



News and Information

Date: 20th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow—what an incredible term it has been! Despite being a short one, it has been absolutely packed with exciting opportunities and fantastic achievements for our pupils. From hands-on learning to memorable trips, every year group has had something special to experience. Year 5 and Year 6 were inspired by their visits to the Oxford Science Centre, while Year 3 gained valuable life skills during their trip to the Safety Centre. Year 4 immersed themselves in a vibrant Science Sound Workshop, and our youngest learners in Reception took part in an important and engaging Road Safety Workshop. Meanwhile, Year 1 stepped into the world of storytelling at the Roald Dahl Museum, and Year 2 enjoyed discovering the wonders of Tring Museum. Year 6 have also had the opportunity to work with a Street Dance group and took part in powerful workshops focused on knife crime awareness, further enriching their learning and personal development.

Beyond the classroom, we are exceptionally proud of our two fabulous dance groups, who have wowed audiences at both local and national showcases, performing with passion, dedication and true professionalism.

As we come to the end of such a busy and successful term, we hope all of our families enjoy a well-deserved and joyful Easter break, filled with special moments spent with family and friends.

Ms Martin
Headteacher

March

W/C 23rd - STEM Week in school

Thursday 26th - School closes at 1pm for Easter Holidays

Friday 27th - Inset Day

April

Monday 13th - School reopens

Wednesday 22nd - Year 4 Caldecott Residential

May:

Friday 1st - Year 3 Trip to Waddesdon

Monday 4th - Bank Holiday - School Closed

Friday 8th - Nursery Trip to Tiggywinkles

Monday 11th - Year 6 SATS Week

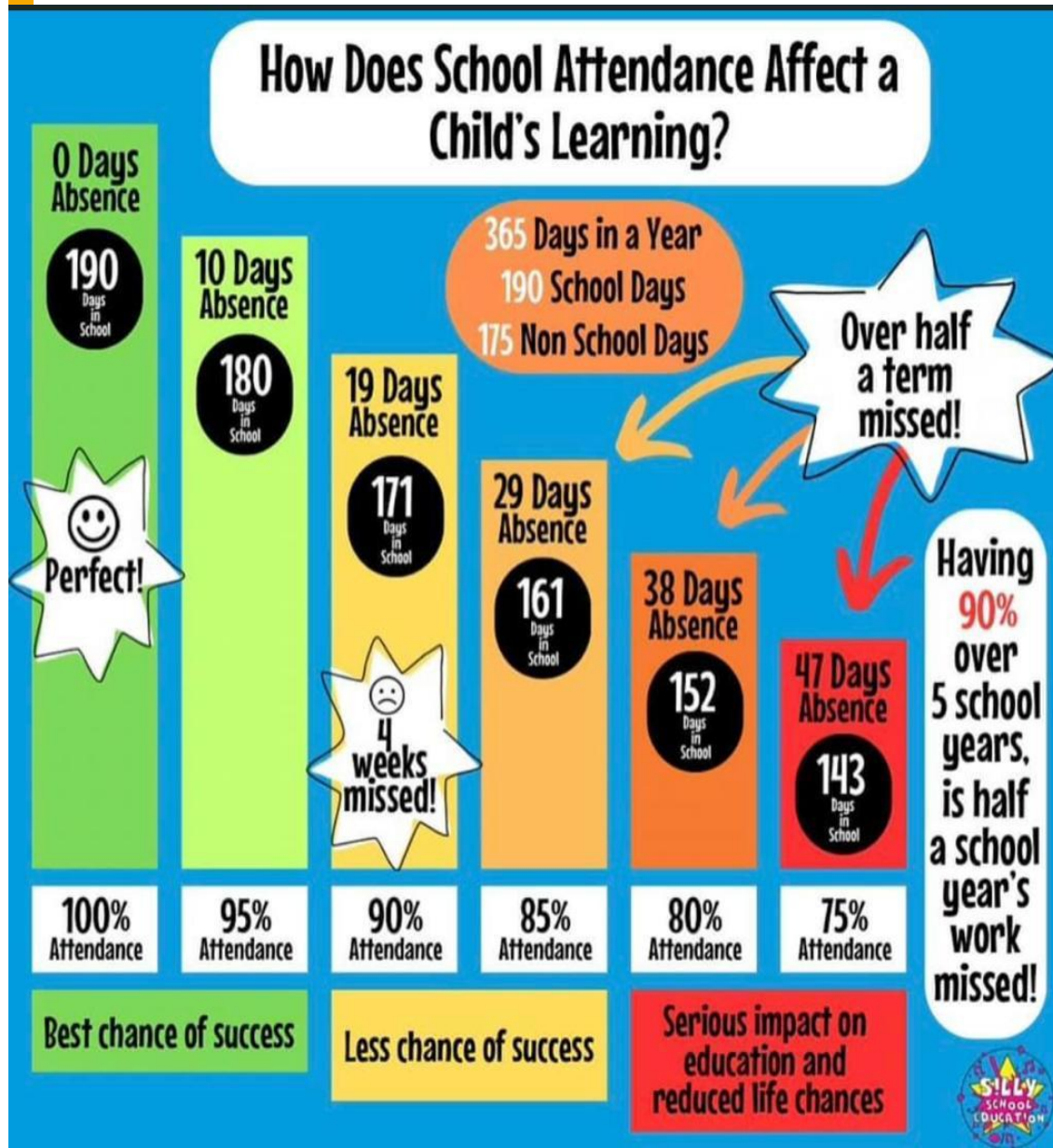
Friday 15th - FOBS Colour Run Sponsored Event

Monday 18th - Year 6 Skern Lodge Residential

Friday 22nd - School closes at 3:15pm for half term.

Monday 25th - Half Term

Attendance



The School Day

A reminder that the school gates open at 8:30am and the register is taken at 8:55am. Once the register has closed your child is marked as absent and this will affect their overall attendance.

Good Attendance....

A good attendance is important, statistics show that pupils with good attendance have higher attainment in school and studies show that children with attendance above 96% make better progress socially and academically. Children who are absent will find gaps in their sequential knowledge. Both attendance and punctuality are doubly important.

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	Birch, Hazel and Pear
Silver	Holly and Spruce
Bronze	Pine and Whitebeam

Classes with the highest percentage of children in the green zone

	English	Maths	Spell
6th Feb	Spruce	Sycamore	Spruce
13th Feb	Hazel	Sycamore	Spruce
27th Feb	Spruce	Sycamore	Spruce
6th Mar	Holly	Sycamore	Spruce
13th Mar	Hazel	Sycamore	Spruce
20th Mar	Holly	Spruce	Spruce

Children with the most coins in Numbots and TTRS

	Numbots	TTRS
Reception	Vruntansh (Alder)	
Year 1	Connor (Beech)	
Year 2	Max (Cherry)	Abdullah (Cherry)
Year 3	Thanvi (Holly)	William (Hazel)
Year 4	Tiyansh (Pine)	Ethan (Pine)
Year 5	Adbhyo (Spruce)	Tobi (Sycamore)
Year 6	Alex (Whitebeam)	Holly (Walnut)

Children with the fastest studio speed on TTRS

Year 2	Sienna (Cherry)
Year 3	William (Hazel)
Year 4	Sianna (Pine)
Year 5	Ajen (Sycamore)
Year 6	Youssef (Whitebeam)

Doodle Dual League

	Points
Cedar	
Cherry	
Hazel	
Holly	
Pear	
Pine	
Spruce	
Sycamore	

ART



MAGICAL PLACES COMPETITION! WINNER (S)!



Hazel
(Whitebeam)
and James
(Hazel) are our
winners!

Massive congratulations to James and Hazel, who both produced amazing drawings of magical places using a range of different artistic techniques! They are now the proud new owners of a bumper pack of colouring pencils to use in their next artistic ventures.

On to our next Bierton-Tastic Competition! ➡

STEM



AMAZING INVENTIONS COMPETITION!



Invent the Future!

Have you ever wished something in your day was a little bit easier? Maybe a gadget that helps you organise your homework, a machine that tidies your room or a clever invention that makes getting ready for school quicker!

Now it's your chance to get creative. We want you to design your very own invention that could make everyday life easier.

Draw your design, label the important parts and explain how it works. Who knows? Your idea might be the next big thing!

Get thinking, get designing, and most importantly—have fun inventing!

There will be prizes for the winner!

Deadline: Friday 17th April

Spirituality Ambassadors

Our spirituality ambassadors have been picked from years 5 and 6 and are responsible for maintaining the profile of spirituality in our school. They work with the Spirituality Lead to ensure our school take time to look out at the world and then look inside ourselves to consider how we feel about it. Within this, there may be opportunities to respond and do something when it generates a strong feeling or emotional response.



Our ambassadors presented a special assembly to the school that explored the value of courage through the story of Moses and the burning bush. They asked the children to consider times in their lives when they needed to show courage and why this is important, even though, it can be difficult.



WORLD BOOK DAY

On Friday 6th March we celebrated World Book Day. It was amazing to see so many fantastic costumes around the school. There was lots of laughing around the building as the children shared stories.

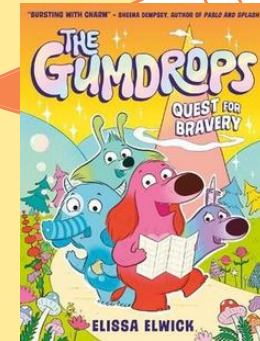
BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

- The Gumdrops: Quest for Bravery by Elissa Elwick. This graphic novel is a great book for those who enjoy reading Pablo and Splash. This story is about Gumdrops who create a recipe to make the ideal friend.



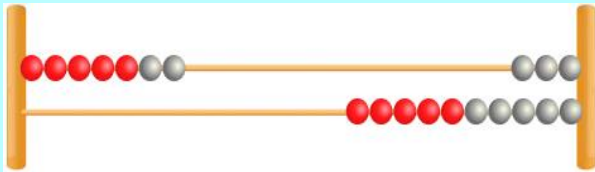
- 'Cities Going Wild to Save the Planet' by Catherine Barr is a non-fiction book exploring how nature is being introduced into cities.

- 'Dragon Girl and the Awakened Flames' by Jenny Moore is an island adventure story about a girl who hatched from an egg and has scales like a dragon.



Maths at Bierton

Rekenreks are excellent maths manipulatives to use across EYFS and KS1. A rekenrek is a counting frame with 10 beads on each row. There are 5 white beads and 5 red beads on each row. They are used to develop number sense, encourage hands on learning and help children become independent when counting. They also support children to subitise up to 10.

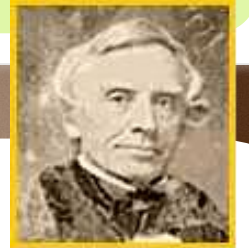


Helping your child at home: Shapes

Look for shapes when you are out on a walk: identify the shapes and name them using the correct terms. You could make artwork using shapes and look for specific shapes around the house. You could discuss the properties of shapes and play games to identify vertices, faces and edges.



Ancient Greeks did not consider zero a number. It is also not represented in Roman numerals.



Samuel Finley Breese Morse 1791-1872

While already a successful portrait painter, Morse was inspired by electromagnetism to invent a single-wire telegraph system. He developed a practical, commercial model that could send electrical signals over long distances.

In 1838, he developed the dot-and-dash signaling alphabet (Morse code) which allowed for efficient transmission of text, a crucial component in the rapid adoption of telegraphy.

Morse's invention allowed for near-instant communication, replacing slow mail delivery. By 1866, this technology enabled messages to travel across the Atlantic Ocean.

Morse Code was so effective that it was used for over a century, including for military communication.

SEND Updates

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

In this newsletter we would like to draw your attention to the key values of our school vision and inclusion.

At Berton school, we are incredibly proud of our diverse and vibrant school family. One of our core values is inclusion, the belief that every child, regardless of their individual learning journey, belongs right at the heart of our classrooms.

Inclusion is not just about being in the same building; it is about creating a space where students feel valued and supported. When children learn alongside peers with diverse needs and strengths, they develop vital life skills – like empathy, patience and adaptability. These are qualities that help them grow into kind, well-rounded citizens.

We are committed to the SEND Code of Practice, ensuring that children have a right to high-quality, inclusive education. We also want to remind our parent community that whilst we encourage a supportive network, we must all respect the privacy and confidentiality of every student and family.

Our Vision: At Berton CE Combined School and Nursery, we want to develop children as citizens who make a difference to themselves; their peers and their community. We are all different; we are all unique; we all have strengths. We want our children to find their light and let it shine; and let God and ourselves be proud of who they are. This Vision is rooted in biblical teaching as it links to Matthew 5:16: 'Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.'

3/20/2026

Equality



The assumption is that **everyone benefits from the same supports**. This is equal treatment.

Equity



Everyone gets the supports they need, thus producing equity.

Inclusion



All 3 can see the game without supports or accommodations because **the cause(s) of the inequity was addressed**. The systemic barrier has been removed.

We can not remove every barrier in mainstream school, class sizes, school hours and curriculum are stipulated largely by government practice, but we always remain committed as your SENCos to explore every reasonable adjustment we can to ensure that each and every child receives the best from their time at Berton.

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

Family Liaison Officer Update



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FREE
workshop for parents and carers of children

EVERYDAY FIRST AID AT SOUTHCOURT FAMILY CENTRE

Course code: **FMFA042-2526-3OF-B**

During the workshop you will look at everyday First Aid for the family and how to manage an emergency situation. You will get lots of practical tips on how to deal with choking, burns and minor injuries and increase your confidence in applying basic First Aid.

Wednesday 6th May

12:15pm - 2:45pm

Southcourt Family Centre, Aylesbury



TO BOOK
YOUR PLACE → 01296 383582 - Enrolment team
or SCAN the QR code
or CLICK on the course code link

FOR MORE
INFORMATION → 07770 641997 - Kathryn



Easter HAF Streetdance Camp



- HAWKSLADE COMMUNITY CENTRE,
- BARLEY CRESCENT AYLESBURY
- HP21 9YL
- 7th, 8th, 9th April 2026
- 10AM-2PM - AGE 7-13
- BOOKINGS VIA
<https://www.holidayactivities.com/>
- Free for children on benefit related FSM



Contact

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TO BOOK YOUR PLACE → 01296 383582 OR SCAN the QR code or CLICK on the [course code link](#) below


RECEPTION

	STORY WORKSHOP: 'The Fish who could Wish' Practical ideas to help support your child's early enjoyment of books	
	Mon 20 th Apr	Course code: FMFW061
	9:30am - 11:30pm	
	HANDWRITING WORKSHOP Child-friendly activities to build your child's fine motor skills and pencil grip	
	Mon 27 th Apr	Course code: FMHA009
	9:30am - 11:30pm	
	WRITING THROUGH STORIES WORKSHOP Learn how talk is an integral part of improving reading and writing skills	
	Mon 11 th May	Course code: FMWS096
	9:30am - 11:30pm	
	CONFIDENCE & WORRIES WORKSHOP Help develop your child's confidence, resilience and manage their worries	
	Mon 18 th May	Course code: FMWB098
	9:30am - 11:30pm	


RECEPTION

	GETTING READY FOR YEAR 1 Look at the differences between Reception and Year 1, and how to support your child to move up to year 1	
	Tue 14 th Apr - Tue 5 th May	Choose from 1 of these 2 dates
	Thur 23 rd Apr - Thur 14 th May	
	9:30am - 11:30am	Course code: FMGC022

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YEARS 1 & 2





WRITING & GRAMMAR
Practical ideas to improve your child's writing through child-friendly activities

Wed 22nd Apr - Wed 20th May

9:30am - 11:30am
6:30pm - 8:30pm ← Choose from 1 of these 2 times

Course code: **FMWG029**







MATHS WORKSHOP
Explore ways to support and develop your child's KS1 maths reasoning skills

Choose from 1 of these 2 dates:

Mon 18th May 7pm - 9pm
Tue 19th May 9:30am - 11:30am

Course code: **FMMN028**







HOMEWORK SUPPORT WORKSHOP
Ideas on how to engage your child with their work and develop good study habits for their age

Mon 27th Apr 7pm - 9pm
Tue 28th Apr 9:30am - 11:30am ← Choose from 1 of these 2 dates

Course code: **FMHW028**







HANDWRITING WORKSHOP
Explore ways to support and develop your child's handwriting at home

Tue 21st Apr 9:30am - 11:30am

Course code: **FMWR102**






MATHS THROUGH STORIES WORKSHOP
Learn ways to develop your child's maths skills through story telling

Mon 11th May 9:30am - 11:30am

Course code: **FMMN116**







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RECEPTION - YEAR 6





SUPPORT YOUR SEND CHILD AT HOME
Gain a clear understanding to help support your neurodivergent child at home

Wed 22nd Apr - Wed 13th May

9:30am - 11:30am

Course code: **FMAN002**







MONEY MATTERS
Help your child learn the skills and build awareness to manage money through play

Tue 21st Apr - Tue 5th May

12:30pm - 2:30pm

Course code: **FMMM100**







MENTAL ARITHMETIC WORKSHOP
Practical ideas to improve your child's maths skills and knowledge, through child-friendly activities

Mon 20th Apr

9:30am - 11:30am
7pm - 9pm ← Choose from 1 of these 2 times

Course code: **FMMN022**







FRACTIONS, DECIMALS & PERCENTAGES
Look at how fractions, decimals and percentages are taught in school

Tue 21st Apr - Tue 19th May

9:30am - 11:30am

Course code: **FMTD106**






MATHS SUPPORT
Learn how geometry, statistics and measurement is taught in school

Thur 23rd Apr - Thur 21st May

6:30pm - 8:30pm

Course code: **FMTS117**





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Free Parenting Programmes

Our parenting programmes will help you develop new and existing parenting skills, offer advice and build your confidence as a parent.

LITTLE TALKERS

18 months to 3 years old

- Focuses on children's speech, language and communication skills and how parents can promote them
- Designed by Buckinghamshire Speech and Language Therapy

PARENT PUZZLE

0 to 5 years old

- Understand challenges and how to address them
- How to support your child's growth for calmer parenting

TALKING TEENS

11 to 18 years old

- Focuses on relationships within the family, communication, negotiating, decision-making and strategies to reduce conflict
- Learn more about teenagers and their needs

THE NURTURING PROGRAMME

3 to 11 years old

- Help deal with the challenges that come with parenting
- Think about what we do, why we do it and how it makes us feel

BALANCEABILITY

2.5 to 5 years old

- Accredited learn to cycle programme
- Develops confidence, spatial awareness, dynamic balance, and how to ride without stabilisers

KEEPING YOUR CHILD IN MIND

All ages

- Work together in ways that support growing children and a calmer family life
- Explore the conflict between parents/carers both in a current or previous relationship



Free Youth and Children's Courses

Our free online and in-person courses help children and young people understand and manage their emotions better, so they can handle life's changes more easily.

WELLBEING MATTERS (7-11 YEAR OLDS)

- Helps children develop emotional awareness through using the Five Ways to Wellbeing in a creative way.
- Introduces practical tools to help build emotional resilience.

HOW TO COPE WITH STRESS, ANXIETY AND LOW MOOD

11-19 YEAR OLDS (UP TO 25 WITH SEND)

- Introduces creative strategies to feel better and to deal with setbacks.
- Helps young people plan for a brighter future.

HOW TO BUILD CONFIDENCE AND SELF-ESTEEM

11-19 YEAR OLDS (UP TO 25 WITH SEND)

- Explore ways to increase confidence and self-esteem.
- How to deal with peer pressure and setbacks.
- Explores how the online world affects self-esteem.

MOVING UP TO SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR YEAR 6'S

- Explores what to expect at secondary school.
- Learn skills to make friends, deal with peer pressure and address any worries about the move.
- Practical tips about getting organised.

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