

Headteacher's Update – 28.2.25

Dear Parents,

Whilst January always seems to last such a long time, it's hard to believe we have reached the end of February already.

The start of Lent

Shrove Tuesday, or Pancake Day, is a joyful occasion where we traditionally use up rich foods before the start of Lent. It's a time for community and celebration, and we will be marking it in school by competing in pancake races in classes. At the end of the day, all KS2 winning teams will compete against the staff team- may the best team win!

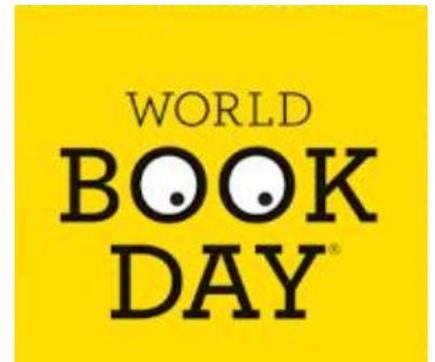
The following day, **Ash Wednesday** marks the beginning of our Lenten journey. To mark this occasion, each class will visit the school chapel for a special Ash Wednesday liturgy. During the service we will receive ashes as a symbol of repentance and our commitment to drawing closer to God. This season is a time for prayer, fasting, and giving, encouraging us to reflect on our lives and deepen our faith.

As part of our Lenten journey, but also being a Pilgrim of Hope in this Jubilee year, our school council have decided again to support **CAFOD's Big Lent Walk**. We will be sending out information of what this entails and how you can support the cause in the following weeks.

Lent is a special time in the Catholic calendar, a period of preparation for the joy of Easter. Let us journey together, as a school community, in faith and love.

World Book Day – celebrated on Friday 7th March

Once again a reminder that all children including Nursery are encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character next Friday in celebration of World Book Day. There will be a parade and prizes as usual, and I am looking forward to seeing everyone's costumes (including staff!) Remember, if your child is not comfortable dressing up, then they can still bring in their favourite book to share with their buddy on the day.



Various activities and support

I wanted to make you aware of a number of different opportunities, either for the children to participate in or for support you might want to access.

Aylesbury United

A parent of pupils at our school is a director of Aylesbury United FC and would like you to be aware of the following Community Day:

Aylesbury United FC will be hosting our annual Community Day on Saturday 22nd March 2025 when The Ducks play Kidlington FC in our Southern League fixture (3pm kick off). There will be some **family fun and child-friendly activities within** the ground from 1.30pm and at half time, as well as the football match itself.

It will be **free entry for all those who complete the registration form** (linked below).

The venue is The Meadow, Amy Lane, Chesham, HP5 1NE, which is where Aylesbury United FC currently play their home games, as we have been homeless and playing out of town for the last 19 years.

Please find below a link where more details about the Community Day can be found including how to register for free entry. **Registration will close at midnight on 18th March 2025.**

<https://aylesbury.football/events/register-now-for-free-entry-to-the-2025-aylesbury-united-community-day>

Adult learning

There are courses run by Bucks Council Adult Learning around digital skills, healthy eating on a budget and English speaking.

Support your child's reading

Family Learning are also running free courses for parents who would like ideas on how to support their child's reading development.

Transition to Secondary School

The allocation of secondary school places will be shared with parents of Y6 pupils shortly. This can be a time of uncertainty as the children take the next step in their educational journey. If you would like support in managing this transition, then please be aware of the courses run by Bucks Family Hub about Moving Up to Secondary School.

Please see the flyers attached for more information if you are interested in any of the courses mentioned.

Outside school achievements

Well done to Felicity in Y2. Firstly she took part in her first musical theatre performance. They performed Alice's wonderland. She's spent several weeks learning the songs, dances and lines for the show & she thoroughly enjoyed taking part.

Secondly, this half term Felicity cut her hair short. She's been battling with growing it long enough to donate to the little princess trust. In donating her hair, it's helping little girls who lose their hair through illness to have wigs & support them through their journeys. It takes £700 to make the wig. Felicity set up a fundraising page to hopefully raise all the money for the costs of making it too.

Well done Felicity. I am very proud of our pupils who look at ways they can support others.



Have a wonderful weekend,
Mrs Machin



Learning at St Louis



Nursery

We have been learning: people who help us in our community, this week's focus was on doctors, nurses and ambulances.

You can help at home by: talking to your child about these people who help us and the important job they do.

Reception

We have been learning: about different types of seeds and now we are waiting for our seeds to grow.

You can help at home by: going for a walk and looking at the different that grow around us.

Year 1

We have been learning: numbers from 20 to 50.

You can help at home by: practising counting to 50 and writing the numbers with your child.

Year 2

We have been learning: about a balanced diet in design and technology.

You can help at home by: speaking to your child about the wrap they have designed to make next week.

Year 3

We have been learning: about the nutrients we get from our food.

You can help at home by: asking your child about the nutrients found in the food they eat daily.

Year 4

We have been learning: about compasses.

You can help at home by: asking what the function of a compass is, perhaps using a tablet or smartphone, find out what direction N, S, E and W is at home.

Year 5

We have been learning: about 'roundnet' in PE.

You can help at home by: asking your child what key skills are needed to play roundnet successfully.

Year 6

We have been learning: when the Ancient Mayans existed, where they called home and why they are an important civilisation.

You can help at home by: asking your child what they can remember about the Ancient Mayans.

