



PARENT BULLETIN | 13TH MARCH 2026

SCHOOL NEWS

CLASS UPDATE

Thompson Class

Careers Week: We explored a carousel in class from a builder with sand and rubber bricks, a postman, a musician with instruments and a shop keeper.



Sports and Leisure: We have been choosing what sports and leisure facilities we would like to visit, and Aylesbury Museum was one of them. We enjoyed exploring what they have there, from animals and clothes to toys.



PSHE: This term we are looking at people who can help us, and so far we have explored doctors and nurses. We had a carousel lesson with a Resus Anne doll, a tuff tray with bandages, dolls, plasters and a first aid kit to explore. We also shared a story about going to hospital.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Thank you firstly to all those parents who came along to Parents' Evening on Wednesday, we really appreciated you making the effort to come out and speak with the teaching staff. As many of our students come in via taxi or minibus, it is nice to meet face to face where possible. I know many of you spoke on the phone or via Teams to class staff, which of course is also fine. If, for any reason, you didn't manage to connect with your class team this week, please don't feel it is too late, just liaise with them about a catch up at some other time. It's a busy half term with lots going on, and this week we had a number of activities on offer in recognition of National Science Week. The Stocklake spin on this involved a very messy but engaging outdoor learning through play session, and activities during the week included a carousel of science related activities in our main hall. It has been great to see the students engaged and enjoying what's been on offer. As promised, the building work has started at the front of the school, with new parking spaces and some clearing of shrubbery and a tree to start us off. I appreciate it has been disruptive at the start and end of the day, and my thanks to parents for their understanding in managing the changes for this week and next. Everything is on track as I write this so all being well this phase will come to an end by this time next week. I have to state the builders have been mindful of our students and their needs and have kept noise – as far as they are able – to a minimum.

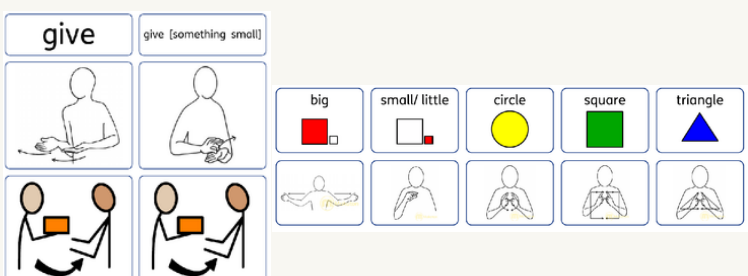
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SCIENCE WEEK: Powered by Curiosity

This year's Science Week was an explosion of wonder, mess, and "wow!" moments as students stepped into the role of young scientists. With curiosity as our theme, everyone had the chance to experiment, predict, explore, and dive deep into the joy of discovering how our world works. From slime-filled fun and sticky hands-on investigations, to bubbling reactions, cause-and-effect challenges, and brilliant "what happens if...?" testing, the classrooms were buzzing with excitement. Every moment was an opportunity to ask questions, take risks, and celebrate the thrill of scientific thinking. To cap it off, here's a little inspiration from a legendary scientist who knew the power of curiosity:

"Imagination is more important than knowledge." — Albert Einstein

SIGN OF THE WEEK



Core Word



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MORE FROM NATIONAL CAREERS WEEK..

What an inspiring National Careers Week we've had! Our students threw themselves into a huge range of activities designed to open their eyes to future pathways, spark curiosity, and celebrate the incredible skills they already have. Here's a snapshot of the exciting things that happened across the week!

Creative Industries Take Over: Labyrinth-Themed Adventures! Webster class explored the creative sector through a magical Labyrinth-inspired journey. Students followed themed challenges, used problem-solving skills, and discovered just how many creative roles come together to bring imaginative worlds to life. From storytelling and costume design to music, drama, and maze solving—students experienced just how vibrant and varied the creative industry truly is!

Retail Ready: The Thompson Shop & Shopping Experiences. Some students stepped confidently into the world of retail, taking on real responsibilities in the Thompson Shop—from stock taking, pricing to handling tasks that support daily shop operations. Others had a brilliant time gaining customer experience as they shopped themselves, building independence and practising communication skills in a real-life context.

Inspiration Beyond School: Bucks Skills Show & Pfa Events. A number of our students visited the Bucks Skills Show and Stocklake Park's Preparation for Adulthood event, where they explored post-16 & post-19 opportunities. They met employers, Post16/Post19 providers, and got hands-on with interactive activities designed to showcase future skills and pathways.

Maths in Action: Bricklaying & Data! One of our highlights was seeing a maths data session transformed through bricklaying in Angelou class! Students looked at patterns, measurements, sequencing, and structure—real-world maths at its best.

Learning from the Wider Community: Some classes visited Waddesdon's HS2 project to learn more about engineering, construction, transport links, and the incredible number of jobs behind major national developments. Others explored job roles across the wider community, broadening their understanding of work beyond school.

PREPARATION FOR ADULthood SHOWCASE!

Students had an exciting opportunity to explore a range of **Preparation for Adulthood (Pfa)** pathways as we welcomed several fantastic local provisions into to our event. From supported internships to life-skills programmes and community-based opportunities, students were able to discover what their next steps could look like in a hands-on, meaningful way. We were also delighted to be joined by some of our parents, who explored the stalls. Events like this are so valuable because they help families **see what's possible**, spark important conversations about the future, and build confidence as students begin to imagine their own journey into adulthood. A huge thank-you to the providers, staff, students and parents who made the event such a positive, empowering experience. Big futures start with small steps—and our students took some brilliant ones today!





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SCHOOL MEALS



SCHOOL MEAL ORDERING FOR NEXT HALF TERM:

A reminder that the Arbor school meals ordering window is **OPEN** to order all school meals for the next half term (Tuesday 14th April to Friday 22nd May 2026)

- 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, click [here](#) to view.
- 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

Please note that our textured/modified meal menu should only be used when there is an identified need and this has been approved in consultation with our Speech and Language Therapy team.

The meal ordering window for next half term WILL CLOSE AT 9AM ON FRIDAY 20th MARCH.

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.

LOOKING BACK AT WORLD BOOK DAY

Celebrating Little People with BIG Dreams!



This year's World Book Day was bursting with colour, creativity, and inspiration! We chose the Little People, Big Dreams series because the books are fun, engaging, and truly age-appropriate—celebrating real people with real stories of courage, resilience, talent, and imagination.

Throughout the day, students journeyed through a series of interactive stations themed around extraordinary figures, each filled with sensory exploration, creativity and hands-on learning:

🎨 **Frida Kahlo** – Students explored vibrant colours, bold patterns, expressive self-portraits, and celebrated creativity without limits.

🏹 **Simone Biles** – Movement, balance, confidence, and perseverance took centre stage!

🎵 **David Bowie & Stevie Wonder** – Music, rhythm, and self-expression inspired students to shine in their own unique ways.

🌌 **Stephen Hawking** – Space, stars, and creative cosmos' helped students think beyond the everyday and wonder about the universe.

💡 **Florence Nightingale** – Light, care, compassion, and problem-solving showed students how small acts can make a huge difference..

And of course... the staff joined in too! From iconic artists to legendary explorers, some our team dressed up as inspiring figures from the series, making the day even more fun and memorable for the students. World Book Day wasn't just about stories—it was about showing every student that big dreams start small, and that their interests, strengths and identities are worth celebrating.





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CALENDAR



Monday 16th March
Sign Language Week

Tuesday 17th March
St Patrick's Day

Friday 20th March
Comic Relief
School meal ordering closes at
9am

**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

RED NOSE DAY: COFFEE MORNING



Red Nose Day is Coming to Stocklake Park! This year marks the 41st anniversary of Red Nose Day, and we can't wait to celebrate on the **20th March!** To mark the occasion, we're hosting a **Red Nose Day Coffee Morning for family and friends – join us from 10:00–11:30am** for smiles, treats, and community spirit. Fake it, Make it, Buy it, Bake it! Whether you craft something quirky, whip up something delicious, or pick up a little something to donate, we welcome all contributions.

A quick reminder:

*Ingredients **must be labelled**

*We are a **strictly no-nut school**

*Our students will also be busy creating some wonderful goodies to share!
Let's come together and raise smiles (and funds!) for a brilliant cause. We can't wait to see you there!

BUCKS COLLEGE GROUP – OPEN DAY EVENTS: MARCH 2026

Bucks College Group is hosting exciting Open Day events this month across the Aylesbury and Wycombe campuses, giving families the chance to explore facilities and meet the team.



Have a great weekend.

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