

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCIL  
Education Department

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**Letters sent home & e-School messages this week:** Swimming Lessons (Y4 & Y6)  
Online Courses for Parent/Carers, Decorating Biscuits (Y1-Y3), PTA Fundraising Update,  
P.E. Lesson (Y1), Parent Webinars, Residential trip to Youlbury (Y4), Use of WhatsApp,  
Easter Trail, Transition to Secondary School Workshop for Y6 Parents/Carers

Dear all

It's been a busy week here!

On Wednesday morning, members of the governing body visited to check progress on strategic direction. This included discussions with school staff and visits to classrooms. In the evening, we had a successful and enjoyable Iftar. Very many thanks to Mrs Jawed, her team of helpers and some very generous sponsors for coming together to create such a memorable and meaningful event. We hope your children enjoyed it as much as the adults did!

On Thursday, following an all-day rehearsal, the choir performed at the Swan Theatre in the Energize production. Mrs Martin, Mrs Lipinsky and the choir have worked incredibly hard learning and practising. I am told it all paid off as the performance was stunning.

This morning, Emma Reynolds, MP for Wycombe visited Breakfast Club and then the school. We spoke about a range of issues affecting schools, including funding, the challenge of increasing breakfast provision and what other schools could learn from the effective teaching at Highworth.

Later on today, Highworth Friends are holding the latest of many successful fund raising events. I'm particularly looking forward to hearing the answers to questions in the 'Asked by a pupil' round! Tickets for this event are no longer available, but please look out for similar events in the future.

Further to my message yesterday regarding the sharing of images, I have made the difficult decision to temporarily remove access to the majority of photographs of staff and children from the school website. This is to protect those whose images appear. I plan to investigate what protections can be put in place so that we can share photos safely without the danger of images being manipulated. If I am able to do this, we will revert to displaying the lovely photos of events we want you to be able to enjoy. For your information, we know that the images shared on WhatsApp were generated using 'CapCut'. Please think carefully about whether your child should have access to this application. I suggest they should not, unless you are confident that you have sufficient oversight of how it is being used.

Sending best wishes for a happy weekend.

Clare Pankhania

## ATTENDANCE

To report your child's absence please phone and leave a message or send an email to:

[reception@highworthcombined.co.uk](mailto:reception@highworthcombined.co.uk)

**SCHOOL ATTENDANCE TARGET IS 96%**

**BEST ATTENDANCE: 98.7%**  
**(CLASS 3H)**  
**WELL DONE**

**WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:**  
**93.1%**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

### Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March

**9am:** Story Explorers Workshop for Reception Parents/Carers

### Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March

Y1 Trip to Didcot Railway Centre

### Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March

**9.30am:** Y3 Local Walk

## PARENT ZONE

### **SIGN OF THE WEEK**



**must**

Follow this link to see how to sign 'must' in BSL

[British Sign Language BSL Video Dictionary - must](#)

**ONLINE COURSES FOR PARENTS/CARERS**



**Parent Webinar!**

**Social Media and Mental Health**

**25<sup>th</sup> March @ 2PM**

**27<sup>th</sup> March @ 6PM**

To register please click on the date and time you wish to attend.



**These webinars will focus on:**

**How algorithms work**

**Impact of Social Media on Wellbeing**

**Supporting young people's wellbeing when online**





# Buckinghamshire Family Learning



## ONLINE SCHOOLS COURSES for PARENTS and CARERS

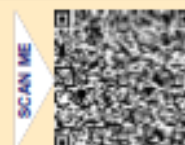
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### RECEPTION

Getting Ready for Year 1 (5 weeks) [FMGC022](#)

Tuesday 22 Apr- 20 May

9:30am - 11:30am



### RECEPTION WORKSHOPS

These workshops are listed in date order



DATE	TIMES	TITLE
Monday 28 April	9:30am - 11:30am	Story Workshop - The Fish Who Could Wish ( <a href="#">FMEW061</a> )
Wednesday 30 April	9:30am - 11:30am	Story Workshop - The Fish Who Could Wish ( <a href="#">FMEW061</a> )
Wednesday 7 May	9:30am - 11:30am	Developing Writing Through Stories ( <a href="#">FMWS096</a> )
Monday 12 May	9:30am - 11:30am	Help Your Child with Handwriting ( <a href="#">FMHA009</a> )
Wednesday 14 May	9:30am - 11:30am	Help Your Child with Handwriting ( <a href="#">FMHA009</a> )
Monday 19 May	9:30am - 11:30am	Developing Writing Through Stories ( <a href="#">FMWS096</a> )
Wednesday 21 May	9:30am - 11:30am	Fun Science Through Stories ( <a href="#">FMSC010</a> )
Wednesday 21 May	7:00pm - 9:00pm	Have Fun While Learning Outside ( <a href="#">FML0097</a> )

### RECEPTION WELLBEING WORKSHOPS

Wellbeing Workshops ([FMWB098](#))



Wednesday 23 April

9:30am - 11:30am

Wednesday 14 May

7:00pm - 9:00pm



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### YEARS 1&2

Support Your Child with Writing and Grammar (5 weeks) [FMWG029](#)



Tuesday 22 Apr - 20 May	9:30am - 11:30am
Tuesday 22 Apr - 20 May	6:30pm - 8:30pm
Thursday 24 Apr - 22 May	9:30am - 11:30am



Support Your Child with Phonics and Reading (5 weeks) [EMPR064](#)

Wednesday 23 Apr- 21 May 9:30am - 11:30am



### YEARS 1&2 WORKSHOPS



Monday 28 April	6:30pm - 8:30pm	Maths Reasoning and Problem Solving ( <a href="#">EMMN028</a> )
Monday 12 May	6:30pm - 8:30pm	Maths Through Stories ( <a href="#">EMMN116</a> )
Monday 19 May	6:30pm - 8:30pm	Help Your Child with Handwriting ( <a href="#">EMWB102</a> )

### YEARS 1 TO 6

Money Matters - Teach Your Child the Value of Money (4 weeks) [FMMM100](#)



Tuesday 22 Apr - 20 May 12:30 noon - 2:30pm



### YEARS 1 TO 6 WORKSHOPS



Wednesday 30 April	7:00pm - 9:00pm	Thinking About Volunteering Workshop ( <a href="#">EMVW018</a> )
Wednesday 7 May	9:30am - 11:30am	Help Your Autistic Child at Home Workshop ( <a href="#">EMAC124</a> )
Wednesday 7 May	7:00pm - 9:00pm	Healthy, Happy and Fun - Free Summer Holiday Ideas for you and your Child ( <a href="#">EMWR051</a> )



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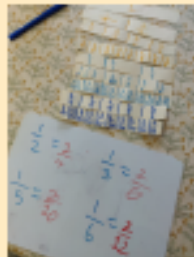


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### YEARS 3&4

Support Your Child with Fractions, Decimals and Percentages (5 weeks) [FMFD106](#)



Wednesday 23 Apr - 21 May	9:30am - 11:30am
Wednesday 23 Apr - 21 May	6:30pm - 8:30pm



Help Your Child Tackle Maths Problems Workshop [FMMP007](#)

Monday 28 April	9:30am - 11:30am
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### YEARS 3-6

Support Your Child's Mental Arithmetic Skills Workshop [FMMA060](#)

Monday 19 May	9:30am - 11:30am
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### YEARS 5&6

Supporting Your Child with Geometry, Statistics and Measurements (5 weeks) [FMMS117](#)

Thursday 24 Apr - 22 May	9:30am - 11:30am
Thursday 24 Apr - 22 May	6:30pm - 8:30pm

