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VACANCIES: Please see our latest vacancy on our [website](#). All applications are done directly through My New Term.

CHILDREN:

Class Attendance winner

Congratulations to 3Anning; 98% class attendance winners this week! Every child in this class will receive 2 house points.

Class Teacher Awards

Nursery - Rihaan, **Lloyd Webber** - Azmin, **Zimmer** - Cali-Rose, **Beckham** - Cole, **Bolt** - Willow G, **Rosen** - Elis, **Potter** - Julia, **Anning** - Quinn, **Attenborough** - Rylah, **Banksy** - Alice, **O'Keeffe** - Haram.

Kindness Awards this week

Bolt - Theadora and **O'Keeffe** - Charles

OPAL edit

During our OPAL assembly today, pupils were introduced to our brand new area. The messy kitchen will be open for business from Monday onwards! We are still in need of a few more pots and pans, if you have any to donate please drop them into the school office.

Meanwhile, our lunchtime teachers have been busy working towards their level 2 playworker qualification which is funded through the OPAL qualification.

Culture Day

The children had a wonderful time celebrating Culture Day in school yesterday. During Culture Day, students had the opportunity to share their cultural heritage, learn about other cultures and taste food from all around the world. Did you know there are 27 different nationalities represented in our school community?

Thank you for your donations and for making yesterday a successful learning experience for your children.



Makaton signs

Here are some Makaton signs which you can learn with your child at home.





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Y4 Air quality day 29/4

As part of Year 4 science this half term, Central Beds Council are coming to school to work with the children on an Air Quality day on Monday 29th April (after our maths parent workshop). We will be walking through the streets around the school using data loggers to measure the air quality and levels of pollution. The CBC team will also work with the children to help understand what they have found out.

This is being provided in conjunction with the Safer School Streets initiative. This will not impact lunch time and will happen during lesson time. If you have any questions about the day, please speak to your child's class teacher.

BOOKABLE CLUBS - these clubs are managed by external providers

Street Dance Club: Reception - Y4 - Tuesday lunchtimes

Available to book with Christina Marks School of Performing Arts through their website [here](#).



Love Art and Craft Art Club booking is open: Year 2-4

Available to book on a Tuesday after school (3.15-4.15pm) [here](#).



Hotshots Basketball Club: Y2-4

Hotshots Basketball Club is available to book (Year 2 & 3 on a Monday lunchtime or Year 3 & 4 on a Thursday at 5pm). If your child is in Year 3, parents can pick either class that they would like to attend. Please specify this when making a booking directly by contacting Dan on 07891 021151 or email daniel_smith1989@hotmail.com.

Einstein House Reward

Einstein House (GREEN) are the house point winners for last half term, well done Einstein house! As their reward they get to have a non uniform day on Friday 26th April. Please ensure that they are dressed in PE/weather appropriate clothes/footwear for the day.

PARENTS:

Ofsted Parents meeting

Thank you to parents who came along to the meeting on Monday, we appreciate your feedback. Details from the meeting were emailed out to all parents on Thursday.

ECA School run clubs

Please see email sent 19/4 with details of school run clubs this half term. These start w/c 22nd April and are available to book via Arbor from 9am Saturday 20th April.

Book Fair 16th May

The travelling book fair will be visiting our school again this year from 16th-21st May. More details will be shared nearer the time.

FOILS PTA

Spring Movie Night - Monday's movie night was a great success with lots of smiles and hotdogs to go with the movies. Thank you to all parents who supported the evening. FOILS have raised a VERY impressive £4576.25 so far this year!!



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Our next FOILS event will be a Spring disco and will be held after school on Thursday 23rd May. Further details of how to book and timings will be sent out next week.

St Georges Day

On Tuesday 23rd April, St George's Day the students who are part of Girl Guides or Scouts are able to come dressed in their uniform for the day to celebrate.

Learning for new term

Knowledge organisers for Summer 1 are now available on the school website. Please click on the following link to find the correct year group: [Dunstable Icknield Lower School - Class Learning Overview](#)

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE - Every Day Counts

See link below on how GP's will be supporting attendance in school.

[Information on GP appointments and attendance](#)

Morning phonics sessions (Reception and Year 1)

Phonic sessions will start the week commencing Mon 22nd April. These sessions are invite only and emails were sent out on the 17th April confirming details.

School Led Tutoring (Year 2 and Year 4)

School Led tutoring will start on Friday 26th April. These sessions are invite only and a message will be sent out via the Arbor App on Friday 19th April.

Reception to Year 4 Parents interactive, in-class Maths workshop

We are very excited to see you all at our interactive maths lessons for parents. We would like to invite you to our brand new way of running parent workshops. You are invited into school to see some maths learning in action! This will take place in your child's classroom. Parents can enter school via the office at 9am and the session will start at 9.10am. This workshop will run for approximately 1 hour and will give you an insight into how we teach different maths concepts. The class teachers will be available during this time to offer any support and answer questions.

The dates for each year group are below:

Thurs - 25 April - **Year 3**

Mon - 29 April - **Year 4**

Tues - 30 April - **Year 1**

Wed - 1 May - **Year 2**

Thurs - 2 May - **Reception**

Please note that the classroom is a learning environment and there is limited space in the classrooms so we kindly ask only 1 adult per child and no siblings please.

School Photographs - class photos

The school photographers will be in to take class photos on the 2nd May. Please ensure your child wears their school uniform. If your child has PE that day they should come to school in PE kit with their uniform in a bag. Individuals/siblings who were absent during photos last October will have the opportunity to have photos taken on this date.

Reception Hearing Tests

Parents of Reception children were sent an email dated 8/1/2024 with further information about Reception hearing tests at school. These tests will take place for your child on Friday 10th May, if you have registered and given consent.



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Mindful parking

We have received a message from Central Bedfordshire Council regarding the parking: We ask parents who need to drive to school to park in Ashton Square Car Park. If they do park on residential streets such as Kirby Road, we ask them to do so respectfully, not to block driveways and not to leave their engines idling.

School Streets trial

CBC want to hear from you about your experience of the school street trial. **Please go to CBCschoolstreets.commonplace.is to fill in a quick, five-minute survey and have your say on the future of the school street.** The survey will close at midnight on Sunday 5 May 2024.

The Council will be reviewing the information you give them in this survey carefully. Your views will be taken into account when a decision is made about the future of the school street trial. If you need a paper copy of the survey, please email begreen@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk and they will be happy to provide this for you.

Food & Hygiene Bank

We are excited to announce that the food and hygiene bank is now up and running in school. The food and hygiene bank shelves are in the main reception, you do not need to ask the office staff to take the products. Please take the products as and when you need them, but kindly remember to respect that there are other families that may also need these items.

Support our school food and hygiene bank by donating spare items you have at home which will benefit our families. If you wish to make any donations towards our food and hygiene bank, please drop these items off at the main reception office for the attention of Miss Jaber.

Items which will support the food and hygiene bank are:

Foods with a long shelf life such as dried pasta, rice, tinned foods, cereals etc.

Hygiene items such as sanitary products, soap, shampoo, toothpaste etc.

Parents evenings

Thank you to all the parents who came along to parents evening. Minutes of discussions will be sent home with children today, Friday. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to speak to your class teacher.

Term Dates for 23-24 see: [DILS](#)

Key Dates for Term 2	Subscribe to the calendar on the website to sync dates to your phone. Subscribe here
w/c 22nd April	Week 1 menu, found here on our website
Tuesday 23rd April	St George's Day (see above)
Thursday 25th April	Year 1 out of school Educational Visit to Legoland
Friday 26th April	Einstein (green) House Reward - Non uniform day (see above)
Thursday 25th April - Thursday 2nd May	Maths interactive lessons - parent workshops (see above) Year 3 parents - Thursday 25 April @ 9am Year 4 parents - Monday 29 April @ 9am Year 1 parents - Tuesday 30 April @ 9am Year 2 parents - Wednesday 1 May @ 9am Reception parents - Thursday 2 May @ 9am
Monday 29th April	Year 4 Air Quality Day (see above)
Throughout May	Year 2 SATS assessments
Thursday 2nd May	Whole school School photographs for classes
Monday 6th May	SCHOOL CLOSED - BANK HOLIDAY

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Friday 10th May	Reception hearing tests
Tuesday 14th - Thursday 16th May	Year 4 Bikeability (see email sent 27/3)
Wednesday 15th May	Year 2 out of school Education Visit to Knebworth House
Thursday 16th to Tuesday 21st May	School Book Fair (see above)
Wednesday 22nd & Thursday 23rd May	Nursery - Term 3 open sessions (exact times to be sent out shortly via email)
Thursday 23rd May	FOILS Spring Disco (details to follow)
Monday 27 May - Friday 31 May	SCHOOL CLOSED - May Half Term KidzZone Holiday Club
10 - 14th June	Year 1 and Year 2 Phonics Screening Assessments (details to follow)
17th - 21st June	Year 4 Activity Week
Monday 24th June	Sports for Champions visit (details to follow)
Tuesday 2nd July	Whole School sports Day (1st option, weather dependent - details to follow)
Saturday 6th July	FOILS summer fair (details to follow)
Tuesday 9th July	Whole School sports Day (2nd option, weather dependent - details to follow)
Friday 12th July	End of Year Reports published (details to follow)
16 & 17th July	Year 4 leavers performance @ Priory - TBC
Friday 19th July	Last day of summer term - school ends at 1.30pm for all children

In App. messages/emails sent home this week
PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHILD'S ARBOR RECORD

Attachments

- a. Aspire Football Academy
- b. Beds Fire & Rescue Water Safety



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AFA
DEVELOPMENT
CENTRE DUNSTABLE
EMPOWERING YOUNG FOOTBALLERS



FIRST SESSION
FREE



Sessions start on
Saturday 20 April 2024

3-4 years 9-10am	5-6 years 10-11am
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Bennett's Recreation Ground
3 Canesworde Rd, Dunstable, LU6 3JJ

TECHNICAL Ball Mastery Practice Group Play	PSYCHOLOGICAL Understanding Decision Making Confidence
PHYSICAL Co-ordination Conditioning Challenge	SOCIAL Communication Self-esteem Teamwork

Aspire Football Academy

Are committed to helping young football players achieve their goals and dreams while also teaching them important life skills. The academy offers a **safe, fun, and competitive environment** for players to develop their skills and character. The coaching team consists of former professional and semi-professional football players who are passionate about creating a **positive learning environment**. With a wide range of qualifications: **FA Qualified Coaches, First Aid in Football Certified, Safeguarding Children Certified and Talent I.D in Football Certified**. Coaching to all aspects of The FA four Corner Module..

For more information or to book your place, please contact
Corin Nagle on **07455 114 509** or **cnagle@aspirefootballgroup.co.uk**

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Bedfordshire
Fire & Rescue Service

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 Southfields Road
Kempston, Bedford
MK42 7NR
 bedsfirealert.co.uk
 @bedsfire

Water Safety

Dear Parents and Guardians

As we are approaching the summer months following a particularly wet winter, I would like to provide some information and support in relation to water safety. Bedfordshire Fire & Rescue Service along with our partners including the Police and Local Authorities are regularly contacted by residents who are concerned for the safety of young people who are accessing water sites for leisure activities.

Popular areas for leisure activities include but not limited to;

Priory Marina – Bedford
~~Wixams Lakes – Wixams~~
Kempston Mill – Kempston
Blue Lagoon – ~~Arlesey~~
River Ivel – Shefford
Stewartby Lake – Forest of Marston Vale
The Old Mill – Sandy
The ~~Riddy~~ – Sandy

Unfortunately, accidental drownings happen all too frequently and even the strongest swimmers can find themselves in difficulties. There are also concerns for young and vulnerable people who may not be aware of the danger and risks that water poses.

As well as changes in water current and weather conditions, outdoor water can contain hazards such as entrapments, weeds, rubbish, drains, broken bottles and pollution. It is also difficult to judge the depth of water; shallow water can change to deep water quickly and jumping into shallow water could result in serious injury. In addition, cold water shock can also occur when jumping into a river or lake on a hot day.

Advice on water safety can be found on our website www.bedsfire.gov.uk, in addition there is also a link to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution website which gives further advice on how to keep safe in water.

The fire service are unable to stop people swimming outside or in open water, but if you have concerns of anti-social behavior please report this to the Police non-emergency number on 101.

If someone is in trouble in the water and needs help in an emergency, please call 999.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Kind Regards

Lauren McEvoy
Community Safety Officer
Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Service



EVERY CONTACT COUNTS

WE'VE GOT YOUR BACK

WE DARE TO BE DIFFERENT

WE ARE ACCOUNTABLE

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