



PARENT BULLETIN | 23RD JANUARY 2026

SCHOOL NEWS

CLASS UPDATE

Stuart Class

Stuart Class has settled in beautifully at the start of the new term. Everyone has returned with great enthusiasm and a positive attitude to learning, and it has been wonderful to see the students re-engage with familiar routines and new challenges.

We have already begun exploring a range of exciting and meaningful topics across the curriculum.

In **English**, we are exploring the rhythm and creativity of Poetry, where students are enjoying experimenting with words, sounds, rhyme, and expression. This topic encourages imagination, listening skills, and confidence in communication. Our **Life Skills** focus this term centres on practical household tasks. The students are learning how to take part in everyday jobs such as tidying, organising, and personal care routines, helping them to build independence, responsibility, and self-confidence in a supportive environment.

As part of our **Nature Art & Landscapes** topic, we are taking inspiration from the work of Andy Goldsworthy. Students are exploring the natural environment and using found materials such as leaves, stones, sticks, and soil to create transient artwork. This approach encourages creativity, observation skills, and a deeper appreciation of nature, while exploring natural textures, patterns, and colours.

In **Maths**, our learning is based around months and seasons, supporting students understanding of time and change throughout the year. We are also developing counting skills, including ordinal numbers (first, second, third), as well as using positional and directional language to describe movement and location.

It has been a fantastic start to the term, and we are looking forward to continuing this journey of learning, creativity, and independence together.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Despite the wet weather this week we have had a very productive week in school. We are still revelling in the afterglow of the two Vache Baroque visits last week, with such lovely interactions and enjoyable sessions with them – we continue to look back at the videos and pictures with students to relive the experience.

This week we had a visit from Hilary Macdonald, who used to be an HMI OFSTED inspector and now works as a school improvement partner, a role she carries out with both Stocklake and Booker Park schools. I had the pleasure of visiting classes with Hilary in the morning, and saw some first class phonics teaching. This was really pleasing to see following a lot of input from Amy over the past term and more. It was clear from our snapshot that groups are well set up, that regular practice is paying off, and that the students are gaining in knowledge and confidence all the time. I wonder if you are seeing your children use this knowledge at home in their reading?

Our attention over the coming weeks within the term is around how we utilise effective strategies for the children and young people we work with who can be the hardest to reach. Here, using Intensive Interaction, the Curiosity approach, and the SCERTS framework are all important tools to delivering a relevant and productive curriculum, furthering the skills needed to interact and enjoy the world around us. Relationship building is fundamental to this, as witnessed within an annual review I chaired this week, where that relationship has seen a significant positive change for the young person in question. Our other focus is about giving some focus to the 'writing' part of our literacy programme, which for many of our youngsters is not necessarily about picking up a pen/pencil and writing. To that end, we are revisiting the use of Clicker within our classrooms to make sentences and interact with digital texts. If you'd like to find out more about Clicker, please follow this link: <https://cricksoft.com/clicker/>

Best wishes for the weekend

Bradley

SIGN OF THE WEEK

Core Word

you/your	you	your
The sign you, can be used for both you and your.		



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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 (Monday 23rd February to Friday 27th March 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 [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

The meal ordering window for next half term WILL CLOSE AT 9AM ON FRIDAY 6th FEBRUARY

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.

USEFUL INFORMATION

CHEDDINGTON PANTO GROUP PRESENTS

DICK WHITTINGTON

19-22 FEBRUARY 2026
CHEDDINGTON VILLAGE HALL

SHOWTIMES:
19 FEBRUARY: 3.00PM
(RELAXED PERFORMANCE)
20 & 21 FEBRUARY: 1.00PM, 5.00PM
22 FEBRUARY: 1.00PM

TICKETS:
ADULT £15 | CHILD £11
BOOK:
CHEDDINGTONPANTO.COM

CALENDAR



Friday 23rd January

School Meal Ordering Opens

Friday 23rd – Sunday 25th January

RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch

Monday 2nd – Sunday 8th February

National Storytelling Week

Monday 6th February

School Meal Ordering Closes at 9am

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



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USEFUL INFORMATION - CONTINUED

YOU ARE INVITED TO

BETWEEN 9AM - 1PM

- ALL STRAININGS (1 TERM TO GRAM 4)
- ALL INSTRUMENTS
- ALL SINGERS
- ALL AGES

OPEN DAY

AT AYLESBURY MUSIC CENTRE
SATURDAY 31ST JANUARY
IT'S FREE!

WALTON ROAD | AYLESBURY HP21 7ST | TEL: 01494 255 096
AYLESBURY@BUCKSMUSIC.ORG

NO NEED TO BOOK JUST TURN UP!

COME PLAY AND SING

WHAT CAN I DO?

9-10.30 'JUNIOR JAZZ'
OPEN TO ALL INSTRUMENTALISTS (INC GUITAR & PIANO)
1 TERM TUITION TO GRADE 5
INFORMAL PLAY THROUGH AT 10.15
- PARENTS/FAMILY WELCOME

10.45-11.45 'BIG SING'
OPEN TO EVERYONE
ALL AGES
ALL STRAININGS
COME AND FIND YOUR VOICE

11.30-1PM 'SENIOR SYMPHONY'
OPEN TO ALL INSTRUMENTALISTS (INC GUITAR & PIANO)
GRADE 4-5
INFORMAL PLAY THROUGH AT 12.45
- PARENTS/FAMILY WELCOME

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Have a great weekend.

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