



## CALENDAR DATES 2025/26

11 <sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 9:15am & 2pm	EARLY YEARS CHRISTMAS NATIVITY Details sent 24.11.25 – please complete the SchoolAPP form if you wish to apply for tickets by 5.12.25
15 <sup>th</sup> DECEMBER	THEATRE TRIP - YEAR 3J & YEAR 4 Details sent 4.11.25 – please send your consent via the SchoolAPP by 5.12.25 Payment to be made via ParentPay thank you
16 <sup>th</sup> DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS PARTY DAY – WHOLE SCHOOL Details to follow from class teachers
17 <sup>th</sup> DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY – CHRISTMAS SCHOOL LUNCH See details below
18 <sup>th</sup> DECEMBER	THEATRE TRIP - YEAR 2 & YEAR 3P Details sent 4.11.25 – please send your consent via the SchoolAPP by 5.12.25 Payment to be made via ParentPay thank you
19 <sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 12:00pm to 12:30pm	FANTASTIC FINISH! Parents/carers invited to come and see the children's learning at 12pm then children to go home
22 <sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER to 2 <sup>nd</sup> JANUARY 2026	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED
5 <sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2026	INSET DAY – STAFF TRAINING – SCHOOL CLOSED
6 <sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2026	ALL CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL
8 <sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2026	YEAR 3 SWIMMING – details to follow 10 weeks excludes February half term & 5 <sup>th</sup> March World Book Day Details sent 20.11.25 - please send your consent via the SchoolAPP by 12.12.25 Payments to be made via ParentPay thank you
8 <sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2026 2:30pm to 3pm	YEAR 4 RESIDENTIAL MEETING Letter sent 9.10.25 – meeting will be held in the school hall
13 <sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2026	EARLY YEARS & YEAR 1 – M&M THEATRE PRODUCTIONS @ BEAUDESERT Details sent by email 13.11.25



### **LAST DAY OF TERM – FANTASTIC FINISH** **FRIDAY 19<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2025**



We would like to invite all Parents/Carers in to the school for **12pm** on the 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025 so you can view your child's amazing work!  
You are then free to take your child/children home.

We look forward to seeing you.

# **Challenge Champions 28<sup>th</sup> November 2025**



**Lynx: Harry**

**1A: Bailey**

**20: Tia**

**3P: Lily**

**4DR: Alfie**

**Bobcat: Roman**

**1P: Ellie**

**3J: Aaron**



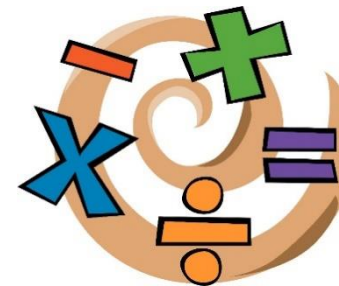
**Well done to all our Times Tables Rock Stars this week!**

**Emilia, Ryan, Nathan, Kevin, Elisheva, Alfie, Oliver, Francesco, Emilia and Seren!**

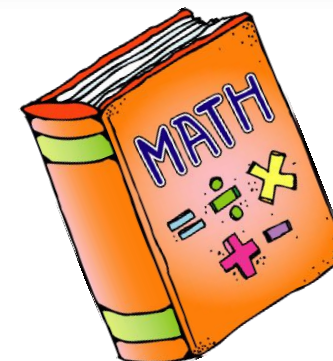
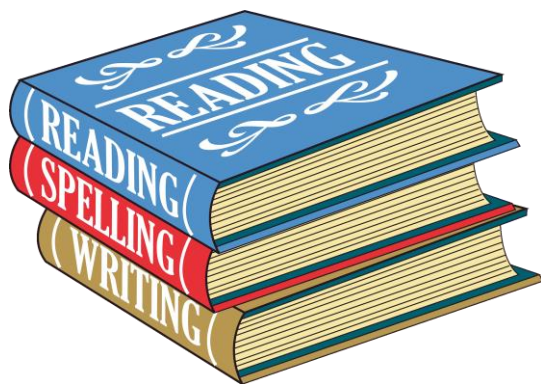
**Excellent work everyone!**



**English Champion of the Week**  
**28<sup>th</sup> November 2025**



**Maths Champion of the Week**  
**28<sup>th</sup> November 2025**





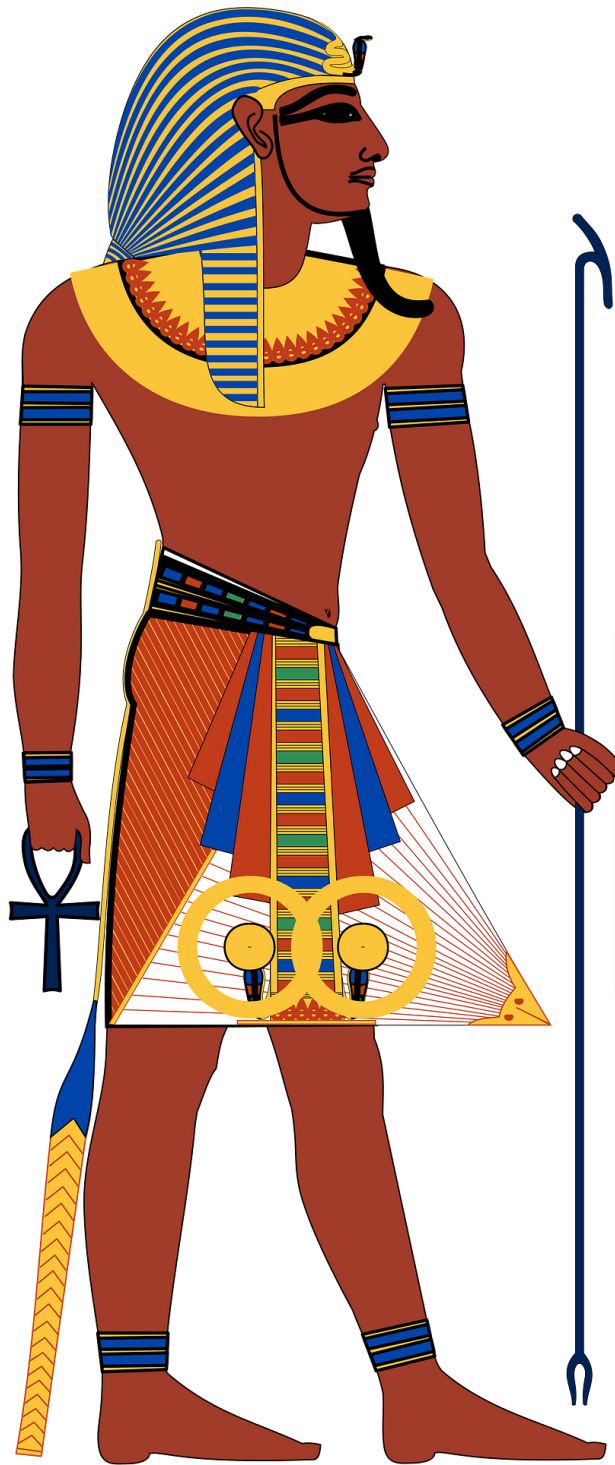
## Year 4 Ancient Egyptian Workshop

Year 4 enjoyed a wonderfully engaging Ancient Egyptian Day on Monday. They took part in amulet making; wax candle production; baked ancient bread and decorated mosaics, amongst many other activities. They also participated in role play and dance routines, inspired by Ancient Egypt.

Did you know that Tutankhamun changed his name from Tutankhaten?









# **WHAT SPOTACULAR RUNNING EVERYONE!**





# **CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY**

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2025**



Christmas Jumper day will be on the 17<sup>th</sup> December. This will be a **full non-uniform day**. We will be supporting the charity '**Save the Children**' this year and ask for a small donation of 50p per child. Please hand your donation to the class teacher.

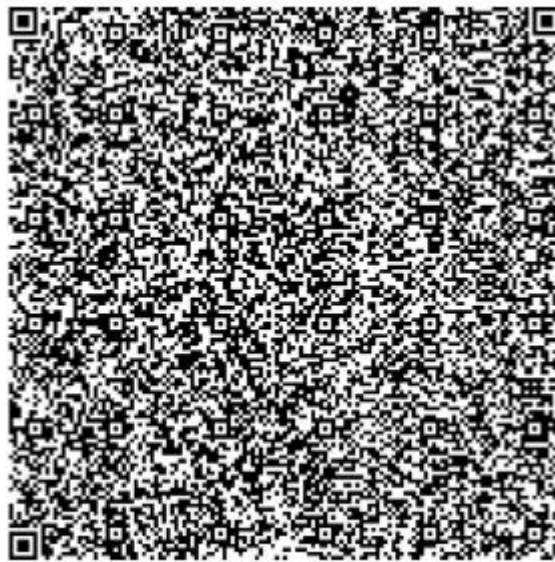
Thank you for your continued support with our fundraising events.



**Save the Children**  
**CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY**

**If you wish to make a donation directly to 'Save the Children', please click on the following link or scan the QR code:**

[https://christmas.savethechildren.org.uk/fundraising/CJD250000361?utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=dssb-CL&utm\\_content=MPC](https://christmas.savethechildren.org.uk/fundraising/CJD250000361?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=dssb-CL&utm_content=MPC)





# CREATIVE BUZZ

JOIN FULL HOUSE THEATRE FOR A  
FREE WINTER THEATRE ADVENTURE

**22<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER**

**Biggleswade:** 9.45am - 2.30pm  
at The BIGG Theatre

**Houghton Regis:** 11.30am - 4pm  
at Lime Tree Primary Academy

**23<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER**

**Leighton Buzzard:** 11.30am - 4pm  
at Beaudesert Lower School

**This exciting holiday activity  
offer includes:**

- Coach travel to and from the Hat Factory Arts Centre
- A healthy two-course Christmas lunch
- Fun games and creative activities
- Ticket to see brand-new live theatre show, **The Three Bears**

For more info and to book  
your free space, go to:

**[fullhouse.org.uk/creativebuzz](http://fullhouse.org.uk/creativebuzz)**

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## SEND Parent Workshops

### Understanding and exploring 'masking behaviours'



The workshop is suitable for parents/carers of children aged 0-12 years old with emerging needs, on the pathway to assessment, have a diagnosed condition and/or identified special educational need.

The workshop will cover:

Neurodiversity

How children may present when they are 'masking'

Strengths and challenges

Strategies to help children to manage 'masking' (At home and possible reasonable adjustments for school)

Signposting to other services, resources and further reading.

### Face to Face workshops

Monday 15 December, 9.15 am - 12.45 pm, Flitwick Children Centre, MK45 1PU

Unfortunately no children can attend

Please click on the following link to check availability and book a place:

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/f8a72123-e4e7-4554-aa38-555a7f353509@21d8a1ee-0787-4374-b259-4e87058aff15>





**Parent Self-esteem Workshop – Wednesday 21st January @ 9.30am-11.30am**

– (For parents of children aged 5 – 12 years old)

One off workshop which equips parents with an understanding of self-esteem and ways to promote high self-esteem through parenting style and collaborative activities to try at home with their young person.

If you wish to attend this online workshop, please click on the following link to complete a parent/carers referral form:

[https://chums.uk.com/emotional-wellbeing-service/#\\_workshops](https://chums.uk.com/emotional-wellbeing-service/#_workshops)

Main website: <https://chums.uk.com/>

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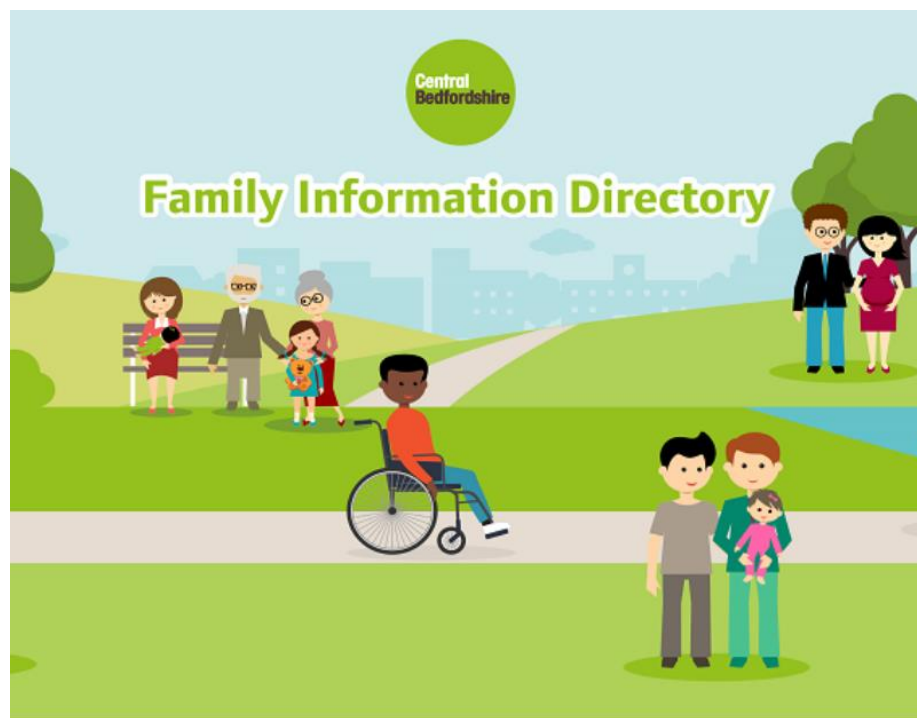
- Receive weekly e-mails and tasks to do as a family that will encourage healthier lifestyle choices.
- Find out what services and support is available.
- Information and ideas about healthy eating, reducing screen time, and being active as a family.
- Chance to set some goals for your family.
- Free goodie bag and leisure centre pass for you to enjoy as a family.

For more information, please email:  
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0 - 12 Children's Centres

### What do we do

Children's Centres deliver groups and sessions on a number of different topics including:

- child and family health services - antenatal, postnatal, baby self-weigh
- parenting support
- child development and learning – Stay and Play, Baby and Me, Dad and Me, Little Explorers
- Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) – Stay and Sign, sessions for parents and carers to connect, SEND Stay and Play
- feeding – breastfeeding (Brasserie), Introducing Solids
- speech and language
- first aid
- wellbeing

Staff can also provide information, advice and support on things including childcare, education, domestic abuse and healthy relationships. Check your local centre's calendar of events to see what is running there.

We have developed our Children's Centres so they meet the needs of the local community - no one centre is the same. Each of the centres work with partners to offer a range of services to meet your child's needs all in one place. There is a core set of services they aim to provide to support for families from pregnancy until 12-years-old.

**To access the Leighton Buzzard Children Centre you will need to register first. Please click on the following link to complete the form.**

<https://cbc.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/SynergyFIS/NS-Childrenscentres.aspx>

**Leighton Buzzard Children Centre Website:**

<https://cbc.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/SynergyFIS/LeightonBuzzardChildrenCentre.aspx>



# 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

## ELECTRICAL SAFETY AND DEVICES

Electrical safety is a vital topic for parents and educators, especially with the growing use of devices like smartphones, laptops, and power banks. Electrical fires are a major risk and are the cause of many deaths and injuries each year. There are reportedly nearly 20,000 accidental fires of electrical origin each year in the UK. This guide offers practical advice to help families and schools prevent electrical hazards, and promote safety when using everyday devices.

### 1 CHECK FOR OVERHEATING

Devices such as laptops, tablets, and smartphones can overheat if used for long periods or when charging. Ensure that children don't use devices on soft surfaces like beds or sofas, which can block ventilation. If a device becomes unusually hot, turn it off and unplug it. Overheating can lead to fire hazards if left unchecked.

### 2 INSTALL RESIDUAL CURRENT DEVICES

Ensure that homes and schools are equipped with Residual Current Devices (RCDs). These devices cut off the power if an electrical fault occurs, preventing electric shocks and reducing the risk of fires. RCDs should be tested regularly to ensure they are working properly. More information about RCDs is available from Electrical Safety First.

### 3 AVOID OVERLOADING SOCKETS

Plugging too many devices into one socket can overload the electrical system and cause a fire. In schools and homes, ensure extension leads are not overloaded and never 'daisy chain' multiple extension cords together. Educate children on the dangers of connecting too many devices to a single outlet.

### 4 POWER BANKS: SAFE USE

Power banks are a handy way to charge devices, but they can also pose a risk if misused. Ensure power banks are of high quality and comply with UK safety standards. Teach children never to leave power banks charging unattended, and to avoid placing them under pillows or bedding where they may overheat.

### 5 REGULAR DEVICE INSPECTIONS

Regularly check devices for signs of wear and tear. Frayed charging cables, cracked device casings, or devices that are slow to charge may indicate electrical problems. If any issues are noticed, stop using the device until it can be repaired or replaced by a qualified technician. This proactive approach helps prevent fires caused by faulty devices.

### 6 UNPLUG DEVICES WHEN NOT IN USE

Encourage children and pupils to unplug devices when not in use, particularly overnight. Devices left plugged in unnecessarily can overheat or become fire hazards, especially if left charging unattended for long periods. Simple habits like unplugging can prevent serious incidents.

### 7 USE GENUINE CHARGERS

Always use chargers supplied by the manufacturer or from a reputable retailer. Faulty or counterfeit chargers can cause devices to overheat, short-circuit, or even catch fire. Teach children the importance of avoiding poor-quality chargers, and regularly inspect charging cables for signs of wear or damage. More tips on safe charging can be found at Electrical Safety First.

### 8 WATER & ELECTRICITY DON'T MIX

Teach children that water and electricity are a dangerous combination. Devices should never be used near sinks, bathtubs, or swimming pools. Parents and educators should ensure that any electrical appliances near water sources have proper waterproof casings and are plugged into RCD-protected outlets.

### 9 KEEP DEVICES VENTILATED

Devices need proper ventilation to avoid overheating. Avoid stacking items on top of plugged-in devices like laptops or gaming consoles, and make sure there is enough space around devices to allow for airflow. Proper ventilation helps prevent dangerous heat build-up, reducing the risk of fires.

### 10 SUPERVISE YOUNG CHILDREN

Younger children may not understand the dangers of electricity, so it's important to supervise them when they are using devices. Keep electrical cords out of reach and always remind children never to put objects into electrical outlets.

## Meet Our Expert

James Whelan is an experienced health and safety expert who is a Chartered Member of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health. He provides services to educational settings as well as many other industries to help them maintain a safe working environment.



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# REMINDERS

## Start & Finish Times for September 2025 – July 2026

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 WAY SYSTEM AROUND THE SCHOOL, EVEN IF THIS MEANS YOU WALKING BACK AROUND THE BUILDING FOR A 2<sup>ND</sup> LAP.**



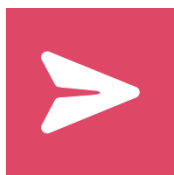
### **Change of contact details/address**

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



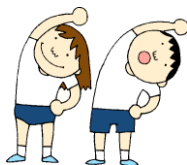
### **Absences/lateness**

***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 2025** – 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](http://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](mailto:hello@kidzzzoneclub.com) or call their office on 01525 591036 (between 9am and 2pm). 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/beadesert-lower-school>