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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers



School Office

Cindy McGeer from the school office will be leaving us today, she will be returning to a PA role in the corporate world. Cindy has enjoyed her time as PA to the Senior Leadership Team and seeing children visit the school office. I will miss her and wish her the very best in her new role.

We are delighted to welcome Suzanne Tomlins who joins us later this month. Suzanne will be supporting me and other members of the Senior Leadership Team as the new PA to the Senior Leadership Team.

Suzanne has an excellent and extensive track record in schools having previously held the role of Headteacher's PA at a large school for pupils aged 11-18 and a school office role in a small school for 3-11-year olds. Suzanne is looking forward to meeting everyone.

Junior Headship Team

Congratulations to our new Junior Headship Team:

Head Girl: Ava
Deputy Head Girl: Ivy
Head Boy: Cezary
Deputy Head Boy: Danyaal



Year 6 WW2 Wow Day

Year 6 had a fantastic World War 2 day on Wednesday. They filled in their identification tags and were evacuated with the teachers to the countryside. When we made it to the countryside, they met the Billeting Officer who checked their tags and sent them to their host families. At lunch time, the children handed over their ration books to get them stamped by the dinner staff. In the afternoon, the children designed and made their own Anderson shelters.



Year 4 Viking Wow Day

Year 4 enjoyed their Viking WOW day making Viking shields and Viking Longboats. The children have shown great interest in the topic this half term and shared interesting facts they have learnt.



Parent Forum- Thursday, 24 October 2024

A huge thank you to the parents who attended our session yesterday. We introduced two platforms that will be used in our school after half-term:

- Studybugs based on reporting absences and tracking attendance
- Provision Mapper to support children with SEND

We received positive feedback from this session and look forward to holding more events like this.



Ballet Classes

The Ballet Club at our school has become one of the most popular and exciting activities for children of all ages. With enthusiastic participation the club offers a wonderful way to explore the beauty of ballet in a fun and supportive environment.

If you would like your child to join the weekly ballet classes please contact the school office.



Flu vaccination for Reception-Year 6 children- 13 November 2024

You should receive an email from Central Bedfordshire Immunisation Team regarding flu vaccination for your child with a link to complete a consent form.

If you are struggling to complete a form or did not receive a link please contact the school office.

The flu vaccine program will be taking place at Houghton Regis Primary School on Wednesday 13 November 2024.

Time change reminder

The clocks will go back in the UK on 27 October 2024 at 2am.



Curriculum maps

Please refer to the school website for curriculum newsletters for Autumn 2 term.

Nut free school

We would like to remind parents that we are a nut free school. Therefore, please ensure that your child's packed lunch or breaktime snack does not include nuts or contain any ingredients relating to nuts such as peanut butter or chocolate spread. This is a very important rule as it keeps members of our school community with certain allergies safe and well.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a wonderful half term break.

Kind regards

Mr James Edwards

Headteacher



Upcoming Events

Day	Date	Time	Year Group	Event
Thursday	31 October			Deadline for submitting High School application to the Local Authority
Monday	4 November		School Closed for All Children	INSET Day
Tuesday	5 November		All Children	Return to school
Wednesday	6 November	9.30am		Prospective parents and children starting school Sept 2025
Wednesday	13 November		Years R-6	SLA Flu Immunisation Session
Friday	15 November		All Children	Children In Need
Tuesday	3 December	11.00-11.30am	Choir	Visit to All Saints View
Thursday	5 December	9.15am and 2.30pm		Reception Nativity
Friday	6 December	9.30am		Prospective parents and children starting school Sept 2025
Wednesday	11 December	9.10am and 2.00pm	Nursery	Jingle and Mingle
Thursday	12 December	10.30am and 2pm		Year 1 Nativity
Monday	16 December	1pm-2.30pm	Years 2, 3, & 4	Christmas Carol Concert- All Saints Church
Wednesday	18 December			Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day
Friday	20 December		All Children	Last day of term – school finishes at 2pm
Monday	6 January		School Closed for All Children	INSET Day
Tuesday	7 January		All Children	Return to school



Star Awards

			
Danny DETERMINATION says, "DON'T GIVE UP."	Colin CURIOSITY says, "THINK FOR YOURSELF."	Chloe COMMUNICATION says, "RESPECT OTHERS."	Izzy INDEPENDENCE says, "DO YOUR BEST."
Joshua C	Ethan H	Reya S	Jacob S
Cory B	Chloe H	Salma	Hetty C
Daniella C	Willow C	Liliana P	Sophia W
Bailey B	Jessica L	Jack L	Francesca K
Nicholas P	Kelsey-Jade S-G	Hugo W	Arfa C
			Donya H
			Israel A
			Pelageya G
			Darius M
			Julianna E
			Yasmin L
			Maya A



EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES SUMMER TERM 2024

Club	Year group involved	Day	Time of Day
Ballet	Year 3- 6	Tuesday	Afternoon
Ballet	Nursery-Year 2	Wednesday	Morning
Football	KS2 (Boys)	Tuesday	3.15 - 4.00pm
Netball	Year 3-5 (Boys and Girls)	Tuesday	3.15 - 4.00pm
Football	KS2 (Girls)	Wednesday	3.15 - 4.00pm
Science Club	Year 3	Thursday	3.15 - 4.00pm
Street Dance	Year 1-4	Thursday	3:30 - 4:30pm
Taekwondo	Reception- Year 6	Friday	Afternoon

This week's Attendance Awards

Reception/KS1 Prince Louis –
Gold 100%

Lower KS2 Princess Charlotte –
Emerald 100%

Upper KS2 Prince George –
Sapphire 96.6%



School Admissions 2025

Central Bedfordshire Council have produced a booklet to help you with applying for your child's school place for 2025.

The following link will take you to the booklet

https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/info/5/school_admissions

The national closing dates for applications to be received by the School Admissions Team are:

31 October 2024

- Transfer to Secondary 2025
- Transfer to Upper 2025

15 January 2025

- Starting School 2025
- Transfer to Middle 2025

School Term dates for the academic year 2024/25

AUTUMN TERM

Staff Training Days: Monday 2 September 2024; Monday 4 November 2024

Term Starts: Tuesday 3 September 2024

Half-Term: Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November 2024

Term Ends: Friday 20 December 2024 at 2pm

SPRING TERM

Staff Training Days: Monday 6 January 2025

Term Starts: Tuesday 7 January 2024

Half-Term: Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February 2025

Term Ends: Friday 4 April 2025 at 2pm

SUMMER TERM

May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 5 May 2025

Staff Training Days: Tuesday 22 April 2025; Monday 2 June 2025

Term Starts: Wednesday 23 April 2025

Half-Term: Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May 2025

Term Ends: Tuesday 22 July 2025 at 2pm



EVERY SCHOOL DAY MATTERS



Penalty Notice Fines for absence from school are changing

From 19th August 2024 Penalty Notice fines
increase to £160 for each parent, for each child.



You can be fined if your child has
a total of 5 days of unauthorised
absences in 10 school weeks, for
things like:

- being late after the register
has closed
- truancy
- taking a holiday without
permission from the school
- or if a headteacher isn't satisfied
for the reason for missing school

Over a rolling 3-year period the
sanctions are:

- 1st offence – £160 reduced
to £80 if paid within 21 days
- 2nd offence – £160
- 3rd offence – Court hearing
and up to £2,500 fine, or
up to 3 months in prison
and a criminal record

For more information go to:
www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/missing-school



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**Was your child born between
1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021?**

**They will start school in September 2025, so you
need to apply for a school place by 15 January 2025.**

 **Apply online at www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/admissions**

You can also complete a paper application form which is available from your local school
or by contacting School Admissions  admissions@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk  **0300 300 8037**

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