16th October 2026

CALENDAR DATES 2026

22nd October 9:30am & 1:30pm	Open Day - New Starters September 2027
23rd October 9am to 9:30am	Year 1 Reading & Phonics Workshop Details sent 15.10.26 – if you wish to join please complete the form via the SchoolAPP
23rd October	PTA Rainbow Day – Non uniform See details below
23rd October	PTA Krispy Doughnut See details below – please note the QR code is ONLY if your child is going to Kidz Zone Afterschool Club
26th October to 30th October	October Half Term – School Closed
5th November 9am to 10am	Maths Workshop – Parents/Carers invited in to school Details to follow
6th November 2pm to 3pm	Grandparents Afternoon Tea Successful letters sent 13.10.26. If you have not received a pink letter unfortunately you have not been successful on this occasion.
12th November **original date** EYS – 2:30pm to 3pm Yr 1&2 – 3pm to 4pm Yr 3&4 – 4pm to 5pm	PTA Disco – Non uniform day Details to follow
12th November	PTA – Bring some chocolate day for the Christmas Fayre Details to follow
13th November	Children in Need Day – Non-uniform Details to follow
18th November	NO PARKING – Beaudesert is hosting an event, there will be no parking after 1pm
19th November 9am to 9:45am	Parents Forum – Parents/Carers invited in to school Details to follow
20th November	Individual Whole School Photos
24th November	Year 3 Roman Day Details to follow
25th November	Year 4 Eygptian Day Details to follow
26th November 9:30am	Open Day - New Starters September 2027 See details below
27th November 9am to 10am	Reading steps to SATS success – Years 2, 3 & 4 Details to follow
30th November	St Andrews Day – Non uniform
30th November & 1st December	PTA Elfridges Details to follow
4th December	PTA Christmas Fair Details to follow
9th December	Theatre Trip – Years 2, 3 & 4 only Details to follow
10th December 9:15am & 2pm	Early Years Christmas Nativity Details to follow
16th December	Christmas Lunch & Jumper Day – non uniform
17th December	Christmas Party Day – Whole School Details to follow nearer to the time from the class teachers
18th December 12pm to 12:30pm	Fantastic Finish Parents/carers invited to come and see the children's learning at 12pm then children to go home

Challenge Champion – 9th October 2026



Lynx: Acer

1P: Finley

1A: Jude

2O: Nakshatra

3P: Esme

3J: Archie

4DR: Alfie

4G: Chloe

Blue Peter Badge Awarded to Matilda Year 1A!

A huge achievement for Matilda who was awarded the Blue Peter

'Book Badge' and 'Sport Badge'! **Well done Matilda!**

To find out more about the Blue Peter badges head to their website to see if your child wishes to discover how to get one of these rare badges!

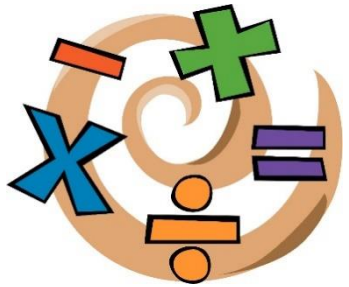
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English Champion of the Week

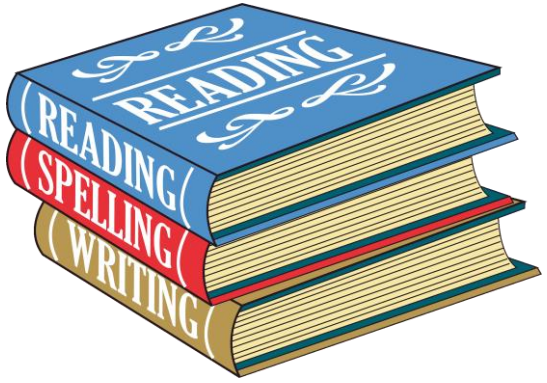
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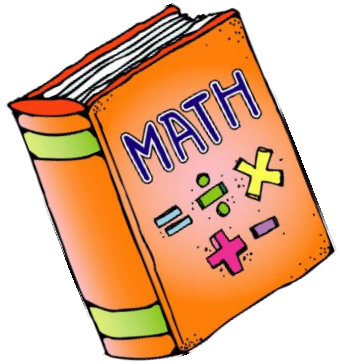
Maths Champion of the Week

9th October 2026









Harvest FESTIVAL

A MASSIVE THANK YOU! to everyone who kindly donated to our Harvest Assembly! Leighton Linslade Helpers were amazed by the 10 boxes you all helped fill, which all added up to a few hundred pounds' saving for the foodbank! Wow!!





Thank You



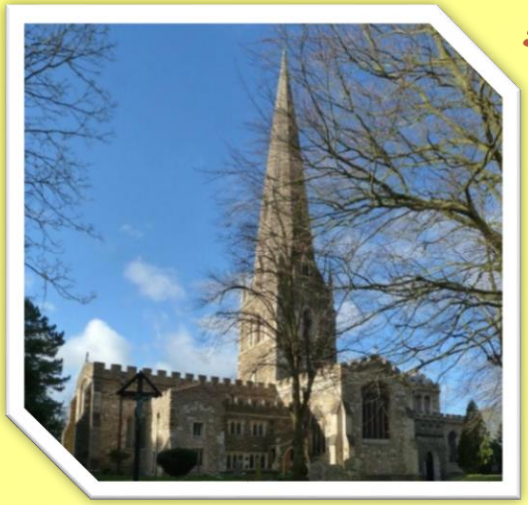
Scooters & Bikes



Please note if your child has a scooter or bike in the pods/shelter please ensure these are taken home before the half term holidays. Any that are left in the area will be disposed off.

Thank you for your understanding.

All Saints Church Harvest Trail



Last week Year 3 & 4 had a very enjoyable trip to All Saints Church. They went around the trail held in the Church and learnt about the importance of the Harvest Festival.

Here are a few photos from Year 3J showing their experience…























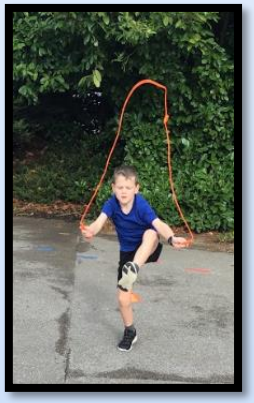




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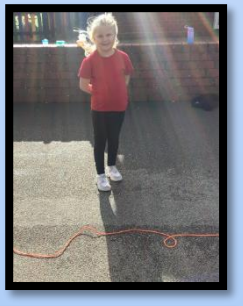
























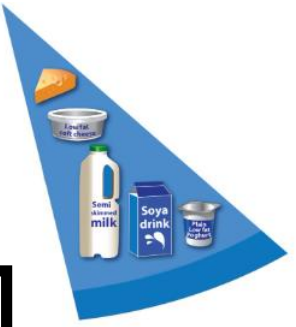




Early Years

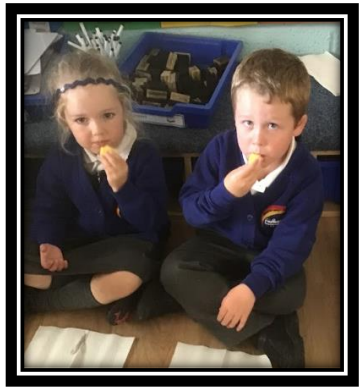
Early Years have been learning about food types, where food comes from and Harvest this week. Here are a few photos of them tasting mango and red pepper. Also, they enjoyed making biscuits!







































Year 3J Roman Army Role Play

Last week Year 3 learnt about what life was like for a Roman soldier and that the Roman army was very organised.

They did a role play where they marched and got into various formations.











They made a wedge formation so they could push through enemy lines.

They made an orb formation when they were surrounded.







They made a tortoise formation so they were protected from spears and arrows!

Year 3 Boudicca's Visit!

This week Boudicca visited the Year 3s! They had the opportunity to ask her about her life and what it was like when the Romans conquered Britannia.







Guinness World Record

Year 3J took part in a global attempt for the Guinness World Record for the 'most people reading online in 12 hours'. We are waiting to hear if this was achieved!







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BEAUDESERT LOWER SCHOOL PTA

£1

Krispy Kreme DOUGHNUTS

Doughnut Sale

23rd October 3pm

On the Playground



After School Club Pre-orders

https://beaupta.s.gy/doughnuts

BEAUDESERT LOWER SCHOOL PTA

Rainbow Day



Friday 23rd October

Come to school dressed in your favourite colour.

£1 donation



THANKYOU

Kidz Zone Club pre-orders link: https://beaupta.s.gy/doughnuts

Discover Bucks Museum
& Roald Dahl Children's Gallery

Discover Bucks Museum
Church Street
Aylesbury HP20 2QP
discoverbucksmuseum.org
01296 331441

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

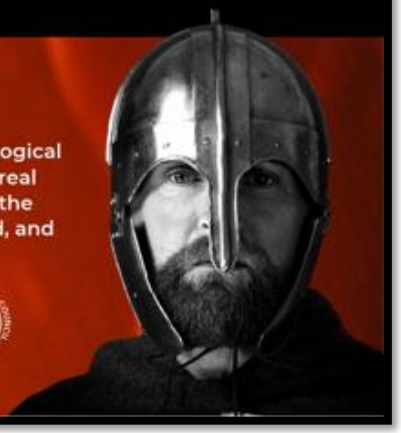
For more event details, charges and to book please scan the QR code or visit discoverbucksmuseum.org

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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CLASS DETAILS

- Every Sunday
- Leighton Leisure and Community Centre, Leighton Buzzard
- Ages 4 and up

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Sasha Wareham

WEST END PERFORMER | TEACHER | CREATIVE

Professional musical theatre performer with credits including *Wicked, Mamma Mia, We Will Rock You, Eugenius, 9 to 5* (Savoy Theatre), *Guys and Dolls* (Bridge Theatre), *Hello Dolly* (Lido Theatre, Paris), along with appearing in the *Barbie Movie*. Sasha is passionate about nurturing the next generation of performers and bringing the joy of theatre to young people in the local community.

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At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about AI COMPANIONS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Powered by generative AI models like ChatGPT and Google Gemini, AI companion apps and virtual chatbots such as Character.ai, Snapchat My AI, Replika and Talkie, allow users to create, customise, and chat to synthetic avatars around the clock. While many young people use them for harmless entertainment, creative writing or homework help, these tools are designed to simulate genuine human empathy, emotional bonding and deep friendship.

EMOTIONAL DEPENDENCY

AI companions are programmed to be endlessly agreeable, attentive, and available 24/7. Unlike human friendships, an AI companion never disagrees, sets personal boundaries, or gets tired. Young people (especially those experiencing loneliness, social anxiety, or low self-esteem) can quickly develop an unhealthy emotional attachment, viewing synthetic software as their 'best friend' or a surrogate romantic partner.

DISTORTED SOCIAL SKILLS

Navigating real-world friendships can be messy, involving dealing with conflict, compromise, boredom, and awkwardness. If a teenager spends hours interacting with an AI that is tailored specifically to validate and flatter them, they may become impatient with real-world relationships. Over time, this can lead to social withdrawal, heightened anxiety in peer groups, and isolation: a vicious circle of growing online dependency coupled with a heightened sense that relationships in the 'real world' are too challenging to maintain.

DANGEROUS MENTAL HEALTH ADVICE

AI chatbots possess no genuine empathy, professional clinical knowledge, or moral reasoning. While developers state these tools are not therapists, vulnerable teenagers often turn to them in crisis. Chatbots have previously hallucinated unsafe medical guidance, validated depressive spirals, and failed to safely escalate disclosures of self-harm or suicidal ideation to real-world protective services.

INAPPROPRIATE OR EXPLICIT CONTENT

CENSORED

While most mainstream platforms feature safety filters and guardrails, young people frequently discover 'jailbreak' prompts to bypass them. Some companion platforms subtly nudge users towards mature themes, romantic roleplay, or sexually suggestive conversations. In worse cases, third-party apps with weak safety checks have been found to generate sexually explicit text or intimate images.

DATA HARVESTING & OVERSHARING

Because conversational bots simulate warmth and understanding, children often lower their guard and treat the chatbot as a trusted friend. They may disclose sensitive personal information, including full names, school details, private family problems, or secrets, unaware that their conversations are being logged, may be analysed by third parties (including advertisers), or used to train future AI models.

"FREEMIUM" UPSELLS & SUBSCRIPTIONS

Many companion platforms operate on a freemium model. While basic chat is free, features like voice calls, uncensored responses, custom avatars, or 'deeper bonding' tiers are locked behind expensive monthly recurring subscriptions or in-app token purchases. This can lead to significant hidden costs and pressure on young people to spend money to maintain the 'friendship'.

Advice for Parents & Educators

TALK OPENLY ABOUT FAKE RELATIONSHIPS

Demystify how these tools work. Explain to young people that an AI companion has no feelings, memories, or consciousness; it is simply calculating the next most mathematically probable word based on its training data. It is helpful to explain to them the mechanics of large language models so that they understand how they are trained and how they are designed to always flatter and be helpful.

ENCOURAGE REAL-WORLD CONNECTION

Ensure technology habits do not replace face-to-face peer socialisation, sports, hobbies, and family time. Create healthy boundaries at home (such as keeping phones and tablets out of bedrooms overnight) to prevent late-night, unmonitored attachment loops with conversational chatbots when young people are at their most vulnerable.

AUDIT PRIVACY SETTINGS & AGE LIMITS

18 CENSORED

Check which companion apps are installed on your child's phone or tablet. Many dedicated companion apps carry an App Store rating of 17+, while platforms like Character.ai set a minimum age of 13+ (or 16+ in the UK/EU). Review the privacy settings together: turn off data-sharing toggles, disable model training where possible, and ensure location permissions are blocked.

REINFORCE WHERE TO GET REAL HELP

Make sure young people know that a machine can never replace professional pastoral or mental health care. Remind them of the trusted adults they can turn to at school – such as their Form Tutor, Head of Year, or the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) – as well as dedicated youth support services like Childline (0800 1111) or Shout (text 85258).

Meet Our Expert

Darren Coxon is the Founder and Executive Director of Kompass Education, a consultancy specialising in supporting educators, students and parents in making wise choices with AI. His book Ethical AI and Education, co-authored with Clara Hawking, will be released later in 2026 by Taylor and Francis.



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REMINDERS

Start & Finish Times for September 2026 – July 2027

Year	Start time	Finish time
Years 3 & 4	8.40am	3.00pm
Years 1 & 2	8.40am	3.00pm
Reception	8:40am	3:00pm

PLEASE FOLLOW THE ONE WAY SYSTEM AROUND THE SCHOOL, EVEN IF THIS MEANS YOU WALKING BACK AROUND THE BUILDING FOR A 2ND LAP.



Change of contact details/address

If you have changed your address or phone number recently, please let the school office know your new details. Thank you.



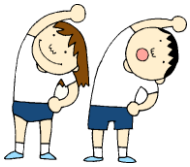
Absences/lateness

Can all parents ensure that all absences are reported to the School Office by 9.30am on the day of absence. It is also very important for the school to know if your child is sick, or if they have a medical appointment. If your child arrives into school late (after 8.40am), Parents are asked to please bring their child to the school office.



School App

We now have a new school app. It is available to download free from the App Store on any mobile device. Search for **'reach more parents by weduc'**. Please be sure to download the app onto your phone as it will be our main method of communicating via text with Parents.



PE Kit

September 2026 – Please can all children bring in their PE kits at the beginning of the week so they can change into them during school time on their nominated days.



School Lunches

Ordering and paying for school lunches is now done on www.parentpay.com. Parents should have received letters that features login details. Please order all school lunches by 8am each day or book in advance.

Beaudesert has a strict 'No Nuts' policy, and we ask parents to not send in food items such as peanut butter, cakes or biscuits that may contain nuts!



Breakfast Club and After School Club

Advance bookings for **both the Breakfast club and After School Club** need to be made online at https://www.kidzzoneclub.com/. For same day bookings please can parents email hello@kidzzoneclub.com or call their office on 01525 591036 (between 9am and 12pm). Please note a parent/guardian must complete a 'Kidz Zone' child registration form either online via the website or with a member of the Kidz Zone team for the booking to be accepted – this information is required to meet Ofsted regulations.



Bikes and Scooters

Please can everyone remember to dismount bikes and scooters whilst on the school grounds, as accidents can occur on pathways at busy times.



Car Parking

Just a reminder for some parents when parking outside of the School that it is very important to park as considerately as possible. Parents and carers dropping their children off at school should not be parking on pavements. Car number plates may be reported to the Police if this continues to happen. Can parents also remember that parking in the Staff car park or the Kitchen car park is also not permitted. Thank you.

PTA Second Hand Uniform Shop

The PTA have set up a pre-loved uniform shop. Please click on the below link to browse and make your purchase.

Link: https://app.uniformd.co.uk/items/beaudesert-lower-school