



PARENT BULLETIN | 6TH FEBRUARY 2026

SCHOOL NEWS

CLASS UPDATE

Hawking Class

This week is National Story Telling week and Hawking class have been listening to lots of stories, new and old favourites in different places. We have found it fun taking part in the school 'Story Reading Challenge' which is to read everywhere and discover the cosiest and most creative place to read. Here are some of the places that Hawking class have been reading and the challenge is not over yet!! All students have been very engaged and have worked really hard on developing their listening and interaction skills. We have all been very proud of them.



Sixth Form

Sixth Form Weekly Shop – Donations Welcome! Our Sixth Form students are excited to launch a new weekly shop for the whole school after half-term. The shop will feature a range of new, hand-made, and pre-loved items, including toys, books, clothes, and more. Most items will be priced at £1 or less, making it accessible for all students.

This project is a fantastic opportunity for our Sixth Form learners to develop key PfA. (Preparation for Adulthood) skills and strengthen their careers education. Students will be actively involved in:

- 1) Using money skills – handling coins, recognising prices, and making transactions
- 2) Communication and interaction – greeting customers, asking questions, and making choices
- 3) Decision-making and independence – selecting items to sell and managing the shop environment

If you have any items you would like to donate, please send them in to Thompson Class. All contributions are greatly appreciated and will directly support our students' development and readiness for adulthood.

Thank you for your continued support!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I have had a great week going in to a number of classes this week and enjoying the activities and learning going on. Across the school (and country) it has been National Storytelling week, and classes have found all kinds of unusual and interesting places to share books and stories – just look at the photos from Hawking class to get a flavour of this.

In other curriculum areas I was pleased to observe Zayid class use the William Tell overture to inspire a 'Write Dance' activity, whilst Wonder class explored key comparative concepts of big/small and more/less making use of innovative and interactive sensory stimuli. I have scheduled a number of other visits lined up for the coming week which I am looking forward to.

Whilst the weather for the most part has been dark, wet and miserable, interactions with students always brighten the day.

Have a good weekend.

Bradley

NATIONAL STORY TELLING WEEK

Story Telling Week: The Great "Read Everywhere!" Challenge

This week, our students and staff have been embracing the joy of reading in the most creative, quirky, and imaginative places as part of our whole-school Great "Read Everywhere!" Challenge! Classes have spent the week exploring as many different reading spots as they can, earning points each time they discover somewhere new to dive into a story. From cosy corners to adventurous spaces, everyone has been getting involved and showing incredible enthusiasm.





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PERFORMANCE POETRY SPOTLIGHT

Performance Poetry Spotlight – *Hide and Seek* by Matt Goodfellow

This week I had the pleasure of watching a recording of two of our students performing Matt Goodfellow's *Hide and Seek*. Their delivery and confident presence were a joy to see. It turns out that while the poem is all about hiding, some of our students certainly can't hide their talent! It was a wonderful reminder of how creative, brave, and brilliant our young people are when they step into the spotlight.

Hannah Zerdzinska, Assistant Head & Careers Lead



SAFE PLACE SCHEME



Did you know?

Safe place scheme students in Thompson Class have been busy accessing the local community as part of their Life Skills and PSHE learning this term. Their focus has been on exploring the Safe Place Scheme, which operates across many towns in Buckinghamshire. Safe Places provide support for vulnerable people who may feel worried, lost, or find themselves in a challenging situation while out in the community. These places can be easily spotted by the Safe Place sticker displayed in the window or on the door.

During their visits, students learned that if someone needs help, staff at a Safe Place will offer reassurance and make a phone call to a trusted contact or to a number on the person's emergency list. They also ensure the individual stays safe and supported until the situation is resolved. This hands-on learning is helping students build confidence, independence, and awareness of how to keep themselves safe when out and about.

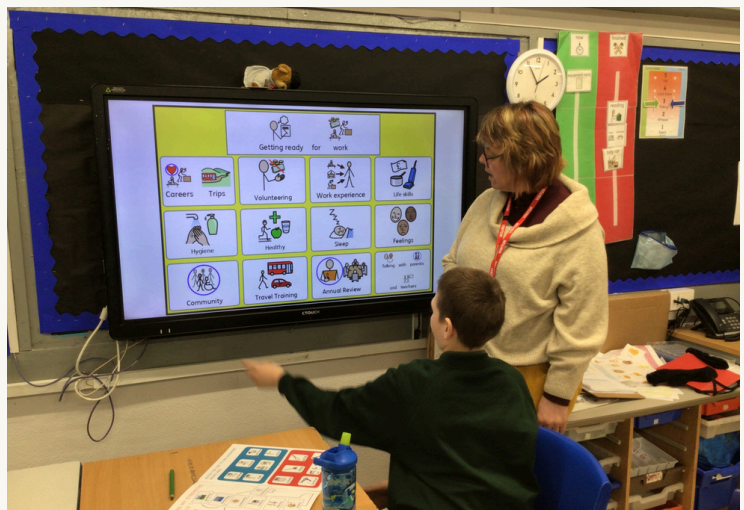
SIGN OF THE WEEK

Core Word



MASON FOUNDATION

We were delighted to welcome Emma from the Mason Foundation Employability Programme into school this term. Emma worked with four lower school classes as well as students across the Sixth Form, delivering engaging and meaningful sessions focused on aims and aspirations, health and wellbeing, and vocational profiling. It was wonderful to see how thoughtfully the content was adapted and delivered to meet a wide range of student profiles, ensuring all students could access and benefit from the sessions. The Mason Foundation is a charity dedicated to supporting vulnerable individuals and communities to live happier, healthier and more fulfilled lives. Their work focuses on reducing inequalities and creating opportunities for those who need support the most, and we are extremely grateful for the positive impact Emma's work has had on our students.





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CALENDAR



Tuesday 10th February
Safer Internet Day

Friday 13th February
Chinese New Year Activities
(Chinese New Year – 17th February)

Friday 13th February
Last day of half term
Half Term Break: 16th to 20th February

Monday 23rd February
Students return to school

Tuesday 2nd – Saturday 7th March
National Careers Week

Wednesday 4th March
Holi

Thursday 5th March
World Book Day

Wednesday 11th March
Parents' Evening

Friday 13th March
Comic Relief

Monday 16th March
Sign Language Week

Tuesday 17th March
St Patrick's Day

Monday 23rd – Sunday 29th March
Shakespeare Week

Friday 27th March
Last day of Term
Easter Break: 30th March to 10th April

Monday 13th April
INSET DAY

Tuesday 14th April
Students return to school

USEFUL INFORMATION

Helen and Douglas House, a local children's hospice here in Aylesbury, are running another hub in Aylesbury during the February half-term, on **Tuesday 17th February from 10am – 3pm**. Also, U Do It Dance Foundation, based in Birtton, Aylesbury every **Thursday after school**. Lastly, there is a POST-16 Showcase at The Gateway on **Thursday 26th February from 3.30pm-6pm**. Please see the posters below for the full information.

Community Hub
Our Community Hub is in Aylesbury - discover how we can support you, your child and family

Community Hub - Aylesbury

- Date: 17th February 2026 (further dates to follow)
- Time: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm (AM & PM sessions available)
- Location: PACE Centre, 156 Wendover Rd, Aylesbury, HP22 5TE

Who can attend?
Children who are eligible* for our care are invited to attend, along with their families and siblings. We also welcome local healthcare professionals.

*Eligibility - children and young people, aged 0-18, who have a life-limiting or life-shortening condition.

What to expect

- Learn more about our care and services, and the activities we offer
- Opportunity to talk to us so we can understand the support we could offer
- Chance to meet Helen & Douglas House staff, including nurses, physios, play team, family & bereavement support, social worker, siblings team and youth & transition workers and more...

RSVP if you're attending and let us know which services you want to explore. Drop in's also available.

helenanddouglas.org.uk/hdhcommunityhub

Our Community Hub is set up in your local area to connect families, share support, and shape the future services of Helen & Douglas House

pepper foundation
Pace PACE is an accessible venue with free parking and accessible toilets.

helenanddouglas.org.uk
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Post 16 SEND Opportunities Showcase

Thursday 26 February 2026
3.30pm - 6pm
The Gateway, Gatehouse Road
Aylesbury HP19 8FF

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FREE DANCE CLASS

Every Thursday from 22nd January

4:30-5:15PM 8-11YRS
5:15-6PM 12+YRS

Jubilee Hall
80 Aylesbury Rd
Birtton
HP22 5DL

Email nadia@udoitdance.co.uk to secure your place

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Come along to find out more about the different programmes offered by a range of Post 16 Specialist Providers for young people with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP).

Around 14 providers will be showcasing in a calm and spacious environment with a wide range of opportunities on offer including:

- A range of vocational pathways and qualifications
- Personal development and individualised therapeutic programmes
- Supported internships and employability programmes

Suitable for young people from year 9 upwards with an active EHCP.

No need to register – young people, parents/carers and professionals all welcome to drop by and chat to the providers.

Free parking available onsite.

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Have a great weekend.
Bradley Taylor, Principal
Stocklake Park School, Stocklake, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, HP20 1DP