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Letters sent home & e-School messages this week: Christmas Bazaar, Y5 Residential Trip, Christmas Performance (Y1 & Y2). Summary of Events, Times Table Rock Stars (Y3-Y6), Parent & Carer Forums, Heights & Weights Results (Y6), After School Sports Clubs (Y1-Y6), Violin Lessons (Y3), Donations of Board Games (Rec-Y6)

Dear all

What a busy week!

On Tuesday, children in year 3 showed parents and carers how much they have learnt during 'sing and string' lessons with Mrs Martin and Kai from Chiltern Music Academy. It was a thoroughly enjoyable performance that demonstrated how early playing of the violin is taught. Thank you for the support of all those able to attend.

Wednesday saw 2 performances by children in Reception. Their acting, narrating, singing, dancing and signing was impressive, accomplished and very much enjoyed. Again, thank you parents and carers for taking the time to come and watch.

Amongst this, children in Years 1 and 2 have been rehearsing for their performances next week. I am hearing singing as I write and know that you will not be disappointed if you are able to come to watch. A reminder that tickets are now sold out so please don't come along without a ticket as I would hate to offend by turning you away.

Today is the final day of swimming. Most children have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to swim so regularly and I suspect will miss it next week when we return to a more normal week.

When we come back to school in January, there will be a change within the leadership of the school. Caroline Day has decided to take on a different position at Highworth and will now be an additional teacher for a small group of children in Year 3 and 4. The position of Deputy Head Teacher for Inclusion will be taken up by Beccy Mills who is joining us from a local school. Beccy will be at the 'school gate' on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays so please say hello when you see her.

My very best wishes for the weekend

Clare Pankhania

ATTENDANCE

The display board at the front of the school shows each year group's weekly attendance

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE TARGET IS

96%

BEST ATTENDANCE 98.3%

(CLASS 2M)

WELL DONE

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:

92.2%

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES THIS WEEK:

Tuesday 12th December:

Nursery Christmas Performance
(in Nursery - **11am or 2.30pm**)

Wednesday 13th December

School Christmas Lunch (children may wear Christmas jumpers)

Thursday 14th December

2pm Y1 & Y2 Christmas Performance

Friday 15th December

9am Y5 Christmas Assembly – Y5 parents are invited to attend

2pm Y1 & Y2 Christmas Performance

PARENT ZONE

Please see the flyers with information on free online courses for parents to help you support your children's learning.

Rec - Phonics



Buckinghamshire Family Learning

Learn how your child is
taught phonics at school.

Discover how to find
easy, fun activities to
help your child to use
phonics to read and
spell.

Support your child with phonics- Reception

Join our **free**, 2 hour, 5-week online course. Starting on:

[Tuesday 9 January, 9:30am](#)

[Wednesday 10 January, 9:30am](#)

To book a place, please click on a day above or scan the QR code
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Y1 & Y2 - Phonics & Reading



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How is my child taught phonics at school?
How can I prepare my child for the phonic screening test?

How can I find easy, fun activities to help my child to use phonics to read and spell?

Support Your child with Phonics and Reading

Join our **free**, 5 week online course,
For parents and carers of children in Year 1 and 2,
at school in Buckinghamshire

Monday 8th January 19:00-21:00

Tuesday 9th January 12:30-14:30

Wednesday 10th January 09:30-11:30

To book your place, please click on one of the days above

or scan the QR code below.:



Reading



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Y1 & Y2 Maths



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Why are Shape, Data and Measure so important to how well my child does in maths?

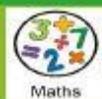
How is it taught and what can I do at home to help my child do well?

Support Your Child with Maths (Shape Data and Measure) Y1&2

Join our **free**, 5 week online course,
For parents and carers of children in Year 1 and 2,
at school in Buckinghamshire

[Thursday 11th January 09:30-11:30](#)

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Y3 – Y6 Online Safety



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Learn ways to help your child stay safe online.

Understand the benefits and issues of your child doing schoolwork, gaming, or chatting online.

Happy, healthy and safe online- tips for Y3-6 parents and carers

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