



CALENDAR DATES 2026

30 th September 9:30am (full) & 1:30pm	Open Days – New Starters September 2027 See details below
30 th September 3:15pm to 7pm	ONLINE Meet the Teacher Details sent 22.9.26 via email to book your 5 minutes meeting online
16 th October	Harvest Assembly (Children only) Details to follow to request food donations
22 nd October 9:30am & 1:30pm	Open Day - New Starters September 2027 See details below
22 nd October **Date change** EYS – 2:30pm to 3pm Yr 1&2 – 3pm to 4pm Yr 3&4 – 4pm to 5pm	PTA Disco Details to follow – please note date change & children now to wear their uniform due to the Open Day
23 rd October 9am to 9:30am	Year 1 Reading & Phonics Workshop Details to follow
23 rd October	PTA Rainbow Day – Non uniform Details to follow
26 th October to 30 th October	October Half Term – School Closed
5 th November 9am to 10am	Maths Workshop – Parents/Carers invited in to school Details to follow
13 th November	Children in Need Day – Non-uniform Details to follow
19 th November 9am to 9:45am	Parents Forum – Parents/Carers invited in to school Details to follow
20 th November	Individual Whole School Photos
26 th November 9:30am	Open Day - New Starters September 2027 See details below
27 th November 9am to 10am	Reading steps to SATS success – Years 2, 3 & 4 Details to follow
30 th November	St Andrews Day – Non uniform
30 th November & 1 st December	PTA Elfridges Details to follow
4 th December	PTA Christmas Fair Details to follow
9 th December	Theatre Trip – Years 2, 3 & 4 only Details to follow
10 th December 9:15am & 2pm	Early Years Christmas Nativity Details to follow
16 th December	Christmas Lunch & Jumper Day – non uniform
17 th December	Christmas Party Day – Whole School Details to follow nearer to the time from the class teachers
18 th 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

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT



**A massive thank you to everyone who supported
our 'Coffee Morning' event today!
It was our busiest coffee morning ever!
We will let you know how much you have helped
us raise very soon!**

If you still wish to make a donation, please click on the below link:

<https://cm26.macmillan.org.uk/fundraising/cm26003991>

Thank you!

INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES DAY



Today, we celebrated Languages Day at Beaudesert Lower School! Each year group participated in at least two lessons focussed on different languages. From Portuguese to Spanish and from Welsh to Italian the children enjoyed and embraced the exciting topics. They allowed the children to appreciate the many languages spoken by children and families within our Beaudesert community. The children celebrated difference and inclusivity, wowing their audience with songs at our fundraising coffee morning - including an Early Years Makaton special. Should your child wish to explore languages from around the world further, please do use the languages challenge sheet to support this.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Douglas-Rose (Languages Lead).

Please see the attachment in your email if you wish your child have a go at the language challenge!

Challenge Champion – 18th September 2026



1A: Logan

2M: Ruben

2O: Jah-Nae

3J: Eric

3P: Gabriel

4DR: Barnaby

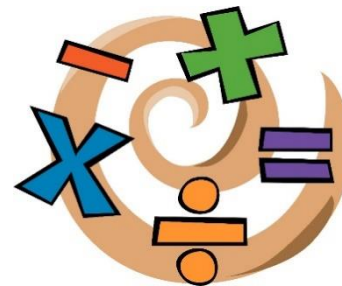
4G: Amir



Well done to all our Times Tables Rock Stars!

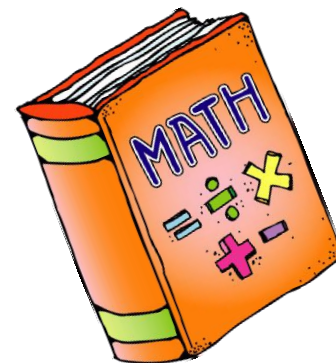
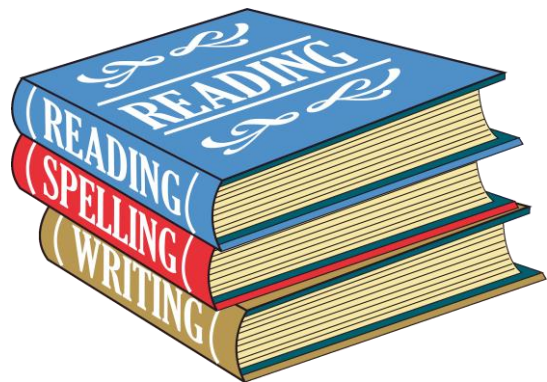
Millie, Andrew, Jah-Nae, Jacob, Hannah and Annie

Keep that excellent work up!



English Champion of the Week
18th September 2026

Maths Champion of the Week
18th September 2026



Inspiring Music After-school and Saturday Music Groups

Our after-school and Saturday music groups are fun, friendly and varied, offering a wide range of instruments and musical experiences.

After-school sessions are available for anyone aged **7+**, while Saturday morning music groups are open to those in **aged 5 and above**. All sessions are designed to help participants learn an instrument, build confidence and make new friends in a supportive, relaxed environment.

With local sessions during the week and on Saturdays, it's easy to find something that fits around your schedule.



**Make music.
Make friends.
Be inspired.**

inspiring music
Central Bedfordshire Music Service

Discover our fun and friendly after-school and Saturday music groups in Central Bedfordshire.

Whether you're just starting out or already play, there's a group or instrument for everyone.

Scan to find your local group and start your musical journey today

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Central Bedfordshire Arts Council England



Start your musical journey with us today. Available to anyone just setting out or already playing, there's a place for you.

In all our sessions you can:

- ♪ develop musical skills
- ♪ build confidence
- ♪ make friends
- ♪ perform and progress
- ♪ build valuable life skills

Find the right group

We offer a wide range of ensembles and groups to suit every stage - from beginners to more experienced musicians.

- ♪ choirs and singing groups
- ♪ concert and wind bands
- ♪ folk group
- ♪ orchestras
- ♪ rock and pop groups
- ♪ beginner groups
- ♪ instrument-specific ensembles e.g. guitar, keyboard and more

Why join?

Our experienced tutors create a supportive environment where children, young people and adults can learn, grow and enjoy making music together.

Who can join?

Our after-school and Saturday music groups welcome children, young people and adults across Central Bedfordshire. Some groups are ideal for beginners, while others are designed for more experienced musicians.

Ready to get started

Find up-to-date details on venues, times and how to join:
Scan the QR code
Visit www.inspiringmusic.co.uk/after-school-and-saturday-music-groups

Link to website:

<https://www.inspiringmusic.co.uk/after-school-and-saturday-music-groups>

BEDFORDSHIRE BALLERZ FOOTBALL ACADEMY
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REDBORNE UPPER SCHOOL
AMPHILL
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AGES 8 TO 15 YEARS

EVERY TUESDAY
5:00PM – 6:00PM
REDBORNE UPPER SCHOOL,
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MK45 2NU

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Improve technique and game understanding

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ALL ABILITIES WELCOME
Whether you're new or experienced, everyone is welcome

END OF TERM REPORTS
Track your progress and celebrate your development

ACADEMY PATHWAYS
Opportunities to progress and reach your full potential

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Our training term begins next week W/C Monday 3rd November and will run for 7 consecutive weeks at the training centres below;

Venue information

Thursdays @ Flitwick Football Centre in FLITWICK from 6:30pm to 7:30pm – Ampthill Road, MK45 1BA (Girls only Year 3 -11)

You can register onto the above training centres via the link below;

Girls only training centre link - <https://creativesportscoaching.co.uk/product-category/girls-ttc/>

Over the 7 week term we will be focusing our training sessions around 7 weekly themes set out below;

Theme 1 – Dribbling, Ball manipulation and Ball mastery.

Theme 2 – Passing and Receiving.

Theme 3 – Attacking Principles.

Theme 4 – Defending roles and responsibilities.

Theme 5 – Combinations and Pattern of play.

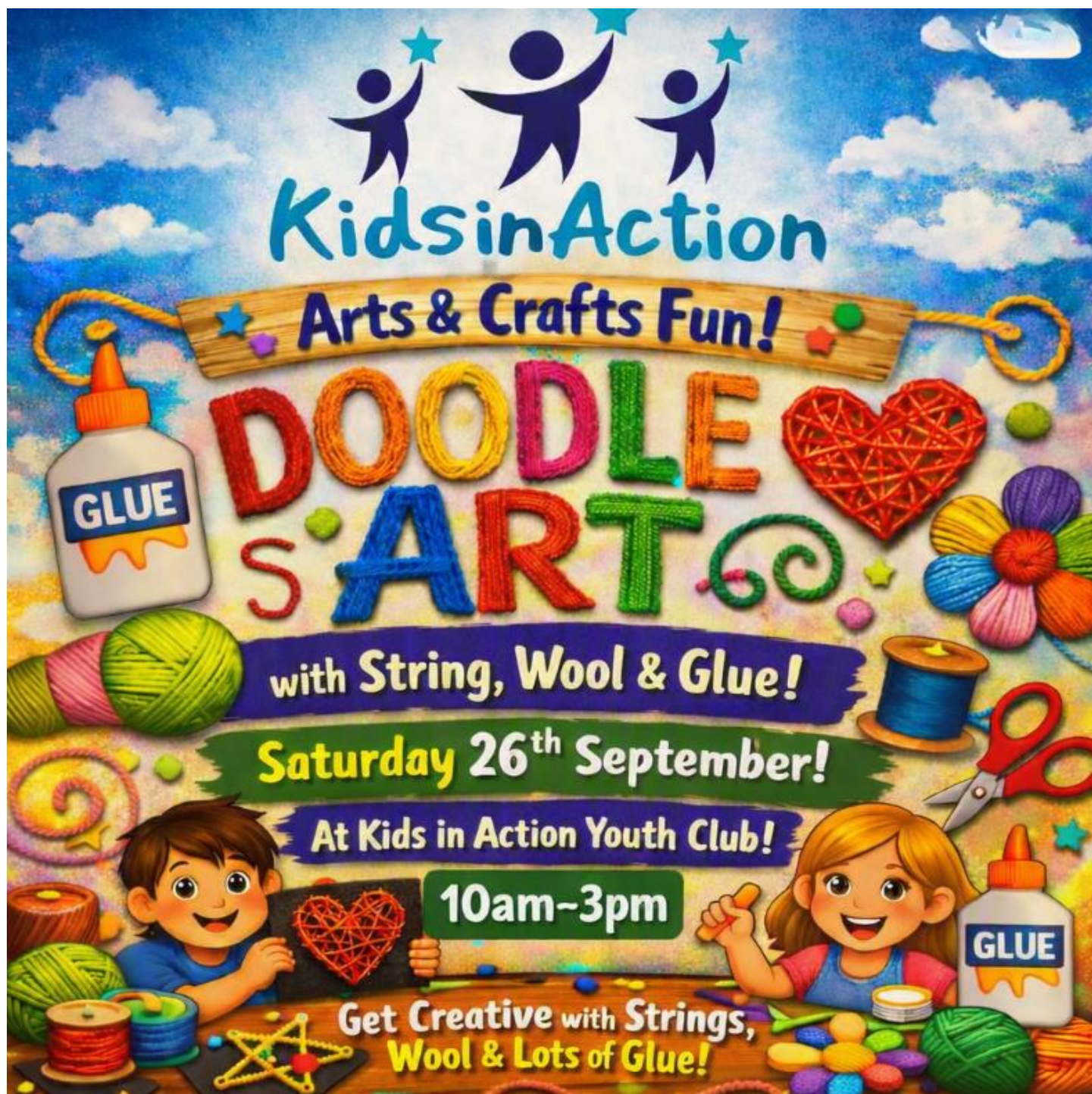
Theme 6 – Game based play.

Theme 7 – Skill based challenges.

✨ Get ready to get messy, creative, and full of giggles! This Saturday we're bringing **DOODLE ART** to Kids in Action — think **string, wool, glue and endless imagination!** 🎨 🧵

Join us 10am–3pm for a day of colourful fun your kids will love.

26, Apex Business Centre, Boscombe Rd, Dunstable LU5 4SB





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For children and teens aged 5-17

A fun six-week course exploring acting for camera, scene work, character and self-tape skills.



WEDNESDAYS • 4 NOVEMBER–9 DECEMBER 2026



Ages 5-7

4:00–5:00 pm



Ages 8-10

5:15–6:15 pm



Ages 11-17

6:30–7:30 pm



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THE LEIGHTON BUZZARD RAILWAY JUNIOR RUNNING DAY SUNDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 2026

The Junior Group, formed in 2025, is proud to present our Running Day.

We will be running activities for people of all ages including, a driver and signalman simulator and much more.



Leighton Buzzard Railway is a heritage narrow-gauge railway running from Leighton Buzzard into the beautiful Bedfordshire countryside.

With over 100 years of history and one of the country's largest narrow-gauge diesel engine collections, it has a history like no other.

What's On?



Ride the railway



Driver & signalman simulators



Junior railway activities



Steam & diesel trains



Activities for all ages



CC Jacob Smith

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LEIGHTON BUZZARD

Every visitor to our small railway helps preserve the future for generations to come, keeping history moving!



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

DISCORD

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

(with a 17+ app rating on app stores)

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Launched in 2015, and with over 90 million daily active users, Discord has become one of the main ways gamers communicate – with text, voice, and video chat helping people connect around shared interests. For many young people, Discord can be a useful way to talk with friends, join communities, and explore hobbies. However, like any online platform built around communication, it also carries risks around strangers, inappropriate content, spending money, and time spent online. This guide looks at what parents and educators need to know.

A CHANNEL FOR EVERYTHING

While Discord is strongly associated with video games, it also hosts communities for almost anything you can imagine, such as books, music, influencers, cooking and sport. Some large servers focus on popular games like Minecraft or Fortnite, but many are private, invite-only spaces where friends or communities with shared interests can chat across phones, computers, and gaming consoles.

REAL-LIFE DISTRACTION

Like many social platforms, Discord can become a real time-sink. Although it does not rely on endless scrolling in the same way as some apps, constant messages, group chats, and voice channels can keep young people engaged for long periods, especially in larger servers. As Discord is closely linked to gaming, it may also increase the time they spend playing games.

STRANGER DANGER

Users can choose to stay within private servers with only people they know, but joining public servers will most likely bring them into contact with strangers. Many users are just friendly enthusiasts, yet others could have harmful intentions, including grooming, extortion, or radicalisation. In these types of environments, anyone can claim to be another teenager, which can make it harder for young people to judge who is safe to talk to.

A HARASSMENT RISK

There is also a risk from people a young person already knows in the real world. Bullying in the real world can continue online, and Discord servers can make this feel more intimidating, especially if someone uses anonymous or multiple accounts to carry out threatening behaviours. Because Discord works across computers, phones, and gaming consoles, unwanted contact can follow young people into online spaces that should feel safe and private.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

This huge amount of choice can help young people “find their tribe”, especially when they have niche interests. However, because users can create servers around almost any topic, younger users may still encounter unsuitable or distressing content. Even in spaces linked to child-friendly games, Discord cannot directly control every conversation, image, or video shared by other users.

A MONEY DRAIN

Discord is free to use, but users can still spend real-world money on it. This may include Discord ‘Nitro’, a monthly subscription that unlocks customisation features and larger media uploads, or purchases through the ‘Shop’ for profile cosmetics and game-related items. Small purchases can add up quickly, especially if spending controls are not in place.

Advice for Parents & Educators

USE FAMILY CENTRE

Parents and carers should make use of Discord’s ‘Family Centre’, which gives an overview of a younger user’s activity while respecting their privacy. Messages are not shared, but adults can view an activity feed and receive weekly email summaries. Discord says this is designed to support conversations about online behaviour, rather than be about constant monitoring.

CHECK, TALK, REPORT

Review Discord’s privacy settings together, including who can send them friend requests or private messages. Use this as a chance to talk to them about strangers, privacy, and personal information, making sure young people know to question suspicious behaviour, such as requests to keep conversations secret. Show them how to block and report these kinds of users and reassure them that asking for help will not get them into trouble.

MANAGE TIME ONLINE

Agree clear expectations around when and how Discord can be used, especially during homework, bedtime, and family time. Encourage young people to turn off unnecessary notifications and leave servers that feel overwhelming. If Discord is mainly used alongside gaming, discuss healthy limits for both activities so that schoolwork, sleep, and offline friendships are not affected.

REVIEW SPENDING CONTROLS

Talk openly about paid features such as Discord Nitro, profile cosmetics, and in-game purchases. Make sure the young people in your care understand that digital items still cost real money. Check payment settings on the device they use, avoid storing card details where possible, and consider adding approval requirements for purchases, particularly for younger or more impulsive users.

Meet Our Expert

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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.



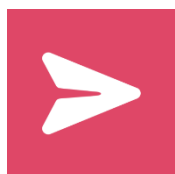
Change of contact details/address

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



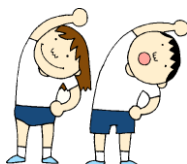
Absences/lateness

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.

Beaundesert 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.kidzzzoneclub.com/>. For same day bookings please can parents email hello@kidzzzoneclub.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.uniformmd.co.uk/items/beaudesert-lower-school>