrhoea and vomiting in children

There's no specific cure for stomach bugs such as Norovirus. See tips to reduce the spread and treat symptoms





GoFundMe for Miss Garner...







Our wonderful Mrs Krish is running for Miss Garner in the MK Half Marathon on Sunday 7th December.

Milton Keynes Winter Half Marathon 2025 | Enter Now!

She has set up a GoFundMe page to raise funds for Corrine whilst she has her treatment for cancer.

If you feel you would like to donate towards this, it would be greatly appreciated by Corrine and her family.

Together we are stronger. Thank you

GoFundMe: Fundraiser by Luna Krish: Together we can help a Friend

Corrine is a fighter, fighting cancer and doing so with positivity and dignity.

Together, We Can Make a Difference

Let's show Corrine that she is not alone in this fight. Our love and support can uplift her spirit and provide some relief during this challenging journey. Please join us in helping Corrine focus on her recovery rather than the financial burden.

Thank you for your generosity, compassion, and support. Let's come together to make a meaningful impact in Corrine's life. With love and gratitude,

Luna



Bradwell Church Vicarage Road, Bradwell Village. MK13 9AG

Christmas

'Family Breakfast Club'



Church for all the family Sunday 7th December 10.00am

led by Rev Phil Dunning



Come and enjoy a free breakfast at St Lawrence Church, and stay for a short family style service of prayers, songs and reflection ...Children, Parents, Grandparents and all others...

Breakfast from 10.00am, service at 10.30am ...finish by 11.15am







Youth Drop-in.

Thursdays at 3.30pm – 5pm @ Conniburrow Family Centre 1 Germander Place Conniburrow MK14 7DU

Weekly after school session for 10-16-year-olds.

Need a break? Just want to hang out?

Why not come and join us at the drop in for some crafts, games and music after school on Thursdays?

Refreshments will be provided.

For more information or to register your interest contact <u>Danielle.loftus@milton-keynes.gov.uk</u> or 07484 911781.

Starts 11th December



