



WEEKLY NOTES

10th July 2026

Next Week

Monday 13 th July	Achievers Assembly
Wednesday 15 th July	Pre School Class for 2026 Stay and Play (3.30pm – 4.15pm) & Years 5/6 Production #1 – 7pm
Thursday 16 th July	Years 5/6 Production #2 – 7pm
Friday 17 th July	Year 2 Class Assembly (Year 2 parents welcome at 2.30pm)

Key Dates

Tuesday 21 st July	Leavers' Assembly 9:30am Last Day of Term – finishing at 1.30pm
Tuesday 1 st Sept	Inset Day (School Closed)
Wednesday 2 nd Sept	First Day of Autumn Term
Monday 14 th Sept	School Photo Days (individual & siblings)

A Message from Ms Fitzpatrick

It's hard to believe that we're already approaching the final few days of another busy and successful school year. The weeks seem to have flown by, and there has certainly been no shortage of excitement as we head towards the summer break! A huge thank you to all the families who joined us for our Sports Day last Friday. It was wonderful to see so many of you there, cheering on the children and helping to create such a fantastic atmosphere. The children showed great determination, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the day. And our parents' races were more popular than ever, and just as competitive! This week has also been an important milestone as children across the school took part in their transition sessions, spending time in their new classrooms and getting to know the teachers who will be supporting them in September. These opportunities play such an important role in helping children feel confident, settled and excited about the next stage of their learning journey. Congratulations must also go to Rickard House, who proudly lifted the coveted Sports Day Trophy for the second consecutive year!

Mrs Hoodless – Retirement



After an incredible teaching career spanning 37 years, and 21 wonderful years at our school, we say a heartfelt thank you to our wonderful Mrs Hoodless, who sadly leaves us at the end of term, for her well-earned retirement.

Since joining us in 2005 as Deputy Head, Mrs Hoodless has been an integral part of our school community. Her dedication, wisdom and unwavering commitment have helped shape the lives of countless children and supported generations of staff.

An outstanding teacher, Mrs Hoodless has inspired curiosity and a love of learning in so many children.

As our Science Lead, she brought creativity, enthusiasm and innovation to the curriculum, making science exciting and memorable for everyone. Beyond the classroom, her energy and talent have filled our school with music through Pop Choir, creating wonderful memories and bringing so much joy to our community.

Mrs Hoodless has always led with kindness, humour and compassion. She has been a trusted colleague, a supportive friend and an inspiration to us all. Her legacy will live on in the countless children she has taught, the staff she has mentored and the school she has helped shape over the past two decades. I am sure you will join us in thanking Mrs Hoodless, for everything she has given to our school. Her dedication, creativity and care have made an immeasurable difference, and although she will be sorely missed by pupils, staff and families alike, we wish her every happiness in this exciting new chapter!



Miss Nathan – Year 1 Teacher

We are delighted to congratulate our Trainee Teacher, **Miss Amber Nathan**, who has been awarded **The Kindness Award** by **ASTRA Teacher Training** in recognition of the exceptional kindness she has shown in her approach to classroom practice.

Throughout her time with us, Miss Nathan has been a valued member of our staff team. Her warmth, compassion and dedication to supporting every child have made a positive impact on both pupils and colleagues alike. This award is a wonderful reflection of the values she demonstrates every day.

At the end of this term, Miss Nathan will be leaving us to begin a teaching role at another school in September. While we will be sorry to see her go, we are incredibly proud of all she has achieved and know she has a bright future ahead. We thank her for her contribution to our school community and wish her every success and happiness in the next stage of her teaching career.

Mrs D'Souza – Year 6 Teacher

As we come to the end of the school year, we also say a fond farewell to Mrs D'Souza, who is leaving us after joining the school in 2023.

During her time with us, Mrs D'Souza has been a valued member of our teaching team. She has shown great commitment to the children in her care, creating a positive and nurturing classroom environment where pupils have been encouraged to learn, grow and achieve their very best. Her enthusiasm, professionalism and willingness to support both colleagues and families have been greatly appreciated.

On behalf of everyone in our school community, I would like to thank Mrs D'Souza for her dedication and the contribution she has made during her time with us. We are grateful for the positive difference she has made to the lives of our pupils and wish her every success in the years ahead.



Production Logistics

We look forward to welcoming you all to this year's production next Wednesday/Thursday – Please note all children taking part in the production are to arrive at school for 6:30pm and the production will commence at 7pm – there will be a 15 minute interval and the production will end around 8:30pm.

*** If England get through to the World Cup Semi-Finals we may have to start the production earlier on Wednesday – We will send a separate note to update ***

Raising kids in the smartphone era

It was lovely to see so many of you at our parent talk on Mon 22nd June. We explored the growing impact of smartphones on childhood and the evidence prompting many parents to pause: UK 12–15-year-olds spend an average of **35 hours a week** (equivalent to a full time job) on their smartphones; [teens with problematic smartphone use are 3x more likely to have depression](#); and kids are 60x more likely to be groomed or sextorted online, through platforms like Whatsapp, Roblox and Snapchat, than to be abducted by a stranger on the street.

Against this concerning backdrop, it was heartening to hear offers of support for one another e.g. to help set robust parental controls or to share their experience of agreeing a contract with their child before giving them a smartphone.

Next steps for our whole school community to consider:

- Explore resources from the Smartphone Free Childhood ('SFC') movement e.g.
 - [Is my child smartphone-ready?](#),
 - [If your kid keeps asking for a phone, show them this](#)
 - and their [Parent Pact](#), which dozens of WT School parents have already signed.
- Join our school's rapidly growing SFC [WhatsApp Group](#) - 7 parents have joined since the talk alone!
- Review the presentation slides: [SFC Parent Talk for WT - June 2026](#).
- Connect with Kate Hilton, our school's SFC School Organiser for a chat: 07920 131 656 / keh@awhilton.com.

Thank you again to everyone who took part. Every conversation like this helps build understanding and confidence – and makes it easier for all our children to grow up safe, happy and ready to thrive.



Let's Celebrate!



This Week

Stars of the Week

Rowan Class – Rupert
Willow Class 1 – Lilah
Cedar Class 2 – Lucas
Maple Class 3 – Teddy
Ash Class 4 – Mahir
Birch Class 5 – Emily
Sycamore Class 6 – Vinny

Last Week

N/A
Lexi
Toby
Lucas
Evie
Mason
Teddy S-B

English Champions

Rowan Class – Malik
Willow Class 1 – Arbie
Cedar Class 2 – Isaan
Maple Class 3 – Violet
Ash Class 4 – Rosie
Birch Class 5 – Max
Sycamore Class 6 – Mariyah

N/A
Ruhbani
Oliver G
Leo
Eviee-Rose
Isla
Alex





Reminders

To help ensure that all children arrive on time for the morning register and maximise learning time, the gate will be open from **8:40am to 8:50am**, providing a ten-minute window for children to enter the school.

Our teachers have added items to our **Amazon wish list**:

<https://amzn.eu/6NmDaKD>

Every item helps bring lessons to life for our pupils.

Please take a look and see if there's something you can contribute. A huge **Thank You** to those who have already purchased items, we are extremely grateful!

Healthy Lunch Boxes

Weston Turville CE School is an allergy aware school. This is essential to keep all pupils safe, as allergies can be very serious. **Pesto** often contains nuts, so if you include pesto in your child's lunch, it must be a nut-free version the same for **houmous**. Thank you for ensuring lunches are safe for everyone in our school community

Village Hall Car Park

A reminder to be respectful in the car park, parking in **designated** car park spaces only. Do not park on the corner of the entrance, on the zig zag lines or grass verges. Alternatively park at The 5 Bells, it's 357 feet away, just a few minutes walk.

School Car Park

Please remember that Barn Owls (Breakfast and After-School Club) parents and carers should use the Village Car Park for drop-off and pickup. The staff car park is not to be used for Barn Owls access.

SEND

Buckinghamshire Council regularly deliver a range of useful courses for families throughout the year – please review our website for full details by click this [link](#).

BUSINESS *Enterprise!*

What a fantastic Business Enterprise Day we had! It was so lovely to see the whole school coming together to support our Year 6 children and enjoy all the fun. The Year 6 pupils worked incredibly hard to plan, create and run their own stalls, and they did an amazing job. There was something for everyone, from pancakes, ice cream and fruit kebabs to Aim and Shoot, Penalty Shootout, Spin the Wheel, Lucky Ducky and Lemonade with a Twist. Seeing the children laughing, encouraging one another and having so much fun made the day really special. A huge well done to our brilliant Year 6 entrepreneurs for all their hard work and enthusiasm!



Donations to Charity

We were also incredibly proud to raise a fantastic amount of money for charity. It was so heartwarming to hear the children thoughtfully discussing which charities they would like to support, sharing personal stories and explaining why certain causes were important to them. Their kindness, compassion and generosity shone through, and it was a lovely reminder that Business Enterprise is about so much more than raising money.



JOB VACANCY

Early Years Practice Manager



We are looking for an enthusiastic, skilled and creative Early Years Manager to lead our experienced and supportive team to deliver outstanding early years education and care.

This is a hands-on role, combining operational management with direct work alongside children and staff within ratio, ensuring the highest standards of care and education are maintained throughout the setting. The Practice Manager will work alongside our established Finance Manager and Deputy Manager.

A fantastic opportunity to lead a thriving village pre-school.

Hours of work: Term time only

Pre-school opening hours 9am to 3pm

Aston Clinton Pre-School is a popular setting at the heart of our village. Our aim is to provide a rich early years curriculum, placing every child's individual needs at the heart of all that we do. We aim to support children's developmental progress by fostering strong partnerships with parents, carers and families, working together to help children achieve the best of their ability.

Successful applicants will need:

- A minimum Level 3 Early Years Education and Childcare Qualification or equivalent and ability to meet all standards set out in EYFS.
- EYFS 2024 requirement: Employed or internal job changes on or after 4 January 2024 must hold a level 2 Maths qualification or must achieve one within 2 years of starting in the position.
- Proven post-qualification experience in working in early education and childcare.
- Sound IT skills and ability to use Microsoft Office programmes, nursery management software, social media platforms and online portals effectively.
- The ability to multi-task and establish rapport with staff, families, and external agencies.

Applicants will be required to undertake an enhanced DBS check, if your current certificate is not subscribed to the update service.

To apply, or for more information, please contact the Pre-School Management Committee on acpscommittee@gmail.com



Stamp & Coin Appeal

The Arctic One Foundation are collecting British & Foreign coins and stamps to help raise money for the 'Forward Motion' Grants Programme

We are collecting any coins, notes or stamps and they can be British or Foreign, old or new. All donations will support our 'Forward Motion' Grants programme which helps to provide opportunities to disabled individuals, groups and clubs to get involved with Para-sport. So far, your donations have helped over 400 individuals, groups and clubs over 35 different sports!

Please have a look around your house and ask friends/family if they have any coins or stamps that can be donated.

Contact details:

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FOUNDATION

About us

The Arctic One Foundation is a registered charity (no. 1149536) which was established in October 2012 and is based in Chesham, Bucks. Arctic One believes that sport should be accessible to all, both disabled and able-bodied people, and that everybody can enjoy sport and include it in their lifestyle. Through its events, grant systems and challenges, Arctic One aims to provide individuals, clubs and groups with opportunities to get involved in sport and be active in the community. The charity, which is run entirely by volunteers, is also exploring the benefits of sport in cancer-related diseases.

Our Objectives include:

- ✓ Establish and develop a series of Events and Challenges for both able-bodied and disabled athletes.
- ✓ Empower, motivate and inspire people through sport.
- ✓ Provide adaptive equipment and financial support where possible to clubs, groups and individuals to help them achieve their sporting goals.
- ✓ Establish "Tri-Days" to reach, engage and encourage people to get involved in sport and provide coaching and training opportunities
- ✓ Develop the possible link between physical exercise and active lifestyles leading to the prevention and survival from cancer related diseases.



www.arctic1.co.uk

Registered Charity Number: 1149536



Our Events

Tri and Para Tri Festival

Our annual Tri and Para Tri Festival is held at the Olympic venue of Dorney Lake near Eton, Berkshire and attracts around 140 Para Athletes. The event has hosted the British Paratriathlon Championships over the last few years and provides the Participants with a great opportunity to race on the same course as the best para athletes in the country.

The event is open to all and attracts a lot of novices who are taking part in their first triathlon either as an individual or a relay. We encourage all abilities to take part and get involved. This type of event is unique to the UK and offers a full range of distances and relays to make it accessible to Para Athletes of all abilities.



Junior Para Tri

Our Junior Para Triathlon was established in 2013 and takes place annually, attracting Juniors from all over the country. It is the only event of its kind, exclusively for Juniors and is free to enter, being open to children with any form of disability. The event is tailored to suit each individual and family and friends are welcome to take part too!

Forward Motion Grants

Arctic One set up their own 'Forward Motion' Grant System in 2015 to provide small grants to disabled Individuals, Clubs and Groups to enable them to pursue their sport. So far we have allocated 200 grants involving 25 different sports. The Grants allocated have help fund Race Chairs, Hand Cycles, Prosthetic Sports Arms and Legs and general sporting equipment. All fundraisers money and donations goes into this system.

Get Involved!

Contact details:
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10th to 14th August

24th to 28th August

Including
STEM
activities!

RUNNING
FOR ITS 3RD
YEAR!



Kids Summer **LEGO** Camp 2026

Run in a stunning
garden studio setting
in Weston Turville

times will vary
am and pm sessions available

£25 per session

**BOOK
NOW**

Any Questions?

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Windmill
Education



YOUNG PHOTOGRAPHER COMPETITION 2026



The subject this year is
completely and utterly
YOUR CHOICE

That's it. No Theme

No Rules about what to point at
Photograph whatever you want, but
make it something you care about:
a person, a pet, something you made,
a place, a moment to remember

The best photographs are those
where we can tell the photographer
loved what they were looking at

Total Value of Prizes £400

Prize Competition in Three Age Groups

Junior 6-10; Intermediate 11-14; Senior 15-18

On-Line Entry Form Here:



Closing Date for Submission 13th September 2026



SUMMER HOLIDAY SWIMMING COURSE

The Wendover Pool, HP22 6HF



DATES AND TIMES

MONDAY 27TH JUL

09:30 to 11:00 AM

TUESDAY 28TH JUL

09:30 to 11:00 AM

WEDNESDAY 29TH JUL

09:30 to 11:00 AM

THURSDAY 30TH JUL

09:30 to 11:00 AM

FRIDAY 31ST JUL

09:30 to 11:00 AM



30 minute lessons

MORE INFO!

£70 for 5 day course

Limited to 6 children per class

Beginner through to advanced lessons

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