



# News and Information

Date: 24th October 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

This half term has been packed full of learning, celebrations and fun. It has been an incredibly busy half term and across all year groups, children's have been exposed to a range of opportunities to enrich their learning further.

This week, Year 3 treated us to a fantastic Harvest Festival, teaching us all about how Harvest is celebrated around the world. A huge thank you to all our families for their generous donations — these will be supporting the Aylesbury Vineyard Foodbank and will make a real difference to our community.



Today, our focus turned to Black and Ethnic Minority History. While this important learning is woven throughout our curriculum all year round, we dedicated today to celebrating it in a special way. It was wonderful to see so many children proudly wearing traditional dress or something meaningful that represents their heritage.

Year 5 and Year 6 also enjoyed an inspiring workshop with One Day Creative, exploring the story of the Windrush in June 1948, learning about civil equity and its ongoing importance, and celebrating the achievements of remarkable figures such as Sojourner Truth, Muhammad Ali, Harriet Tubman, and Barack Obama.

It has truly been a half term filled with learning, reflection, and celebration!

Enjoy a rest and time together as a family and we look forward to seeing you all after half term.

Ms Martin  
Headteacher

## **October:**

Friday 24th – Year 5 and 6 British Black History Workshop

Monday 27th – Friday 31st – Half Term

## **November**

Monday 3rd – School reopens

Tuesday 4th – Individual School Photographs

Wednesday 5th – Year Messy Church Event

Thursday 6th – Year 1 Dinosaur Workshop in school

Thursday 6 – Reception and Year 6 School Nurse Height and Weight checks

Tuesday 11th – Year 6 Trip to Ufton Court

Tuesday 11th – Year 4 Remembrance Service to parents – 9am in school hall.

Thursday 13th – Year 5 Victorian Workshop

Friday 14th – Anti-Bullying Theme Day – Odd Socks Day

Monday 17th – Pyjama Day for Children in Need

Monday 17th – Nursery and Reception Space Dome Workshop

Thursday 20th – Year 2 Great Fire of London Workshop

Friday 21st – Mufti Day for FOBS Raffle Donations

# Superstar Learners

Well done to the following children and classes who have topped the different leaderboards in October.



## Classes with the highest quiz average on Accelerated Reader

Gold	Year 1 and Pear (94%)
Silver	Holly (91%)
Bronze	Hazel (91%)

## Classes with the highest percentage of children in the green zone

	English	Maths	Spell
3rd Oct	Spruce	Spruce	Spruce
10th Oct	Holly	Holly	Holly
17th Oct	Holly	Holly	Spruce
24th Oct	Spruce	Pear	Spruce

## Children with the most coins in Numbots and TTRS

	Numbots	TTRS
Year 1	Connor (Beech)	
Year 2	Alexander (Cedar)	Lewis (Cherry)
Year 3	Thanvi (Holly)	Mabel (Holly)
Year 4	Arya (Pine)	Tiynash (Pine)
Year 5	Riley (Spruce)	Ajen (Sycamore)
Year 6	Alex (Whitebeam)	Dylan (Walnut)

## Children with the fastest studio speed on TTRS

Year 2	Max (Cherry)
Year 3	Eden-Bly (Holly)
Year 4	Tiynash (Pine)
Year 5	Albert (Spruce)
Year 6	Youssef (Whitebeam)

## Doodle Dual League

	Points
Cedar	
Cherry	
Hazel	
Holly	8
Pear	2
Pine	
Spruce	6
Sycamore	2

# SEND Updates

A reminder of the SENDCo email address if you need any support with any of the items raised in this newsletter or have any other concerns about your child's educational needs. [senco@biertoncombined.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:senco@biertoncombined.bucks.sch.uk)

The SENDCo's at Bierton School are:  
Mrs G Bramley- Year 1-6  
Mrs V Tarling- EYFS

## ADHD Coffee Morning

Thank you so much to all that were able to attend, we really thank you for your input. The more people we have attend the more we can network and share, so please do come along to our next coffee morning. We thought it might be useful to share some of the information for those unable to attend.

### What is ADHD?

ADHD (attention deficit hyperactivity disorder) is a condition where the brain can work slightly differently to most people. Children and young people with ADHD may have trouble with things like concentrating and sitting still. There are many ways to help children understand and manage the symptoms of ADHD.

### Symptoms or traits of ADHD

Symptoms of ADHD usually start before the age of 12. They involve a person's ability to pay attention to things (being inattentive), having high energy levels (being hyperactive) and their ability to control their impulses (being impulsive).

A child or young person may show signs of being inattentive, such as:

- being easily distracted
- finding it hard to listen to what people are saying or to follow instructions
- forgetting everyday tasks, like brushing their teeth or putting on socks

They may show signs of being hyperactive and impulsive, including:

- having high energy levels
- fidgeting or tapping their hands and feet
- talking noisily
- feeling restless, or getting up and moving around when they're supposed to sit still
- finding it hard to wait their turn, or interrupting conversations

Most children and young people with ADHD have symptoms of both the inattentive and hyperactive-impulsive type. Some



If you're worried that ADHD may be affecting your child, talk to one of their teachers. Teachers or parents can raise any concerns with the SENCo. The SENCo can then discuss support in the classroom and work with parents on how best to proceed with any chosen referrals.



# Family Liaison Officer Update



## Buckinghamshire Family Learning



### FREE ONLINE SCHOOL COURSES for PARENTS and CARERS

TO BOOK  
YOUR PLACE



**01296 383582**

OR SCAN the QR code or CLICK on the  
[course code link](#) below

#### RECEPTION (MATHS - 6 week online course)

Develop your child's Early Maths Skills

**9:30am - 11:30am**

- Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov - Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Dec
- Tue 4<sup>th</sup> Nov - Tue 9<sup>th</sup> Dec
- Thur 6<sup>th</sup> Nov - Thur 11<sup>th</sup> Dec



Choose from 1  
of these 3 dates

Course code:  
**FMEM049**



#### YEARS 1 & 2 (MATHS CONFIDENCE - 6 week online courses)

**Tue 4<sup>th</sup> Nov - Tue 9<sup>th</sup> Dec** 9:30am - 11:30am

Support your child with Maths

Course code:  
**FMMS024**



**Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov - Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Dec** 7pm - 9pm

Support your child's understanding of Shape, Data & Measure

Course code:  
**FMMS047**



#### YEARS 1 - 6 (MONEY MATTERS - 4 week online course)

**Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Nov - Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Nov** 7pm - 9pm

Help teach your child the value of Money

Course code:  
**FMMM100**



#### YEARS 3 & 4 (MATHS CONFIDENCE - 6 week online courses)

**Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov - Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Dec** 9:30am - 11:30am

Support your child with Geometry, Statistics & Measurement

Course code:  
**FMMS088**



**Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Nov - Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Dec** 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Support your child's Confidence with Numbers

Course code:  
**FMMN026**



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### **YEARS 3, 4 & 5** ( 2 hour online workshops)

Advice for parents to support their children with the pressures & anxieties of the 11+ (Part 1)

**6:30pm - 8:30pm**

- Tue 4<sup>th</sup> Nov
- Tue 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec



Choose from 1 of  
these 2 dates

Course code:  
**FMEP095**



Expectations of the 11+ and useful information to support your child (Part 2)

**6:30pm - 8:30pm**

- Tue 11<sup>th</sup> Nov
- Tue 9<sup>th</sup> Dec



Choose from 1 of  
these 2 dates

Course code:  
**FMEP096**



### **YEARS 5 & 6**

**Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Dec - Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> Dec** 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Support your child with MATHS - Fractions, Decimals  
& Percentages (6 week online course)

Course code:  
**FMFD135**



Using Books to help your child with Grammar, Vocabulary & Punctuation  
(2 hour online workshop)

**6:30pm - 8:30pm**

- Tue 18<sup>th</sup> Nov
- Tue 25<sup>th</sup> Nov



Choose from 1 of  
these 2 dates

Course code:  
**FMWG033**



### **YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6** (WELLBEING)

**Tue 9<sup>th</sup> Dec** 12:30pm - 2:30pm

Help your child develop Self-Belief through Problem Solving  
(2 hour online workshop)

Course code:  
**FMWB021**



**Tue 4<sup>th</sup> Nov - Tue 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec** 12:30pm - 2:30pm

Support your child's Wellbeing (5 week online course)

Course code:  
**FMWB020**



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## Half Term - Things to do!



Discover Bucks Museum  
Church Street  
Aylesbury HP20 2QP  
discoverbucksmuseum.org  
01296 331441

# October Half Term

25 October - 2 November 2025

This October Half Term, join us for spooky science experiments, make your own modroc mummy, get creative with autumn art, and enjoy trick or treat fun! Plus discover our NEW 'I Grew Up 90s' exhibition opening for October Half Term.

Discover more at [discoverbucksmuseum.org](https://discoverbucksmuseum.org) or scan the QR code



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### Spooky Science

**Monday 27 & Tuesday 28 October**  
Join us for some spooky science: make a bubbling witches brew, create ogre slime and more!  
60 minute workshop. Timed slots available.  
Suitable for ages 5-11

### Modroc Mummies

**Wednesday 29 October**  
Learn how to make your very own Egyptian mummy to take home!  
60 minute workshop. Timed slots available.  
Suitable for ages 5-11

### Let's Get Creative: Autumn Art

**Thursday 30 October**  
Experiment with clay and paint to create a piece of art to take home!  
10am - 3pm, drop in. Suitable for ages 3-11

### Trick or Treat

**Friday 31 October**  
Trick or Treat in one of the oldest buildings in Aylesbury this Halloween!  
Timed slots. Suitable for ages 3-11

### Creepy Doll Hunt

**Friday 31 October**  
Visit the museum after dark this Halloween for our very first Creepy Doll Hunt: explore one of the oldest buildings in Aylesbury by torchlight and discover the haunted dolls hidden throughout the museum.  
From 6pm, timed slots. Suitable for ages 10+

### I Grew Up 90s

**25 October 2025 - 22 February 2026**  
Take a trip back to the decade that defined a generation! Step into the 1990s with over 200 iconic objects and artworks celebrating the toys, films, TV, music, games and fashion that made the decade unforgettable.



Discover Bucks Museum  
Aylesbury HP20 2QP  
[discoverbucksmuseum.org](https://discoverbucksmuseum.org)




Opens for October Half Term!


Play, Discover, Learn!  
this October Half Term  
in the Roald Dahl Children's Gallery

For more event details, charges and to book please scan the QR code or visit [discoverbucksmuseum.org](https://discoverbucksmuseum.org)


Enjoy our spooky Trail on everyday 25 October - 2 November



# holiday camp




**To keep your children entertained this Half Term Look no further than our arts and crafts holiday club!**



**Held at Aston Clinton School.**  
**Cost £35 per child over 5 years old each day 9am - 3pm,**  
**Cost £25 per child 4 years old each day 9am - 1pm,**

**Themed Days of Arts, Craft and Outdoor Fun**



**Suitable for Ages 4 - 11 years. All you need to provide your child and a**



# Pupil Leadership

## What have our School Council been doing this term?

Our School Council: Led by Corey P (Head Boy), Anaisha S (Head Girl), Tom L (Deputy HB) & Millie P (Deputy HG)

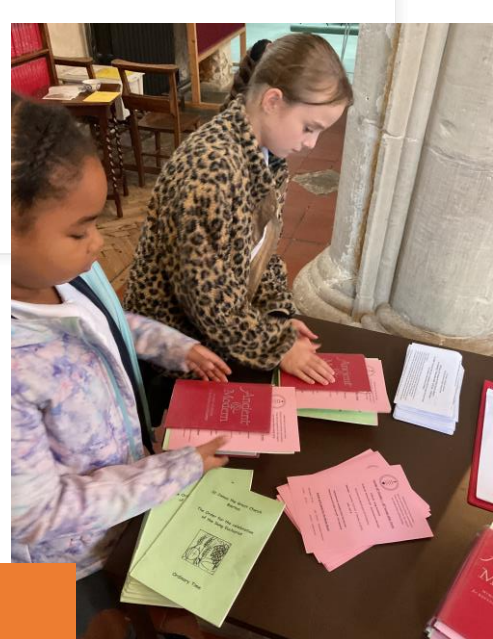
**Year 2:** Harper S, Frank H, Abdullah K, Tallulah G; **Year 3:** Chloe I, Caleb B, Eden-Bly O, Evie O; **Year 4:** Nelle G, Nellie W, Tiago M, Esme M; **Year 5:** Serina B, Theo J, Noah T, Violet J; **Year 6:** Jochebed A, Alexandru M, Rafaela PA, Reuben B

What impact has our School Council had so far this year...

- Decided to raise awareness of Diwali by creating a PPT for staff to share during whole class assembly time. A huge thank you to Anaisha for creating this in her spare time.
- Decided to raise the profile of Black History & Ethnic Minority Day by inviting everyone to wear clothes that represent their faith, culture or interests - thank you to Serina for coming up with this idea.
- Develop children's awareness of famous black people by displaying posters around the school alongside inspirational quotes - thank you to Jochebed for organising this.
- Decided to raise awareness of Anti-bullying week by planning & delivering an assembly; organising a poster competition and also Odd socks day.
- Decided to raise money for Children in Need by voting for a pyjama day; organising a bake sale and the ingenious idea of setting an ambitious target of £1000 in exchange for Ms Martin getting custard-pied!



# Bierton and the Community



Some of our year 5 children visited St James' church last week to help out with Wednesday Club. They met some of the residents from Bierton and happily chatted with them and served them teas and biscuits. They also helped with tidying and organising the church. Our children were a complete hit and were invited back whenever they wanted to return! This is part of the community work the school is doing and year 5 will be linking with the church throughout this year.





# Writing - D'N'D Adventures

We have started to use D'N'D style adventures in some of our Literacy lessons in Years 3,4 and 5. As part of this the children use dice rolls to create a character and then they use that character in their adventure. The children work in groups of three/four and go on a quest. We share part of a story and the children use their oracy skills to decide how their team would react to the situation. This might be how will you cross the frozen river or how will you escape the marsh? The children then use the skills and equipment that their characters have to help them come up with a solution.



We currently have three different lands, within these lands there are creatures and different quests. In year 3 there is a woodland theme with creatures including squirrels, badger and otters. In year 4 it is a water theme with lizard folk, fletching's and tortes. Year 5 are in fairy tale realm with elves, ogres and trolls.

The characters that the children have created will go on different quests at different times of the year. They will also have opportunities to level up their character. We are linking these upgrades to their writing targets. As the children reach a writing target within their independent pieces of writing they will have the opportunity to select items or skills to improve their characters.



# Maths at Bierton

## Representations: Place Value Chart

Representations are crucial in a maths lesson to expose the mathematical structure and to support the context of the learning. Over time, children should progress to using the abstract without the representation. This is when the maths seems easy!

A Place Value Chart is a representation of number. This can be used to support children to read and write numbers accurately, as well as apply knowledge and transfer learning to other areas of maths, such as: rounding, decimals and percentages.

A place value chart is used across the school to help children understand our number system. Place value counters are used to represent the number and can be used to support fact fluency, including addition and subtraction facts.

53526				
ten thousands	thousands	hundreds	tens	ones
5	3	5	2	6
53526 = 50 000 + 3000 + 500 + 20 + 6				

## Helping your child at home: Telling the time

A simple start to learning time is just showing your child what time is and why it matters. Tell them what time it is or how long it is until you're going to do something. Just make it a part of their daily routine!

We will provide more tips in our next newsletter.



## Fun Fact!

There are more ways to arrange a pack of 52 cards than there are atoms on Earth!



## Famous Mathematicians: Ada Lovelace

Ada Lovelace, 'The Mother of Computers', was born in 1815. She was taught logic, science and maths from a young age, which was very unusual for women at the time. In 1833, she met Charles Babbage who had begun designs for a computer.

Ada developed the plans and described how codes could be created to handle letters and symbols. She also created a method for the engine to repeat instructions - something that computer programmes still use today. Ada Lovelace is annually celebrated (Ada Lovelace Day) on the second Tuesday in October to recognise the achievements of women in science, technology, engineering and maths.



Thank you to the families in Year 1 who attended our Mastering Number workshop.



# Internet Safety – App Safety Settings

The Online Safety Act recently came into force and tech companies are now expected to ensure that children do not have access to inappropriate content. However, their measures are not always foolproof and there are some things that you can do to help keep your children safe. Please click the links below to find guides to help you set up stronger parental controls on any devices your children have access to. Please let us know if there are any that you found particularly useful or not so useful.

- Discord app settings - [HERE](#).
- TikTok parental controls - [HERE](#).
- Snapchat parental controls - [HERE](#).
- Instagram parental controls - [HERE](#).
- Pinterest privacy and safety settings - [HERE](#).
- FaceTime privacy and safety settings - [HERE](#).
- WhatsApp privacy guide - [HERE](#).

