



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, Year 1 and Year 2 SMSG children will be spending two days in their new classes on 1st and 2nd July. Bushfield Year 2 children will be visiting Bushfield on 1st July. 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 Thursday 18th July. Our Year 2 children will then leave us on their final day (Friday 19th 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 improvements to the lower KS1 playground. In support of this fundraising we are holding a sponsored event week commencing 24th June. Healthy Eating Week this year is encouraging early years settings, schools, workplaces and community groups to 'Give it a go'. Whether that means having one extra portion of fruit or vegetables a day, being a bit more active or experimenting with a new recipe or using up leftovers. We have decided that we are going to try to be 'a bit more active'. All children will be taking part in a different form of activity daily. Further details will follow.

Kind regards
Mrs Robinson

Classes for September 2024



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



All children will be spending two days in their new classes on **1st and 2nd July**. This is a very important time for children to get to know their new teacher and environment.

Year 2 children going to SMSG in Year 3 will be spending these two days at SMSG. Mr Palmer will be sending details of this event to all SMSG parents. Year 2 children not going to SMSG should meet on the KS1 playground at 8:30am and be collected at 3:05pm.

Entrance and exits into school on the 1st and 2nd 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.

Current Nursery children will be spending the day in Reception on Tuesday 2nd 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 – 1st – 9th June (This is the same week as Stony Live)

StonyLive! 2024 is full steam ahead and hope to be back to our 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. [Stony Live list of events can be found here: #What's On | stonylive](#)



World Oceans Day – 2024 theme – Awaken New Depths

Saturday 8th June (being held in school on Friday 7th June)

The ocean sustains humanity and all life on earth. Nonetheless, despite our utter reliance on it, we have only ever explored 10%. While we know little of the ocean compared to its immense vastness, what we do know is that the consequences of our actions are evident throughout its waters.

We will be teaching the children about the importance of the oceans through various age appropriate activities across the school.



Healthy Eating Week – 10th – 14th June

<https://www.nutrition.org.uk/healthy-eating-week/> are encouraging everyone, including early years settings, schools, workplaces and community groups, to 'Give it a go' this Healthy Eating Week. Whether that means having one extra portion of fruit or vegetables a day, being a bit more active, experimenting with a new recipe or using up leftovers - Healthy Eating Week 2024 is all about giving it a go!

Phonics Screening Check – w/c 10th 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 14th June

The PA will be selling doughnuts on the Key Stage One playground afterschool on Friday 14th June to thank fathers and everyone who takes care of us.

<p>World Music Day – Friday 21st June</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Year 2 children will be taking part in the Milton Keynes Key Stage One Music Festival on the morning of Wednesday 19th June. Further details will be sent to Year 2 families.</p>	
<p>Dress for Dinners – Friday 21st June</p> <p>As a school we are supported by St Mark's Meals who provide food boxes for families. St Mark's packed and delivered 6,500 meal boxes in Milton Keynes 2023. Each box costs £7 to put together. 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.</p>	
	<p>Class Concerts – 3rd July (Nursery) and 8th and 10th July (Year 1)</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Year 1 will perform twice in the school hall. Monday 8th at 2.15pm - there will be two free tickets available per family. Wednesday 10th July is an additional performance for extended family at a cost of £2.00 per ticket (with a maximum of 80 tickets available). You will be able to purchase these via Weduc on a first come first served basis. If your child is not able to stay for the second performance, please let your child's class teacher know in advance.</p>
<p>Sports Day- Thursday 11th July</p> <p>Sports Day for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children will take place on the SMSG field/MUGA. For anyone who attended this event last year, 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.</p>	
	<p>End of Year Reports – 12th July</p> <p>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 Friday 12th 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.</p>
<p>Year 2 Leavers – 18th & 19th July</p> <p>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 Thursday 18th July. The singing will otherwise take place in the school hall.</p> <p>Our wonderful Year 2 children will leave us on their final day (Friday 19th 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.</p>	

School Closes for the Summer – Friday 19th July