

Russell Street School

Newsletter



Summer Term 2 - 2025



Message from our Headteacher

Welcome back to the final half term of this academic year.

This final half term is full of welcomes and farewells. We welcome our new Nursery and Reception children and say goodbye to our wonderful Year 2 children and their families. Current Reception and Year 1 children will be spending two days in their new classes on Monday 30th June and Tuesday 1st July. Current Nursery children will be visiting Reception on Tuesday 1st July. Year 2 SMSG children will be spending two days at SMSG on Monday 30th June and Monday 7th July. Bushfield Year 2 children will be visiting Bushfield on the morning of 1st July. Details about these transition visits will be sent to you by the junior schools. Year 2 children transferring to other schools will receive transfer information directly from their new schools.

As part of their farewell, Year 2 children will be singing some of their favourite songs from this year to their families on the Key Stage One playground at 2:15pm on Tuesday 22nd July. Our Year 2 children will then leave us on their final day (Wednesday 23rd July) by walking through an arch of children and staff hands. Year 2 families are invited to watch this at 2:30pm and will be able to take final class photos of their children.

Our wonderful PA have been working tirelessly to raise money for a variety of activities in school. We hope the children will enjoy the new additions to the bottom playground and enhancements to the school orchard. The PA have also paid for many of our theatre and music performances. Thank you for your pennies for pets donations. Our pets all now have much improved enclosures and a greater selection of food choices. Please continue to support the PA by purchasing ice-creams on Fridays, doughnuts for Father's Day and attending their summer Fair.

Kind regards
Mrs Robinson

Classes for September 2025



New classes will be shared after phonics screening has taken place next week. Some children can find the information about moving onto new teachers a little unsettling, so we have decided to wait until all assessments have taken place before the information about their new teachers is shared with them. Staffing in school remains stable.

Transition Days



Current Reception and Year 1 children will be spending two days in their new classes on **Monday 30th June and Tuesday 1st July**. This is a very important time for children to get to know their new teacher and environment.

Current Nursery children will be spending the day in Reception on **Tuesday 1st July**.

Current Year 2 children's SMSG transition days are Monday 30th June and Monday 7th July. Current Year 2 children's Bushfield transition day is Tuesday 1st July (am only) - Children should return to RSS for their afternoon session.

When current Year 2 children are not having transition time, they should still attend school and meet on our KS1 playground at 8:30am and be collected at 3:05pm.

Entrance and exits into school on the 30th June and 1st July:

Current Year 1 children should enter school using the Key Stage One gate at **8:30am** where they will be greeted by their new teachers on the Key Stage One playground.

Please collect these children from the Key Stage One playground at **3:00pm**.

Current Reception children should enter school using the Key Stage One gate at **8:40am** where they will be greeted by their new teachers on the Key Stage One playground.

Please collect these children from the Key Stage One playground at **3:05pm**.

Nursery times, entrance and exits remain unaltered for these days. We take Nursery children into Reception once they have entered Nursery on Tuesday 1st July.



PA Ice Cream Fridays

This half term the PA will be selling a variety of ice-creams on the Key Stage One playground after school every Friday.

Arts Week – 31st May – 8th June (This is being held the same week as Stony Live 2025)

StonyLive! 2025 is full steam ahead and hopes to be back to their usual 90+ events this year! StonyLive! are sure you are going to find an event that appeals to you, be it a musical genre, dance, theatre, comedy or art. Use the drop-down menu on the link below to view the events on each day. Events can be found here: <https://www.stonylive.info/whats-on>



Class Photos – 3rd June

Class photos will be taken on the morning of 3rd June. All children should wear school uniform and should all wear navy sweatshirts please.

Hogshaw Farm Trip (Reception) – 5th June

Hogshaw Farm believes in the importance of learning through first-hand experience of their natural world and the great outdoors. We will learning about the different animals that live on a farm and identifying features of the countryside. We will also be having a picnic!



World Oceans Day – 2025 Theme – Sustaining What Sustains Us!

Sunday 8th June (being held in school on Friday 6th June) We will be revisiting our learning about the ocean names and the fact that nearly $\frac{3}{4}$ of our planet's surface is covered by water. We will learn that the oceans are a very important part of our world. The ocean is our source of life. It supports humans and every other living creature on Earth. At least half of the world's oxygen is produced by the oceans and that the oceans absorb about 93% of the extra heat from global warming.

Phonics Screening Check – w/c 9th June

The Phonics Screening Check will be taken by children in Year 1 on a one-to-one basis with a teacher they know well. During the Phonics Screening Check, children are asked to read (decode) 40 words. These words are a mixture of real words and pseudo-words. Pseudo-words (alien/nonsense) are included to ensure that children are using their decoding skills and not just relying on their memory of words they've read before.



Father's Day & to thank everyone who looks after us doughnuts – Friday 13th June

The PA will be selling doughnuts on the Key Stage One playground afterschool on Friday 13th June to thank fathers and everyone who takes care of us.



Healthy Eating Week – 9th – 13th June

Healthy Eating Week 2025 is taking place from 9th – 13th June and has the theme "Find your healthier you". We will be thinking about: Know the facts about healthy food choices, what are healthier choices, how to make better choices, as well as keeping moving, promoting the importance of being active for health.



World Music Day – Saturday 21st June (being celebrated in school on the 18th June)

We will be celebrating World Music Day in school by watching and listening to music as well as learning songs associated with our summer units of work.

Year 2 children will be taking part in the Milton Keynes Key Stage One Music Festival on the morning of Wednesday 18th June. Further details will be sent to Year 2 families.

Dress for Dinners – Friday 20th June

As a school we are supported by St Mark's Meals who provide food boxes for families. St Mark's have packed and delivered **15,312 meal boxes across Milton Keynes**. To support St Mark's, we are taking part in Dress for Dinners. Children are invited to come to school wearing non school uniform items and make a suggested £1 donation per family.



Class Concerts – Wednesday 2nd July (Nursery) and Tuesday 24th June (Year 1)

Nursery and Year 1 concerts will be taking place on the dates above. Nursery's performance (weather permitting) will take place on the Key Stage One playground.

If because of rain the concert moves into the school hall, places will then be limited to 2 per family – younger siblings may sit on parents' laps.

Year 1 will perform in the school hall on Tuesday 24th June at 2.15pm. Places are limited to 2 per family.

Year 2 Milton Keynes Museum Trip – 9th July

We are taking Year 2 children to Milton Keynes Museum on 9th July. The trip will be based on Victorians lives. On the visit the children will learn all about Victorian homes and way of life and compare them to life in modern day. They will take part in 3 activities - tour of the parlour and servants' room, tour of the Victorian laundry and kitchen, tour of Victorian cottage (including privy and garden weather permitting). In the afternoon they will look at a Victorian street with shops, schoolroom and different forms of transport.



End of Year Reports – 14th July

Teachers are busy writing reports and look forward to sharing your child's academic attainment and personal progress with you. End of year reports will be sent out as close to Monday 14th July as possible. If you would like to discuss the contents of the report with the class teacher; please speak to them before the end of term.

Sports Day - Tuesday 15th July

Sports Day for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children will take place on the SMSG field/MUGA. For anyone who has attended this event in previous years, we are running the same format again. Reception children will be taken to the MUGA first and will take part in their races from 9am. At 10am Years 1 & 2 will come to the MUGA to take part in their races. While Years 1 & 2 are on the MUGA, Years 3 & 4 will join us and start their races. Years 5 & 6 will follow in the afternoon.



Year 2 Leavers – 22nd and 23rd July

Year 2 will be singing some of their favourite songs from this year to their families on the Key Stage One playground (weather permitting) at **2:15pm on Tuesday 22nd July**. The singing will otherwise take place in the school hall.

Our wonderful Year 2 children will leave us on their final day (**Wednesday 23rd July**) by walking through an arch of children and staff hands. Year 2 families are invited to watch this at **2:30pm** and will be able to take final class photos of their children.

School Closes for the Summer – Wednesday 23rd July