



Booker Park  
School

## BOOKER PARK SCHOOL WEEKLY BULLETIN – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024

**Dear Parent/Guardian,**

**Message from the Head of School:**

It has been a sad week this week with the death of Max in Wren Class last Saturday. We have been talking about him and remembering him and appreciating the time that we were able to spend with him and reflecting on all his positive values. His family continue to be in our thoughts and prayers.

Children across all classes have been participating in the Mini London Marathon event for schools. All children here have been running, jogging, walking or wheeling 2.6 miles, and thoroughly enjoying doing so. Through this we are raising money for MASKS, so please do sponsor your child if you are able to do so.

Many thanks for your support.

**Marianne**

**Message from the Speech and Language Therapy Team Lead:**

Several of you will be aware that Sally Modebe-Jenkins, SaLT Team Lead, will shortly be going on maternity leave. Her final day in school will be **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May**. Sally and I have written a letter to all parents which gives more detailed information about SaLT staffing in general, including Sally's maternity cover – please look out for this.

However, the key message is that unfortunately, it has not been possible to secure maternity cover for Sally's classes for the remainder of Summer Term. Sally and I did anticipate this as a likely event (as there is a national shortage of SaLTs) therefore Sally has been working with her classes since Autumn Term to plan for this. Pupils in her classes already have suitable TPP Targets identified for Summer Term, to support ongoing progress, and the class teams have been given resources and demonstrations in order to continue working on Communication and Interaction targets in class.

If you have a child in one of Sally's classes and any urgent queries or concerns arise regarding your child's Speech and Language after her maternity leave starts, you can contact me at [hsutherland@thevalefederation.com](mailto:hsutherland@thevalefederation.com) and I will do my best to help. I will also send out further communication later in the term with an update about maternity cover from September 2024 onwards.

Best wishes,

**Helen Sutherland**

### **Mission Statement**

**Together, overcoming barriers, enabling each  
child and young person to reach their full  
potential**



**Pupil Update:**

Our pupils have been very busy completing their mini marathons over the past 2 weeks. They have been swimming, running, walking, wheeling, scooting and all sorts! It's been great to see so many enthusiastic faces joining in.

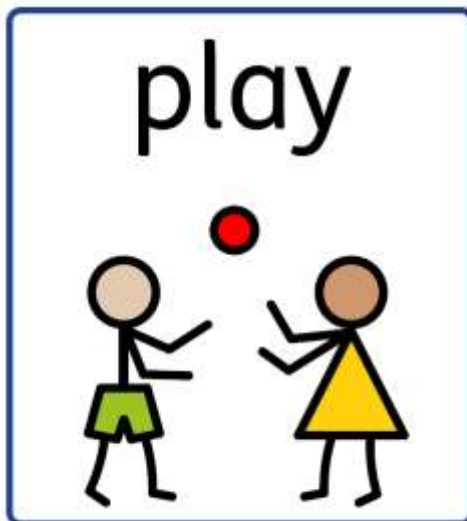
Don't forget to collect sponsorships to support!

Here are some photos so far:



Best wishes,  
Kelly, Annabel and Rachael

**Sign of the Week:**



**Vision**  
A future where every child achieves the greatest level of independence, enabling them to become a valued member of society





### Helping families with children who have special needs

Many families with children who have special needs struggle through life and long for a short break from their child to enable them to do the things that most people take for granted, including spending some quality time with their other children

### Can we help you?

Caring for a child with special needs can sometimes be exhausting or impossible. If you live in Buckinghamshire, CHAT can provide a grant to enable you to access help with your child. This will enable you to take a break from your caring role and to have quality time with other family members or just to have a much needed rest.

### How?

Families can use their grants to fund childminders, specialist holiday and after-school clubs, time at animal therapy farms, drumming lessons, kickboxing, gym and martial arts sessions.

### Get in touch

For further information on how CHAT can help you please download our application form on our website [www.chat-charity.org.uk](http://www.chat-charity.org.uk) or use the following contact details: 07402 063133 | [office@chat-charity.org.uk](mailto:office@chat-charity.org.uk)

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Putting Smiles on Faces

# SMILES FOR BUCKS

Absolutely Together is supporting families with children with additional needs in Buckinghamshire this spring by providing free access to a wide range of family leisure activities.

## ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE INCLUDE-

- Odeon Cinema Tickets
- Theatre Tickets (Aylesbury)
- Accessible Karting (Aylesbury or Maidenhead)
- Family Swim Sessions (Amersham)
- Family Tenpin Bowling Sessions (Aylesbury)
- Family Tickets to The Bucks Goat Centre
- Trampoline Park Sessions (Slough)

To book a session, please email [smiles@absolutely-group.co.uk](mailto:smiles@absolutely-group.co.uk)

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Summer 2024	
Theme: Determination	
Date	Event
15 <sup>th</sup> April to 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Mini Marathon (Sponsored Event for MASKS)
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	May Bank Holiday
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Everyday First Aid Workshop
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	French Day
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Makachat Café at Stocklake Park School
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Last Day of Half Term
Half Term	
27 <sup>th</sup> May to 31 <sup>st</sup> May	

Have a great weekend.

**Bradley Taylor**  
Principal



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