WEEKLY NOTES

13th November 2026

Key Dates

November

w/c 16th	Anti-Bullying Week – Monday Odd Socks Day
Thursday 19th	Year 4 Assembly (class parents invited to attend @ 2:30pm)
Wednesday 25th	Year 3 – Stone Age Workshop
Monday 30th	Christmas Carol Concert performed by music students (invite to parents will be sent separately via music teacher)

December

Thursday 3rd	Year 5 – Viking Workshop
	Parent Focus Group
Friday 4th	PTA Christmas Fun Day!
Wednesday 9th	Infant Nativity 1 at 10:00am
Thursday 10th	Infant Nativity 2 at 1:30pm
Tuesday 15th	F1 & F2 Nativity (class parents invited to attend @ 2:30pm)
Wednesday 16th	Christmas Dinner Day
	Juniors Carol Service @ St Mary's Church 2pm(Junior Parents invited)
Friday 18th	Last Day of Term – Finish at 1:30pm

January

Tuesday 5th	First Day of Spring Term 1

Remembrance Service

On Sunday, our House Captains and Vice Captains had the privilege of representing our school at the village Remembrance Service at the War Memorial. They did us proud, showing such respect and maturity as they laid the wreath and crosses in memory of those who gave their lives for our country.

This service holds a special significance for our school, as each of our houses is named in honour of soldiers from our own village who lost their lives. It was a lovely opportunity for our pupils to stand alongside our community and pay their respects. We are incredibly proud of the way they represented our school and the thoughtfulness they showed throughout the service.



Smartphone Free Childhood

Smartphone Free Childhood online parent talk on 26 November at 7pm.

Thinking of buying a phone this Christmas? Or wanting to hold off as long as possible?

This time of year can bring a lot of pressure around phones and technology. This online talk for parents is designed to be a supportive, practical space to explore the research and evidence around children using smartphones and the options for safer devices, all without judgement. **You're welcome whether your child has a smartphone already or you're still deciding what comes next.**

We'll explore:

- the potential risks of early smartphone exposure
- safeguarding and behavioural concerns
- alternative phones for families who want to delay smartphones
- other technology that can support communication, location tracking and safety
- practical ways to navigate the pressure to buy a first smartphone this festive season

Already given your child a smartphone? You're far from alone. We'll also talk about what families can do from here, so this isn't only a conversation for parents who haven't yet bought one.

The aim isn't to tell parents what to do. It's to create a supportive conversation, share practical alternatives and help families feel better informed about the choices available. There'll be time for questions after the talk.

Register here

Let's Celebrate!



Stars of the Week

Rowan Class R – Luna C
Willow Class 1 – Theodore
Cedar Class 2 – Grace
Maple Class 3 – Kian
Ash Class 4 – Mason
Birch Class 5 – Alex
Sycamore Class 6 – Kyra

English Champions

Rowan Class R – Nancy
Willow Class 1 – Amaaya
Cedar Class 2 – Orson
Maple Class 3 – Olivia-Rose
Ash Class 4 – Tori
Birch Class 5 – Noah
Sycamore Class 6 – Noah



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 (click for lunch box policy)
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.

Willow Class Spotlight



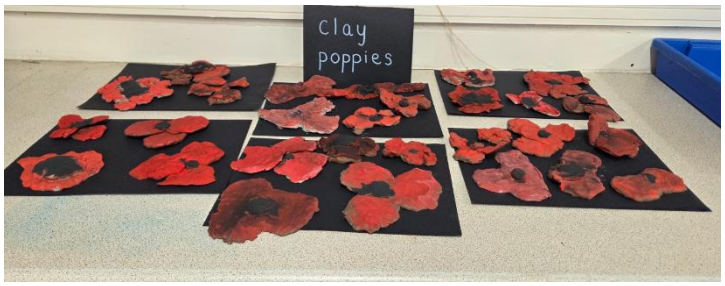
It has been another busy week in Year 1 and here are just some of the wonderful things we have been up to:

As part of our 'Remembrance' topic, we visited the village war memorial. Luckily the weather was dry and we really enjoyed walking in the fresh air, noticing all the signs of autumn.



We were able to find the names of our house teams on the memorial and we noticed the school's wreath and crosses too. There were also some very impressive crocheted poppy garlands, which we noticed included purple poppies to remember animals that served in wartime. We drew some super sketches for our topic books and everyone remembered how to cross the roads safely.

Back in the classroom, we made clay poppies and reflected on how the soldiers may have felt on the battlefield.



We watched a children's Remembrance Day animation to help us with our writing.







Our bonfire collages using paint and sticks look fantastic on our display. We even practised being paint 'magicians' because we used our colour mixing skills to turn the red and yellow paints into orange!



Our PE yoga sessions are great fun!

An EV Club for Wendover and the Villages of Stoke Mandeville, Weston Turville and Halton

The Parish Councils of Wendover, Stoke Mandeville, Weston Turville and Halton are considering funding an exciting new initiative, a joint EV (Electric Vehicle) Club in collaboration with Wendover and Villages Community Climate Action groups. The project would be run on similar lines to the current successful model in Haddenham and Banbury. This model has no annual membership fee and works on a mileage cost of £8 per hour capped at £80 per day, including delivery of an EV to your door and collection after use. First-time users would be given a full brief on how the car and the app work.

The aim is to provide residents with a car when needed for as long as needed. It is a service that could save you money, whilst helping you to drive cleaner, more environmentally friendly vehicles. Parishes could also benefit from a reduction of cars parked on the street.

To assess whether there is a need for this service we would appreciate it if you could complete this short survey with the link or the QR code:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfgLm3Yuxh74o58xFE8aOX9pHZNcyBVdMrXzgehqZgs6gH7kg/viewform?usp=publish-editor

Many thanks!

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Aylesbury Town Council's

Christmas on the Cobbles

FREE EVENT

Sunday 22 November

Across Aylesbury Town Centre

12-6pm



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Friars Square Aylesbury

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11 DECEMBER - 31 DECEMBER

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Christmas AT SILVERSTONE

11 DECEMBER - 31 DECEMBER



Lap Of Lights

Drive the world-famous Silverstone Formula 1 circuit after dark, transformed into a two-mile trail of lights, lasers and sound. Follow in the tyre tracks of racing legends with an experience you won't find anywhere else this Christmas.

FROM £50 PER CAR



Santa's Garage

A unique and immersive 40-minute festive journey with a personal meeting and message from Santa himself. Sold out in 2025, so book early.

FROM £18 PER CHILD



IceTrak

Ice skate inside the Silverstone Formula 1 garages you've seen on TV, transformed into a North Pole training rink. A unique setting for a classic Christmas activity.

FROM £8.50



Silverstone Museum Exhibition

Explore the stories, cars and moments that shaped Silverstone and British motorsport with a free exhibition. Open throughout Christmas at Silverstone.



Curling

Step onto the ice and try curling at the home of British motorsport. Available to book alongside your Lap of Lights or Santa's Garage ticket or as a standalone experience.

FROM £33



Racing Simulators

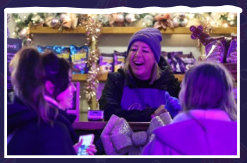
Step into the cockpit. Our state-of-the-art Formula 1 simulators put you behind the wheel at the home of British motorsport. Set the fastest lap on the leaderboard and take home the bragging rights.

FROM £15



Festive Food Village

Something for everyone: grab a bite between experiences or just come along to sample the flavours.



Christmas Gift Shop

Top the podium this Christmas with a hand-picked range of clothing, toys, souvenirs and gifts, available to browse in the Formula 1 garages. The perfect pit stop for something special this Christmas.

SCAN TO BOOK

USE SCHOOLS20 FOR 20% OFF LAP OF LIGHTS

Lap of Lights 20% off promotion at the Christmas at Silverstone 2026 event is limited to the following dates: 14th – 16th, 20th – 31st December only. Tickets are sold per car including driver and all passengers. Please visit silverstone.co.uk for event information.

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Inspiring creativity through performing arts.



Marketing to Poppets

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OF PERFORMING ARTS

1 Expectations of a Poppets Class from a Parent's Perspective



Enrolling their child in a Poppets class at PQA comes with a set of expectations:

- Ensuring child's safety
- Growth and enjoyment
- A supportive, nurturing environment

2 Communication with the Academy

Clear and open communication is also a key expectation for parents. Inform them of their child's progress, changes in class structure, general updates to the programme.
Parents appreciate:

- Regular communication about their child's progress and any concerns.
- Opportunities for feedback or to discuss any questions.
- The ability to get in touch easily if there's a concern or question.

3 Financials & Timings

Financials:

Poppets won't be your main source of profit at PQA, given the costs of a room, hiring a teacher, and that it is half the amount for parents etc.

However, it's all about the lifetime value of a Poppets student. They will naturally transition into main academy after their Poppets journey.

There is also the opportunity to open multiple Poppets sessions to run alongside your main academy and act as feeders for Green Group.

Timings:

Begin 15/20 mins before or after a main academy.
Why? Staggering the times is better for spending more time with parents.
Poppets parents/guardians require more of your time and as a Principal you should be there on arrival, registration and the start of the class.

In addition to this, earlier Poppets class are more popular due to this age group being up much earlier to start their day.

1. 9.45am start
2. 11am start

These are then the feeders into Main Academy

THE POPPETS PARENT

- Average age of Poppets parent is 33-39.

  This makes them a Millennial (born 1981 – 1996) but parents are the top end of that.

- **They are Tech Savvy** – the first generation to grow up with the internet, social media and smartphones.

  They rely heavily on digital platforms for communication and information.

  It's important to use the digital channels that you have access to. Facebook, Instagram, Google Ads (National), Online Listings ect.

- They tend to be well-educated and often pursue further education or professional development opportunities so will look for the same for their children.

  What will their child learn at PQA? What Life Skills will they gain from coming to PQA? How will they transition to Main Academy – Poppets and Me to My PQA Journey.

- They face unique financial challenges – student loan debt and difficulties in entering the housing market.

  Just £46 a month. Easy to pay monthly Direct Debit.

- Known for being socially and environmentally conscious. They want to be involved in community engagement. **Local Events, Summer Fetes, School/Nursery Workshops**

  The most diverse generation to date and value inclusivity and equality.

- They advocate this and that aligns with what we do at PQA and in Poppets.

At PQA, you can be Yourself! A Space to be Amazing.

So how do we Market to them?

Create Authentic Content: Millennials value authenticity. They prefer brands that are genuine and transparent. Share real stories, user-generated content, and behind-the-scenes looks to build trust. Social Media channels are key! Posting content from Academy – what are the students up to?

Leverage Social Media: This generation is highly active on Social Media platforms like Instagram. Facebook tends to be a slightly older audience and also TikTok. Use these platforms to engage with them directly, create shareable content, and build a community around your brand.

Be Socially Responsible: Millennials are socially conscious and prefer brands that align with their values. This is all about community involvement. Be seen out in the community. Community events and places where Poppets parents are.

Personalise Your Approach: Use data to personalize your marketing efforts. Tailor your messages and offers to individual preferences and behaviours.

Digital Content Tips

Live Videos

Use Visual Content

Disappearing Messages

Humorous Content

Interactive Content

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