

NEWSLETTER

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27th February

Dear Families

Breakfast club – dropping off in the school car park

We have had a couple of issues recently with staff being prevented from accessing car parking spaces when they arrive in the morning due to parents dropping off their children at breakfast club. There have also been a couple of issues where staff have parked behind parents, blocking them in, while they are dropping off at breakfast club. Our car park is small and we struggle to get all staff parked. Because of this, we have to park cars one behind the other in the spaces directly in front of you as you first enter the car park, next to the big gates onto the playground. This starts to happen from around 8:10/8:15am. Please can I ask that breakfast club drop offs are done at the other end of the car park near the disabled bay after this time to prevent staff from parking behind you and unintentionally blocking you in. I do not want to have to prevent parents from using the car park at all for breakfast club drop offs. I will continue to review the situation and am hopeful that the few issues we have experienced will be resolved with this small change.

Thank you for your cooperation. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Dixon



Your weekly reminder that we are a nut free school

Thank you for your continued support with this matter ensuring our children who have this life-threatening allergy stay safe.



Our attendance so far this year is **94.4%**. Attendance this week was **94.2%**

Well done to **3JC** who had the highest attendance this week with **99.2%** attendance!

Diary dates

Dates were given out for the year in the first newsletter. Going forwards, I will include dates here for the current term as a reminder. **Any new dates which were not shared previously will appear in red.**

3 rd 4 th March	During school day	Conductive Music STEAM Music Workshop for Year 3 and Year 5.
5 th March		World Book Day <i>Children will be invited to dress up as a book character</i>

5 th March	3:30 – 4.30pm	Books at Bedtime <i>Come and share stories with your children and staff in the hall</i>
13 th March	After school	Provisional date for PTA Colour Run event
16 th March		Home learning due in
16 th March	4:00 – 5:00pm	The Big Sing – Key Stage 2 choir performance
18 th – 24 th March	3:15 – 3.30pm	Book fair <i>Books will be available to buy in the hall</i>
23 rd March		World Maths Day <i>Children are invited to dress up as a number or in maths themed clothing</i> We are moving our celebration of Maths day to term 5. Date TBC
23rd March	2:15pm	Rock Steady Concert in the hall
24 th March	2:45pm – 3:10pm	Home learning winners' gallery in the hall
25 th March	3:30 – 4.30pm	EYFS (Caterpillars) and Years 1 and 2 Easter Disco
25 th March	5:00 – 6:00pm	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 Easter Disco
27 th March		Last day of term



This week's Aspire winners



Caterpillars	Meabh		
1TP	Robin	1RC	Alexandru
2PK	Daisy	2LD	Erika
3MY	Joseph	3JC	Ifeoma
4AJ	Louis	4MH	Pedro
5SS	Nathan	5GF	Hamid
6LG	Lena N	6AS	Elizaveta
Mr Jenkins	Raff (Y6) and Maisie (Y6)	Wraparound	
Miss Guy KS1	Oliver (Y2)	Miss Guy KS2	Amelia (Y4)

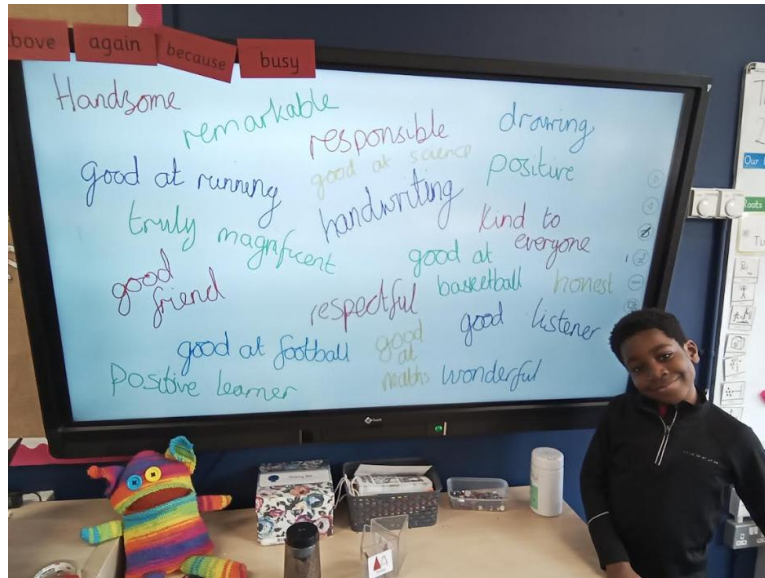
Key Stage 1 Kindness Awards



Maaz 1TP	Elijah 1RC
Albie 2LD	Max 2PK



Ask your child about something kind they said this week!





Term 3 Golden ROOTS award

This week, Mrs Dixon held our termly Golden ROOTS award assembly. In this special assembly, children who have gone above and beyond in role modelling our school ROOTS and values are celebrated. There is only winner per class making it a very special award to receive. The children's families were secretly invited to watch their child receive their award and to hear the short video messages from their child's teacher as to why they were chosen this term. Most importantly, the session finished with the children being given some cake to celebrate! Huge congratulations to our term 3 winners – we are so proud of you.

Caterpillars	Luca		
1TP	Amal	1RC	Elijah
2PK	Cattaleya	2LD	Lainie
3MY	Nikole	3JC	Freya
4AJ	Ethan	4MH	Joey
5SS	Joelle	5GF	Sonny
6LG	Eadie	6AS	Riwah

House Points

Bronze Award

For achieving 100 House Points



**Shayan
(Year 1)**

**Kavya
(Year 1)**

**Janell
(Year 6)**



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Silver Award

For achieving 200 House Points

Year 1
Madison
George
Alexandru
Zara
Maaz
Lara
Iris
Daisie



Silver Award

Year 3
Amelia

Year 2

Zack **Jessica**
Pax **Hunter**
Oliver **Erika**
Lainie **Denis**



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Silver Award

For achieving 200 House Points

Year 4
Keeva
Zahar
Marcy
Freddie
Arabelle



Silver Award

Year 5
Silver
Harvey
Caitlin
Caiden

Year 6
Maisie
Elizaveta
Frank



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Gold Award

For achieving 300 House Points

CONGRATULATIONS



EYFS

Poppy **Isaac**
Ovie **Hebe**
Jasper **Harvey**
Alex



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House Point Badge

For achieving 400 House Points

CONGRATULATIONS



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EYFS and Key Stage 1 Aspire winners celebration

Mrs Dixon celebrated with winners from the last couple of weeks. It is lovely to see some children returning having won the award again!





Sport at GLPS - Year 3/4 Handball



This week, a team of Year 3 and Year 4 girls and boys attended a handball festival hosted at Stanton Primary. The team worked together well and despite different levels of experience with handball, they supported each other fantastically well.

They played 4 matches in total and Mr Jenkins and Miss Guy have loved hearing how much they enjoyed themselves on the days since! Thank you to those parents who helped with transport and those who stayed to support the children.

Support the GLPS PTA

If you're interested in getting more involved, simply follow the QR code to join our volunteer group – we are always grateful for extra helping hands.



<https://linktr.ee/glpspta>

With the Summer Fete on the horizon, we're also very excited to announce our next event in March – our very first Colour Run! We'll need your support to make this a truly memorable event for the children (and the adults that want to join in!). Tickets are on sale now via Gateway. We welcome you to bring along friends and family.



- The event is open to all our family and friends.
- Included in your ticket price is the colour run event and a medal.
- The course will consist of two laps around the field.
- There will be three different colour throwing stations around the field for participants to run through as well as a bypass option each time.
- There will be an area for spectators.
- Tickets are now on sale via Gateway. When you purchase your ticket, all of the relevant health and safety information will be there for you to read and you will need to indicate that you have read and understood it. This will include a link to the colour powder safety sheet from the manufacturer.

WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day takes place on **Thursday 5th March** this year and we hope you will join us to celebrate. This will be a fun and exciting day for the children where they will take part in many activities across the school that will aim to boost the love of reading.

Dress up: what can the children come as?

Like last year, we are giving two options for dressing up: children to come into school as their favourite character from a book or to come as an exciting word or adjective (e.g. "Sleepy" by wearing pyjamas and a sleepy sign or "sparkly" by wearing a sparkly t-shirt). We are aware that the cost of living might make this difficult for some families, so we have provided a "no-stress world book day" list of potential costumes below.

Books at Bedtime Workshop

This will take place after school on Thursday 5th March in the hall and we are inviting children and parents/carers to come into school and read. At various points during the workshop, teachers will be available to read some of the stories that they enjoy to the children in small groups. We will also provide some small snacks and drinks during this time (for a small charge/donation).

10 No-Stress World Book Day costumes!

- 1. Polar Express**
Pyjamas and a dressing gown - sorted! 
- 2. Room on the Broom**
Witches hat and a purple dress - or full on witch costume left over from Halloween. Could double up as the Worst Witch too! 
- 3. Charlie Bucket**
Blue jumper + Grey school trousers + A bar of chocolate (or if you're feeling crafty you could make a golden ticket!) 
- 4. Matilda**
Blue dress with a red ribbon in hair and carrying a few books 
- 5. Harry and his bucketful of dinosaurs**
All you need is normal clothes and a plastic bucket full of dinosaur toys! 
- 6. One of the dalmations from 101 Dalmations**
Warning - this one involves a small element of artistic effort! White T shirt and a black marker to draw spots on it - if you want to push the boat out you could do a bit of face painting too! 
- 7. Tintin**
Blue jumper + trousers + hair gelled quiff. If you have a white toy dog all the better! 
- 8. Angelina Ballerina**
If you don't have a dancing outfit then beg, steal or borrow one. Use an eye pencil to draw on some whiskers 
- 9. Oliver Twist**
Brown clothes, a bit of dirt on the face and carrying a bowl! 
- 10. The Boy in the Dress**
Put him in one of his sister's dresses! 

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www.artventurers.co.uk

Book Fair

To continue the theme of reading, from **Wednesday 18th March – Tuesday 24th March**, the Scholastic Book Fair will be in the school hall from **3:30 – 4:00** if you would like to browse and buy a book. There will be an online payment option; alternatively, please bring cash with you to purchase the books. We look forward to seeing the children dressed up on World Book Day next week and getting involved in the reading opportunities at the workshop and book fair.

Year 2 Monarch Day

This Tuesday, Year 2 ignited their new topic 'What is a Monarch?' by having a monarch themed day. Children were invited to dress up as kings and queens for the day. We started the day learning about crowns and why monarch's wear them. We then designed and created our own using gems and glitter. After that, we discussed what we would do if we were a monarch for the day and then completed a small piece of writing sharing our ideas. In the afternoon, we learnt about the Union Jack flag and created our own using paint and cotton buds. They looked fantastic! We finished our day learning about the King's coronation and used our flags to act out our own version.



What is the HAF Spring Holiday Activities and Food programme?



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A range of free activities and food for school aged children, young people from 4 – 16 years who are in **receipt of benefit related Free School Meals (FSM)** to access from **7 – 10 April 2026**. **The booking portal opens on Sunday.**

From fun activities to multi sports camps, teen basketball camps, outdoor adventures, football camps, film making, youth sessions, arts, and crafts and more, we hope there is something for everyone.

Across Milton Keynes, we have 7,000 **individual sessions** planned for the 2026 Spring Holidays. To book your activities, simply browse our programme and contact your chosen providers through the [online booking system](#).

Children and Family Centres servicing all of Milton Keynes will be delivering all-inclusive family HAF trips for children in receipt of **benefit related Free School Meals (FSM)** to their reach areas and can be found on our booking system [HAF Milton Keynes · Eequ](#).

Please book with the centre that covers the area where you live, further information can be found on the [Children and Family Centre services web page](#).

Where can I find the activity programme?

Evouchers will be distributed to children and young people identified through the school census that are **in receipt of benefit related Free School Meals (FSM)** Evouchers will be sent out by hello@holidayactivities.com on Sunday 01 March and will include a link directly to the booking system.

If you are in receipt of **benefit related Free School Meals (FSM)** and have not received an Evoucher, please speak to your child's school in the first instance if you have not received a code after 01 March.

All HAF activities and sessions will be found in one place and are easy to book by registering with our online booking system with the programme available to view [here](#) with bookings commencing on 01 March 2026.

Free School Meals, who is eligible?

You must be in receipt of one of the below benefits to be eligible for free school meals for your child/children.

- Income Support
- Employment and Support Allowance – Income related
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance (**not Contribution Based JSA**)
- Child Tax Credit only (with a combined family income of less than £16,190 per annum as assessed by HM Revenues & Customs) **Please note, anyone receiving Working Tax Credit, regardless of income, will not qualify for free school meals.**
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you receive)
- National Asylum Seekers Support (NASS)
- Guaranteed Element of Pension Tax Credit

If your child is eligible for free school meals, they'll remain eligible until they finish that phase of schooling (primary or secondary).

If you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals, please contact your child's school or click the link below to apply.

[Milton Keynes Council Free School Meals Application](#)

Online Safety

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

CREATIVE WAYS TO ENCOURAGE READING

Reading regularly has a life-long impact, yet recent data from the National Literacy Trust shows a decline in reading for pleasure among 8- to 18-year-olds, with just 32.7% enjoying it in 2025. Despite growing distractions, there are practical ways adults can spark a love of reading. This guide offers strategies and resources to help inspire young readers.

1 VALUE ALL READING

When we think about reading, it's very easy to picture a young person reading a fictional novel; however, reading is so much more than this. To help them understand, why not show them how to create a 24-hour reading diary? Jot down all reading and then discuss this with them. By doing this, you can demonstrate the many ways we turn to reading.

2 WIDEN THE SELECTION

Once we know reading can be varied, we need to think about the selection of reading material they can access. Visit a shop selling magazines, the library and a bookshop, and consider the range of material that is available within them. Then consider how you might broaden their reading choices, so all young people have access to a wide and varied selection.

3 GIFT A BOOK

One simple way to encourage reading is to make books feel special. Gifting a book adds value and shows it's something to be treasured. Whether it's as a reward or for a celebration like a birthday, let the young person choose a title or pick one you know they will enjoy. You could also include a personal note inside.

4 CONNECT WITH AUTHORS

Meeting authors can certainly spark an interest in their reading material. This might be through a live event in a school/bookshop or by using the wealth of online material that is now available. Encourage young people to look at ways to connect with authors using free resources such as Authority and Just Imagine's Children's Authors Live.

5 BUILD YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Access training about reading for pleasure to widen your understanding of this topic and, more importantly, how to develop it. Explore a wide range of free resources that can be found online. The more you know, the better placed you are to inspire a love of reading in others.

6 TALK BOOKS

There are times when we need silence to read and focus on our book; however, we know that reading is a social experience, so we must also factor in discussion time. Reading the same book gives two people a connection and the opportunity to voice their thoughts and questions about it. Why not buy two copies of a book and read it together? Start the connection.

7 RECOMMENDATIONS

As well as talking about the content of books, we can share what we are reading or have read recently. This can often act as a trigger for someone else to explore it. How often have you watched a film or series because someone else has recommended it? It's the same with books. If you know the young person well, you can tailor your recommendations and share why you think they'll enjoy it.

8 GO DIGITAL

With the rise in online digital material, we can easily focus on the negatives; however, it also brings a wealth of opportunities. Resources can aid and enhance the reading experience for young people. They can read along with audiobooks, translate, and track their reading goals with resources like PolyIno and apps like Goodreads for older children. Augmented reality books also bring books to life and offer a great way for engagement.

9 RECONNECT

There can come a time when a love of reading seems to disappear. It does not mean it's gone forever; it generally means they have lost the connection. How do we get it back? Find the next piece of reading material that sparks their current interests. The National Year of Reading focus of 'Go All In' captures this well as it is their key theme. As children grow and change, so do their interests. A visit to the local library is a great way to support the reconnection.

10 LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Let them see you reading. If you make time to read, you send a strong message to children: reading matters. Share why you enjoy it. Is it to relax, escape the world, learn something new or to be entertained? When children see reading as a normal and valued part of everyday life, they are more likely to adopt it themselves.

Meet Our Expert

Carl Pattison is a literacy advisor and early reading expert at The National College. Through his programmes, he supports schools to enhance reading and writing. In addition to his independent work, he also works for a large academy trust in the East Midlands as the strategic lead for their English Hub and Literacy Excellence Centre.



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The National College

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News from Rainbow Family Centre Facebook page



Spring HAF goes live on Sunday! There will be hundreds of spaces on a huge range of activities across Milton Keynes. The first of the Family Centre sessions is Creative Art Lab. Time to log on to your EEQU account , explore listings and register your interest.

HAF is open to children in school entitled to benefit related free school meals, if unsure check with your child's school.



RAINBOW FAMILY CENTRE

Period Poverty
Sexual Health Support

Offered alongside our usual calendar
Family Support
Early Help
Support with Parenting, Breastfeeding, Two Year Funding, Healthy Start Vitamins, Child Development and Speech and Language

Support with Isolation and Loneliness

Support with Housing, Finances, Forms, Benefits and Employability

Access to Foodbank, Baby Basics, MK Storehouse, Hygiene Bank and the Local Welfare Provision Washing Machine Hire is available


Adult Learning CLMK Courses Well-Being Group

Referrals to other agencies- MKACT, ICASH, Talking Therapies ARC, Healthy Relationships and Citizens Advice.

January 2026 – March 2026 Term-Time Calendar

Rainbow Family Centre in Bradville. Kingsfold, Bradville, MK13 7BQ 01908 227925	Rainbow Family Centre in Wolverton. Wolverton Library Creed Street, Wolverton, MK12 5LY 01908 227925
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We welcome families with children aged 0-19 years who live in- Bancroft, Bancroft Park, Blue Bridge, Bancroft Park, Bradville, Downhead Park, Great Linford, Linford Wood, Neath Hill, New Bradwell, Oakridge Park, Pennyland, Stantonbury, Old Wolverton, Wolverton Mill and Wolverton.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Rainbow Café 8.30- 12.30 Start your week at our Café, pop in for a hot drink, bite to eat, and a chat about any support needed.	Stay and Play 10.00-11.30 Session includes Healthy Movers	APA Women's Fitness 9.15-10.00 Beyond Food Appointment Only 9.30-12.30	Family Breakfast 8.00-9.00 <i>Hot drink cereal and toast. Free for all the family</i>	Henry Support 9.00-11.00 Appointment only
Community Larder Sofa 12.30-2.30 A membership scheme where surplus food is saved from landfill for a low weekly price. Find out more on www.sofea.uk.com	ESOL Class MK College 10.00-11.30	FoodShare and Pop in and Play 1.30-3.00	Baby Group 9.30-11.00* new time Come and join our relaxed nurturing session for non-walkers.	Socatots 10.15-11.00 Physical movement fun and games
UDOITDANCE 4.30-6.00 Ages 8 and over Street dance and confidence building	Ragdolly Anna's 2.15-3.00 Music and movement session for babies to children under 5	FoodShare and Pop in and Play 1.30-3.00	Rattlebox Booking Only 2.00-3.00 Our new session to help improve speech and language through stories and songs	Soft Play Fun session for Walkers 1.30-3.00
Wolverton	Wolverton	Wolverton	Wolverton	Wolverton
Music Bugs- 1.00-1.30 Babies and non -walkers music session	Beyond Food Appointment only 10.00-1.00	Employment Support Practical help and advice on getting ready for work. Speak to the team.	ESOL Class MK College for various levels 10.00-1.00	 Milton Keynes City Council
Music Bugs- Toddlers 1.45-2.15	Story Song Craft CLMK 24/02-26 -24/03/26 1.30-3.00		Let's Interact and Play 1.30-2.30 (4 weeks) Speech and Language Appointment Only Dates to be confirmed	ESOL Class MK College 9.30-11.30

Additional services: Table Tennis Play from 3.00-4.30pm, Washing Machine available for emergency use and Soft Play hire for parties. The Centre is open for family support, please call or drop in. Follow the 'Rainbow Family Centre' on Facebook.

News from Great Linford Parish Council Facebook page



Great Linford

community litter pick



SAT 7 March 10:00AM - 12:30PM



**Meeting Point: Great Linford Parish Office
1 St Leger Court, MK14 5HA**

**Easter
Break**

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