



PARENT BULLETIN | 10TH OCTOBER 2025

SCHOOL NEWS

GATSBY BENCHMARK 2

Exploring Next Steps – Bucks College Group Applications Open Soon

Bucks College Group offers a range of *Pathways* courses for young people aged 16–25, designed to support Independence, Employment, and Progression. Their programmes include tailored options such as **IGNITE**, helping students build confidence and skills for their future.

Applications for September 2026 open on **31st October 2025**.



SCHOOL MEALS

SCHOOL MEAL ORDERING FOR NEXT HALF TERM:

A reminder that the Arbor school meals ordering window will **CLOSE** this **Monday** (13th October). This is for the school meals for next half term (Monday 3rd November to Friday 19th November).

- Please access your school meals via the Arbor App or the online Arbor Portal to order your meal choice for your child's school meals
- The menu is available from our website – [view here](#).
- Please ensure you select a meal for each date that it is required. If a school meal is not ordered, this means we will be expecting a home supplied packed lunch for that day
- You can choose any meal for any day – [A reminder that the meat used in our meals is not kosher or halal](#)
- Payment of £3.00 per meal is to be paid via the Arbor App or Portal

If you do not order school meals for your child/ren, please ensure they bring in a HOME SUPPLIED packed lunch on each day.

Please ensure any communication regarding school lunches is via Arbor or the school office. This should not be done via the home-school diaries.

If you have any questions or queries, please contact us as soon as possible.

SIGN OF THE WEEK

Core Word



CALENDAR



Thursday 16th October

World Food Day

Monday 20th October

Diwali

Thursday 23rd October

MASKS Coffee Morning – 10am

Friday 24th October

Big Straw Festival – Stoke Mandeville

Last day of Term

****Half term: 27th to 31st October****

Monday 3rd November

Students return to school

Tuesday 4th November

Talk Money Week

Wednesday 5th November

Bonfire Night

Monday 10th November

World Science Day

Tuesday 11th November

Remembrance Day

Friday 14th November

Children In Need

Wednesday 19th – Tuesday 25th November

Road Safety Week

Monday 24th – Sunday 30th November

UK Parliament Week

Saturday 29th November

MASKS Christmas Fayre – MASKS

Tuesday 9th December

Carol-fest

Friday 19th December

Last day of Term

****Christmas Break: 22nd December to 2nd January****

Monday 5th January – INSET Day

Tuesday 6th January

Students return to school



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USEFUL INFORMATION

There are a number of online parenting courses, family support groups, and free fun play sessions in Aylesbury over the next few months. Please see below posters for full details.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wellbeing matters
For 7 to 11 year olds

A one-day workshop during the October half-term for primary-aged young people. Topics will include your wellbeing, emotions, self-esteem, resilience, and relationships with others.

Spaces are limited, secure your place now!

For more information or to register your interest please contact us by:
Email: familyhubgroups@buckinghamshire.gov.uk
Phone: 01296 383293

Southcourt Family Centre Plus - HP21 8DP
Wednesday 29 October 2025 | 10am to 2pm

Burnham Family Centre - SL1 8DP
Wednesday 29 October 2025 | 10am to 2pm

Castlefield Family Centre - HP12 3LL
Thursday 30 October 2025 | 10am to 2pm

Helen & Douglas House Community Hub Open Day
Thursday 30th Oct

Explore Helen & Douglas House Children's Hospice care and services, and help shape our future Community Hubs

Learn more or RSVP at hdh.org.uk/hdhcommunityhub

Who can attend?
Children who are eligible* for our care are warmly 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-threatening condition.

What to expect

- Have fun whilst learning more about the care, services and activities we provide
- Help us understand the support we could offer in your area
- Meet Helen & Douglas House staff, including those from nursing, physiotherapy, play, family & bereavement support, social work, siblings and youth & transition

Further details
Time: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm - Please RSVP (AM & PM drop-ins available).

Location: PACE Centre, 156 Wendover Rd, Aylesbury, HP22 5TE.
PACE is an accessible venue with free parking and accessible toilets.

Refreshments available.

You're helping to create our Helen & Douglas House Community Hub in 2026.
hdh.org.uk

Helen & Douglas House
your local children's hospice

Pace
pepper foundation
Registered charity no 1059092

How to build Confidence and Self-Esteem
Online course for young people

Want to feel better about yourself? Want to feel more confident around other people?

If you're in school year 7 or above, then our online, 5-week course could be for you.

"It was so fun, I learnt so much and enjoyed myself"

5 online sessions cover:

- Why the media affects how we see ourselves
- How to cope better with setbacks
- How to deal with peer pressure
- How to feel better about ourselves

To secure your place or for more information, scan or click the QR code.

If you need help email familyhubgroups@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

Tuesdays
23 September to 21 October
or
11 November to 9 December
6pm to 7pm

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ONGOING EVENTS

ParkPlay

Park Play Aylesbury

Park Play is for everyone - children, teenagers, and adults! With a variety of fun activities for the whole family to enjoy, there's something for all ages. This Saturday, join us for a game of football, basketball or tag rugby.

Every Saturday Morning
10am - 2pm
Alfred Rose Park, Aylesbury
HP20 2DF

APF Activity Camps

Buckinghamshire Council

Free Parenting Programmes

Our parenting programmes will help you develop new and existing parenting skills, offer advice and build your confidence as a parent.

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LITTLE TALKERS
18 months to 3 years old

- Focuses on children's speech, language and communication skills and how parents can promote them
- Designed by Buckinghamshire Speech and Language Therapy

PARENT PUZZLE
0 to 5 years old

- Understand challenges and how to address them
- How to support your child's growth for calmer parenting

TALKING TEENS
11 to 18 years old

- Focuses on relationships within the family, communication, negotiating, decision-making and strategies to reduce conflict
- Learn more about teenagers and their needs

THE NURTURING PROGRAMME
3 to 11 years old

- Help deal with the challenges that come with parenting
- Think about what we do, why we do it and how it makes us feel

BALANCEABILITY
2.5 to 5 years old

- Accredited learn to cycle programme
- Develops confidence, spatial awareness, dynamic balance, and how to ride without stabilisers

KEEPING YOUR CHILD IN MIND
All ages

- Work together in ways that support growing children and a calmer family life
- Explore the conflict between parents/carers both in a current or previous relationship

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Have a great weekend.

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