Broughton Community Schools

Newsletter

Friday 23rd October 2026

Dear parents and carers,

Well that is the end of the half term - it does feel like it went incredibly quickly at times but we know this is a long term and also very busy. I am also well aware that there is a lot of communication that comes from school about a whole variety of things but if you are in any doubt then please ask the parent reps, look on the school website, check the calendar or speak to the adults in your child's class.

I would like to start with some exciting news! Mrs Smith is expecting her first child in the Spring Term of 2027. This is wonderful news for Mrs Smith, and I am sure you will join me in congratulating her on this exciting new chapter in her life. I appreciate that, for parents and carers of children in Jaguar Class, this news may also bring some questions or concerns about staffing and continuity. Please be reassured that we are actively recruiting to ensure that appropriate arrangements are in place to cover Mrs Smith's absence and to provide the children with consistency and stability throughout this time.

Over the past few weeks we have been made aware of issues involving some of our older children using various online platforms to be unkind about other children. We are aware of who has been involved and have tackled this in school along with the help of parents. However, I can't stress enough the importance of checking your child's online behaviour. Phones should be checked every night, in my opinion, and if there are issues or concerns that come from this then we have to educate children how to behave on these platforms both at home and at school. Please be vigilant, please be open with your child about checking their phones and tablets; the open and honest culture you set with your child around phones and apps ensures that everyone can remain safe.

Snack time - I have had a couple of parents question snacks at break time. This week I have removed two full size tubes of pringles from children, sour patch sweets and a sharing bag of doritos. These are not healthy snacks. Sweets are not acceptable to have in school at all. We want the children to be healthy and eat a balanced diet so it is important that during the morning break they have something that is healthy. We also have free fruit for all children in both Key Stages - there is always plenty to go around and a good selection. Please help us with our approach to healthy eating and setting good examples.

Can I also just remind parents about parking outside of school. I know it can be difficult to find spaces but we do have residents that we have to work with and we need you to park sensibly and safely outside of the school grounds. Lastly, the weather is changing and it is wet and muddy again so please ensure children have wellyboots in school and a waterproof coat for the days when it is raining during play time. That's it from me this week so I hope you all have a good weekend!

Mr Charlie Reed

Important notices

Phonics information session for parents and carers

At 2:00pm on 4th November, Mrs Fletcher is holding an information session about Phonics in the Infant School hall. This is for the parents/carers of all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, as well as the parents/carers of any children in Years 3 to 6 who receive support with Phonics and reading. The session aims to provide parents/carers with information to help them to support their child at home.

Poppies on sale for Remembrance

The Royal British Legion have once again asked us to sell their Poppy Appeal items and these will be available for the children to buy in school from 3rd November until Remembrance Day on Wednesday 11th November. Any donation is accepted for a Poppy but all other merchandise items are £1 each.

Wrap Around Care Payments

Payments for this half term 3rd September to Friday 23rd October are due to be paid by today. Outstanding balances will still show for the next half term and this must be paid by Friday 18th December. Thank you

Parent/carer survey

We would really appreciate it if you could spend just a few minutes filling in our surveys please.

Infant School

Junior School

Dates for your diary

Infant School dates

23/10/26 - Break up for half term
02/11/26 - INSET DAY School closed
03/11/26 - Children back to school
03/11/26 - Coffee Morning parents topic ASD ADHD
03/11-06/11 - Prospective parent tours of Reception
04/11/26 - Phonics Session for parents - 2pm
05/11/26 - PTFA Break the rules day
09/11/26 - Year 2 trip to Roald Dahl Museum
16/11/26 - Odd socks day
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Infant School Certificates

Our school value for this half term is responsibility.

Reception

16.10.26

Alfia- for working part of the class and coming into school with a smile.

Aadip- for working hard as part of a team and showing great responsibility

Other certificates:

Bronze Reader - Arlo

Year 1

16.10.26

Niamh - for being responsible, kind and working hard.

Charlotte - for showing great responsibility and always being ready to learn.

Other certificates:

Handwriting: Kairo, Mihai, Sophie, Arthur

Year 2

16.10.26

Matilda - for being responsible by always keeping her table tidy.

Elsie - for being a very responsible member of the class.

Other certificates:

Handwriting: Reyansh, Olivia, Evelyn & Neharikha

11 Club: Bodhi, Jeshua, Reyansh, Hasnain R, Aleena, Macie, Jed, Amira & Callum.

22 Club: Abuzar, Silvia, Albie, Emaan, Evelyn, Al-Hadi, Hassnain & Aarav.

Class Attendance Award

Week 1 - Rhino Class - 98.3%

Week 2 - Otter Class - 99.3%

TEAM POINTS LEADERBOARD	
1st	Yellow
2nd	Green
3rd	Blue
4th	Red

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Year 3

16.10.26

Arlo- for working hard in lessons and closing the Year 3 gate.

Juliette - For being a lovely member of the class and working really hard on her handwriting.

23.10.26

Jaxon- Being responsible with his learning and trying hard.

Indu - For taking responsibility for her learning, working independently and always striving to do her best.

Other certificates:

99 Club- 33 Jaxon, 44- Pearl, 77- Tommy, 99 - Aadhav, 66 - Sam, 55- Josh and Katie.

Gold Team Points - Alfie and Nicholas

Silver Team Points - Bhuvan, Sam and Rayan, Jack, Aliyah, Francesca, Lewis

Bronze Team Points - Isabelle, Josh, Juilette, Miya, Isaiah. Aurora, Jaxon, Kairav, Nelle, Lyon, Izabella

Year 4

16.10.26

Isa - for showing fantastic responsibility in his work all week

David - for always being responsible and facing challenges head on

23.10.26

Chloe - for always being a responsible member of Narwhal class by following the class charter and working hard.

Leo - for getting on so well with others and being a responsible learner and friend.

Other certificates:

99 club - 66 - Oliver F, 99 - Harry, Platinum - Mrithni

Bronze team points - Hope, Summer, Amelia, Ruby, Safiya, David, Stefan, Joshua, Sofia, Ellie, Sienna and Jackson

Star writers - for wonderful narratives - Samuel, Joshua, Robyn, Oliver C, Jackson, Wednesday, Emily

Year 5

16.10.26

Ayan - for taking responsibility for his home learning.

23.10.26

Seb- for being a great role model and showing thoughtfulness and consideration towards others.

Eva - for always being someone we can rely on.

Other certificates:

33 Club - Lucas, Peyton, 66 Club - Alaya, Bronze - Poppy

Bronze team points - Joyshaanaa, Peyton

Year 6

16.10.26

Lucas - For consistently demonstrating responsibility for his learning.

Piers - For working really hard in English to not only catch up on missed lessons but also producing a great last piece.

23.10.26

Kiara - For taking great responsibility by stepping out of her comfort zone and performing poetry to the school.

Ayeza - For persevering and working really hard with some tricky maths.

Other certificates:

Bronze team points - Zakariya, Noah, Alethea, Eze, Mason, Methmi, Lucas, Ella-Mae, Spencer

Silver team points - Sophia, Levii

66 Club - Dougie

Times tables rock stars

Week 1

Class of the week - Year 4 Turtle

Player of the week - Dahlia - Year 4 Narwhal

Week 2

Class of the week - Year 4 Turtle

Player of the week - Felicity - Year 6 Jaguar

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1st	RED
2nd	BLUE
3rd	YELLOW
4th	GREEN

Class Attendance Award

Week 1 - Penguin Class - 98.97%

Week 2 - Narwhal Class - 98.33%

Headteachers Certificate

Spencer - Year 6 Ocelot - for his brilliant help and support in wellbeing breakfast with the younger children.

Ensuring every child THRIVES

What's been happening in Year 1?

Trip to Bekonscot Model Village

Year 1 had a lovely trip to Bekonscot Model Village. We learnt about how toys have changed over time. We found out that some toys were around in the past but have changed and developed (e.g. scooters). Whereas some toys didn't exist in the past at all (e.g. computer games).






Whilst we were on our trip we got to ride on the train which was so much fun!




We also explored the model village and we saw that the shops and homes were different. There were specific shops like bakers, butchers and florists and not big supermarkets. We enjoyed looking at what the children were doing. Some were playing lacrosse at school like us and others were at the park! We saw the circus and funfair and enjoyed chasing the trains around the model village. We also loved looking at the animals, we did notice people didn't treat some animals kindly in the past and they made them work at the circus.




Shrunken Junction was very fun too. We enjoyed dressing up to board the train and selling tickets and exploring the station master's office!





We had a wonderful time!

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SEND support at Broughton

I am Mrs Kitchen the Inclusion Manager across both the Infant and Junior sites of Broughton Community Schools. If you need to contact me, you can do so via the school offices by telephone on 01296 423276 (Juniors)/ (01296) 415642 (Infants) or by email:





office@broughton.bucks.sch.uk office@broughtoninfant.bucks.sch.uk

This Week's Focus: Dyscalculia

What is dyscalculia?

Dyscalculia affects a person's understanding of numbers and their ability to learn and use mathematical skills. It is more than simply finding maths difficult, and every child's experience is different.

What might dyscalculia look like?

Children experiencing difficulties with maths may:

- Struggle with counting, recognising numbers or understanding quantities.
- Find number bonds, place value and times tables difficult to remember.
- Have difficulty solving mathematical problems.
- Struggle with telling the time or understanding money.
- Feel anxious or lose confidence during maths activities.

These difficulties do not reflect a child's intelligence or potential. With the right support, children can develop their mathematical understanding and confidence.

How can you help at home?

Small, enjoyable activities can make a real difference:

- **Make maths practical:** Use coins, counters, building blocks and dice.
- **Use everyday opportunities:** Count items when shopping, measure ingredients when baking or talk about time.
- **Play games:** Board games, dominoes and card games help develop number skills.
- **Use visual resources:** Number lines and hundred squares can help children understand mathematical concepts.
- **Celebrate progress:** Praise effort, keep practice short and positive, and remind your child that it's okay to find things difficult.

Where can families find support?

If you are concerned about your child's progress, speak to their class teacher. Working together can help identify difficulties and appropriate support. **Children do not need a formal diagnosis to receive help with their learning in school.** Useful websites for further information and advice:

- **British Dyslexia Association – Dyscalculia:** Information about dyscalculia, assessment and support. https://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/dyscalculia
- **Dyscalculia Network:** Advice and resources for parents of primary-aged children. https://dyscalculianetwork.com/
- **Dyscalculia Information Centre:** Information and activities to support mathematical learning. https://www.dyscalculia.me.uk/

At school, we want every child to feel confident and able to achieve their potential. By working together, celebrating progress and recognising that every child learns differently, we can help children develop a positive relationship with maths.

Parent Coffee Morning

A relaxed chat, a warm drink and friendly faces!

Come along and join us for a friendly, informal coffee morning for parents.

Tuesday 3rd Nov 9–10am

The Bridge (Junior School)

Our topic will be

ASD/ADHD

This will be an opportunity to:

- share your experiences
- ask for advice
- learn some strategies that may help

Vicky Hall, our Specialist Inclusion teacher, will be running the session, with Mrs Kitchen (SENCO) also there.

Any questions, please contact Mrs Kitchen (SENCO)
senco@broughton.bucks.sch.uk

We look forward to seeing you!

Bedgrove Infant School

TEACHER TRAINING 3-7 SPECIALIST COURSE LEADING TO QTS

Working in collaboration with the Tommy Flowers SCITT, an outstanding Initial Teacher Training provider in Milton Keynes, the course we offer at Bedgrove Infant School has been developed to support teachers wishing to specialise with children aged 3-7.



BIS Teacher Training

GET IN TOUCH

Contact us to find out more about the high quality Early Years focused teacher training we offer in Aylesbury, Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, Northamptonshire and surrounding areas.

.Email: ITT@bedgroveinfant.co.uk

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STOREHOUSE

THANK YOU

FOR YOUR HARVEST COLLECTION

This certificate is awarded to

Broughton Community Infant School

For collecting **220.6 kg** of food for the Food Bank at Aylesbury Vineyard Storehouse.

A. Stroud
HEAD OF STOREHOUSE

16/10/2026
DATE

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STOREHOUSE

THANK YOU

FOR YOUR HARVEST COLLECTION

This certificate is awarded to

Broughton Junior School

For collecting **57.1 kg** of food for the Food Bank at Aylesbury Vineyard Storehouse.

A. Stroud
HEAD OF STOREHOUSE

20/10/2026
DATE


Broughton Community Schools' PTFA
Our PTFA have BROKEN THE RULES...
...and changed the date!
BREAK the RULES DAY
Crazy hair!
Wear a hat!
Wear colourful socks!
Wear non-school uniform!
Bring in a small teddy!
Wear trainers!
Paint your nails!
Thursday 5th November 2026
50p per break the rule
To make your payment please either click here, scan the QR code or hand your money to the class teacher.

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit nationalcollege.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

Top Tips for...
MANAGING SCREEN TIME

According to the latest stats, people aged between 8 and 17 spend four hours on digital devices during an average day. Obviously, a new year is ideal for fresh starts and renewed efforts – so lots of families are trying to cut down their combined screen time right now, creating more moments to connect with each other and relying less on gadgets to have fun. Our top tips on reducing screen time are for everyone, so you can get your whole family involved in turning over a new leaf this year!

BUY MILK

GET OUT AND ABOUT

If the weather's decent, spend some time in the garden or go for a walk. Even a stroll to the local shop would do: the main thing is getting some fresh air and a break from your screen.

TRY A TIMED TRIAL

When you're taking a screen break to do a different activity or a chore, turn it into a game by setting yourself a timer. Can you complete your task before the alarm goes off?

GO DIGITAL DETOX

Challenge yourself and your family to take time off from screens, finding other things to do. You could start off with half a day, then build up to a full day or even an entire weekend.

LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Let your family see you successfully managing your own screen time. You'll be showing them the way, and it might stop some of those grumbles when you *do* want to go online.

AGREE TECH-FREE ZONES

Nominate some spots at home where devices aren't allowed. Anywhere your family gathers together, like at the table or in the living room, could become a 'no phone zone'.

HOLD A SCREEN TIME AMNESTY

As a family, agree specific windows when it's OK to use devices. This should help everyone to balance time on phones or gaming with enjoying quality moments together.

BE MINDFUL OF TIME

Stay aware of how long you've been on your device for. Controlling how much time you spend in potentially stressful areas of the internet – like social media platforms – can also boost your wellbeing.

'PARK' PHONES OVERNIGHT

Set up an overnight charging station for everyone's devices – preferably away from bedrooms. That means less temptation for late-night scrolling.

SWITCH ON DND

Research shows that micro-distractions like message alerts and push notifications can chip away at our concentration levels. Put devices on 'do not disturb' until you're less busy.

TAKE A FAMILY TECH BREAK

Set aside certain times when the whole family puts their gadgets away and enjoys an activity together: playing a board game, going for a walk or just having a chat.

SOCIALISE WITHOUT SCREENS

When you're with friends, try not to automatically involve phones, TVs or other tech. Having company can be loads more fun if your attention isn't being split.

WIND DOWN PROPERLY

Try staying off phones, consoles, tablets and so on just before you go to sleep. Reading or just getting comfy in bed for a while can give you a much more restful night.

DEVICE BOX

Meet Our Expert

Minds Ahead design and deliver the UK's only specialist postgraduate mental health qualifications. They also provide training and support to education organisations and local authorities – empowering school leaders and staff with the knowledge and tools to shape their settings into inclusive communities where the mental health of pupils and personnel is prioritised.

The National College

National Online Safety

#WakeUpWednesday

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Discover Bucks Museum
& Roald Dahl Children's Gallery

Discover Bucks Museum
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October Half Term

24 October - 1 November 2026

This October half term, enjoy frightfully fun family activities at Discover Bucks Museum! Get creative with Halloween crafts and spooky science! Brave families can take on the Creepy Doll Hunt around the museum and no visit is complete without a trip to the Roald Dahl Children's Gallery and our SAXONS exhibition.

Discover more at discoverbucksmuseum.org
or scan the QR code

SCAN ME



Play, Discover, Learn! this October Half Term in the Roald Dahl Children's Gallery

Spiders & Webs
Monday 26 October
Make a colourful yarn-wrapped spider and weave a hanging web. 10am – 3pm, drop in.
Suitable for ages 4-11

Ghouls and Ghosts
Tuesday 27 October
Make a 3d haunted scene for a moveable ghost to fly through. 10am – 3pm, drop in. Suitable for ages 4-11

Clay Monster
Wednesday 28 October
Sculpt yourself a terrifying (or not so terrifying) Halloween monster. 10am – 3pm, drop in.
Suitable for ages 3-11

Spooky Science
Thursday 29 & Friday 30 October
Our popular Spooky Science workshop is returning for 2026! Join us for some spooky science: make a bubbling witches brew, create ogre slime and more! Timed slots. Suitable for ages 5–11

For more event details, charges and to book please scan the QR code or visit discoverbucksmuseum.org

Enjoy our spooky Trail on everyday 24 October - 1 November

Creepy Doll Hunt
Saturday 31 October
Visit the museum after dark this Halloween for our Creepy Doll Hunt: explore one of the oldest buildings in Aylesbury by torchlight and discover the haunted dolls hidden throughout the museum.
From 6.30pm, timed slots. Suitable for ages 10+

The SAXONS
Until 1 November 2026
The SAXONS brings together extraordinary archaeological discoveries to tell powerful human stories. Through real artefacts, immersive displays, and vivid storytelling, the exhibition reveals how people lived, fought, believed, and were remembered over 1,300 years ago.



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AYLESBURY MUSIC CENTRE OPEN DAY

SATURDAY 7TH NOVEMBER 9:30-1:00

WHAT'S ON??

9:30 BUDDING BRASS
MEET OUR YOUNGEST BRASS PLAYERS & WATCH THEM REHEARSE

10:00 TRAINING STRINGS
LISTEN TO THIS WONDERFUL GROUP REHEARSE TOGETHER

10:15 MINI CONCERT
ENJOY AN AMAZING PERFORMANCES FROM YOUTH & INTERMEDIATE ORCHESTRAS

10:45 BIG SING
EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN OUR CHOIR

11:30 JUNIOR JAM
BRING YOUR INSTRUMENT JOIN OUR GIANT ORCHCESTRA MUSIC FOR EVERYONE FROM 1 TERM'S TUITION TO GRADE 4



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FREE
AUTUMN CRAFTS
WORKSHOP

Workshop link: FMCR001

Click on the workshop link here to enrol

For parents and carers of children aged 3-11 years

Enjoy a morning of autumn fun with seasonal crafts to take home, tasty snacks, and a booklet full of creative activities to keep the fun going long after the event!

CHOOSE FROM 1 OF THE FOLLOWING 2 DATES:

Monday 26th October
10am - 12pm
(Drop in and stay as long as you like)
Millbrook Adult Learning Centre
High Wycombe

Tuesday 27th October
10am - 12pm
(Drop in and stay as long as you like)
Quarrendon Adult Learning Centre
Aylesbury

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE → 01296 383582
FOR MORE INFORMATION → 07710 145234 - Nina

or SCAN the QR CODE or CLICK on the workshop link provided

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