



PARENT BULLETIN | 12TH SEPTEMBER 2025

SCHOOL NEWS

CALENDAR



Friday 19th September

Jeans for Genes Day

Wear jeans and donate £1

Monday 22nd September

Hobbit Day

Sensory, explorative and literary delights

Wednesday 24th September

Flu Vaccinations

Tuesday 30th September

Flu Vaccinations

Friday 26th September

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Friday 3rd October

Masks for MASKS

National Poetry Day

Wednesday 8th October

Parents' Evening

Dental Screening

Thursday 16th October

World Food Day

Monday 20th October

Diwali

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

MESSAGE FROM HEAD OF SCHOOL

We have enjoyed welcoming the students back this week following what I hope has been a great summer. It is lovely to see all our young people returning with lots of smiles, looking smart with new haircuts and ready in their new uniforms. It is exciting to have new faces joining our school community: staff, students and their families.

Last week during the INSET days, we staff were busy refreshing our training across multiple areas, ready for the new school year.

School Transport presents some challenges at the start of each school year and while this year it appears to be affecting a smaller number of students, I know that for those who still have no transport, this is an anxious time. We continue to liaise with the SEN and County Transport teams alongside yourselves to get this resolved.

As we start the new term, I want to ensure all families are clear on our drop-off and pick-up arrangements, which helps us to have a smooth, safe start and end to each day. Parents can be onsite from 8.45am, parent morning drop off is from 9am. Taxis are asked not to come onto the school site until 9.10am.

The end of the school day is 3pm for students being collected by parents or carers. Gates will open at 2.50pm – please try not to arrive earlier than this, unless you have an agreed earlier pick-up time. If for any reason, alternative pick up times are required, this can be reviewed by the Head of School for exceptional circumstances. Please request a form from the office. We have asked taxis not to arrive onsite until 3.10pm, which should allow you to pick up your child without the driveway being too congested.

Each term we focus on one or two of our school values: this half term is **courage**. We have already seen some examples this week where students have been courageous going into a new class or trying new activities. We would love to hear about any occasions where you see your child showing courage so we can talk to them about this in school.

Rhonda

SIGN OF THE WEEK – A POEM

'Signing is infectious'

An adaptation of Spike Milligan's 'Smiling is infectious'



Signing is infectious,
You catch it like the flu,
When someone signed at me today,
I started signing too.

I passed around the corner,
And someone saw me grin,
When he realised,
I'd passed it on to him.

I thought about that sign,
Then realised it's worth,
A single sign just like mine,
Could travel round the earth.

So if you feel a sign begin,
Don't leave it undetected,
Let's start an epidemic quick,
And get the world infected.



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USEFUL INFORMATION



SEND FEST 2025

Showcasing SEND activities, groups and services locally hosted by Chalfont Saints Inclusive football

SATURDAY 13TH CHALFONT CENTRE FOR EPILEPSY, SLG DRJ
SEPTEMBER 09.30-12.30

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RISE TO THE TOP EDUCATION
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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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flu: 5 reasons to have the vaccine

1. Protect yourself

The vaccine will help protect you against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia

2. Protect your family and friends

Having the vaccine will help protect more vulnerable friends and family

3. No injection needed

The nasal spray is painless and easy to have

4. It's better than having flu

The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions worldwide and has an excellent safety record

5. Avoid lost opportunities

If you get flu, you may be unwell for several days and not be able to do the things you enjoy

For more information visit www.nhs.uk/child-flu

Most children have the nasal spray vaccine which is the preferred vaccine. A vaccine injection is also available which does not contain gelatine from pigs (porcine gelatine)

Flu Immunisation
Helping to protect you against flu

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OUTSTANDING CARE
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Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust

Your child is due their annual flu vaccination



The School Aged Immunisation Team are visiting your child's school this term to give the Flu vaccination on **Wednesday 24th and Tuesday 30th September**

1. Click the link or scan the QR code above <https://www.buckschildimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>
2. Enter the Unique School Code EE110581
3. Complete the form (one per child). Please complete even if you are DECLINING the vaccination.

For queries, contact the Immunisation Team:-

Tel: 01494 323000

Email: buc-tr.BucksChildImms@nhs.net

If your child misses their Flu vaccine at school, we do run catch up clinics from different locations in the county- please look out for an email on how to book or contact our team.

WHY VACCINATE?

Protect your child

- Against flu and complications such as bronchitis & pneumonia.

Protect you, your family and friends

- children catch and spread flu to those who are vulnerable babies and the elderly

Quick and easy

- The nasal spray is an easy, painless & effective vaccine. If they require the alternative intramuscular injection, please request.

Avoid costs

- Such as alternative childcare or taking time off work due to illness.

OPERATION VACCINATION
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BRITISH ISLAMIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

Influenza (or flu) is a common and highly infectious disease caused by different strains of the influenza virus.

Each year vaccines are updated so that they protect against the commonest strains of flu, saving thousands of lives.

SHOULD MY CHILD TAKE FLUENZ?

2023/24

A flu vaccine can reduce the risk of you and your child getting sick by **30-60%**, and prevent children being hospitalised from flu.

It will also reduce the chance of vulnerable people, such as grandparents or those with long term health conditions, getting flu from your child.

1. NASAL SPRAY VACCINE (FLUENZ TETRA):

This is a live attenuated influenza vaccine (LAIV) which will be offered to all children aged 2-3 years, all primary school children, and some secondary school-aged children (Years 7 to 11). Fluenz nasal spray vaccine protects against four flu virus strains and contains porcine (pork) gelatine.

2. INJECTABLE VACCINES:

There are several versions of inactivated influenza vaccines (IIV). Those in the UK protect against 4 flu strains which are most likely to be around. All adults are given this vaccine. Some children who cannot have the nasal spray because it is contraindicated or unsuitable will be given this vaccine. These vaccines do not contain porcine derived products.

As children with long-term health conditions (such as diabetes and heart problems) are at higher risk from getting very sick with flu, your doctor may recommend that they get the LAIV (nasal spray), since it is thought to offer better protection.

Children whose parents refuse LAIV (nasal spray vaccine) due to the porcine gelatine content can request IIV (injectable vaccine) as an alternative.

Studies have shown that LAIV (nasal spray vaccine) works better than an IIV injection. It is thought to offer longer and better protection against mismatched strains, such as when the flu vaccine doesn't exactly cover the flu virus strains that are going around that year.

It is acknowledged that some groups within the British Muslim community may consider the porcine-containing product to be forbidden. You should speak to a trusted religious scholar about taking Fluenz if you have concerns about its porcine gelatine content.

Please do not delay this decision as it is important to protect the health of your child if they are in the high risk category.

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Have a great weekend.

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