MAY 2025 NEVVSLETTER

Message from the Principal

This half term is always very short, particularly as this year there have been two of the five weeks where we have not had the full week at school. This is counter balanced by a longer half term in summer 2. It has been lovely to have had quite a bit of sunshine over the past few weeks, and has enabled Sports Days to go ahead across both schools for some groups. We have adapted these year on year and the smaller groups we now have made for greater participation of the students and a more relevant and appropriate event. I think this was particularly successful for our PMLD groups this year, and credit to the staff for making some changes to the format of this. Thanks to all parents who have come along to these events, your presence is always welcomed and helps our sense of community.

Booker Park took part in the London Mini Marathon, and it was great to see so many children take part and have some fun with a mini obstacle course that was set up too. Thanks to Kelly Job for organising that and for Dylan Stewart for helping to oversee it.

Have an enjoyable half term break and we look forward to the second half of the summer term with the children.

Bradley

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Enjoy our newsletter offering this time around and please do give us feedback for how you might like to see it develop. Please send all feedback to either office@bookerpark.bucks.sch.uk or office@stocklakepark.bucks.sch.uk



Bradley Taylor Principal



Cherry Class

Since Easter, we have been out and about undertaking sports related activities. Our 6th Formers have been taking part in a weekly Sports Leaders challenge at Aylesbury Girls High School. They have been taking part in different sports, trying out Basketball and Football. We had a fantastic joint Sport's Day with Raven Class at Booker Park School, the first of many we hope! The sun shone and we played different games on the MUGA. A big thank you to all the parents who came to support. Back in school, some students have been trialing a Drive Deck. We hope to get one for school soon. Our "Space" topic is ongoing, and we are working on stories about 'The Solar System' and 'Starship Journeys'. The sun is shining, and the weather is improving, so we are planning trips out, both into the local community and further afield.







Beech Class

Beech Class has had a fantastic start to the term! As we reflect on our journey, we've been delighted to embark on new topics and dive deep into exciting learning experiences. Throughout this term so far, our classroom has been alive with enthusiasm. In English, we have been creating a newsletter all about ourselves as part of our non-fiction reports. Our "World About Me" lessons have introduced us to different job roles, helping us explore future possibilities. In "My Independence" lessons, we've been learning important life skills like road safety. Additionally, in PE, the students have enjoyed staying active through a variety of fun games and sports





Charity Fun Day

Join us for a jam packed day of exciting sports and fun games on Saturday 24th May

See the below flyer for details.



24 hour Badminton Marathon raffle - raising money for an adaptive Trike

Kristen Rutson, who works across The Vale Federation, is (once again) organising a 24 hour Badminton Marathon to raise money for an adapted Trike at the school. Children and parents are very welcome to attend – as you'll see, there is going to be lots to see and do.



To make payments or donations you can scan the QR code or use the following link:

Federation

https://buy.stripe.com/9AQeVXgscam74O49AB

Scan the QR code



The Vale Federation









We offer exclusive hire of our soft play centre!

Soft Play - 3 hour hire time Mon- Fri £100 plus VAT - School holidays only Sat - Sun £112.50 plus VAT Additional hours on request

Capacity: up to 20, Maximum number of children on the equipment at one time is 5. No children over 8 years old

Includes: Exclusive Use/Toilets/Tables & Chairs

For further information please contact facilitiesbookings@thevalefederation.com



Helpful/Other Information

Child Car Seat Safety Event - 3rd & 4th June: ASDA SUPERSTORE & SMYTHS

Child Car Seat Check Event

Tuesday 3rd June 2025

Asda Superstore **Holmers Farm Way** High Wycombe HP12 4NU 10am - 3pm

Wednesday 4th June 2025

Smyths

Broadfields Retail Park Bicester Road Aylesbury HP19 8BU 10am - 3pm

Did you know?

- 37% of all children are in the wrong seat for their height, weight and age.
- 96% of all faults can be rectified easily.





and an independent check!

Child Seat Safety Ltd



PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) MAY HALF TERM 2025



moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free

ANGUS STEAKHOUSE

Kids under 8 eat FREE daily, 12pm to 5pm

ASDA Kids eat for £1 daily, with no adult spend

ASK ITALIAN Kids under 10 eat for £1 during school holidays

BEEFEATER 2 kids under 16 eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

BELLA ITALIA Children eat for £1 with any adult main

BILLS Kids Eat Free, weekdays, Mon 26th - Fri 30th May

BREWERS FAYRE 2 kids under 16 eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

BREWDOG 2 Kids eat free with 1 adult, Mon 26th – Fri 30th May

BURGER KING

From 26th May - 1st June 2025, Kids Eat Free with every adult meal, via the app.

COCONUT TREE Kids Eat Free from Sun 25th May to Sun 1st June.

DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES Kids eat for £1 with an adult breakfast or lunch

FARMHOUSE INNS

2 kids eat FREE with one paying adult, Friday 23rd to Friday 30th of May. Sign Up Required

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS Kids under 10 eat FREE all day, every day **HUNGRY HORSE**

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

IKEA Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

LAS IGUANAS Kids under 12 eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App

MARCO PIERRE WHITE Kids under 12 Eat FREE daily with an adult spend

MORRISONS Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

PREMIER INN & TRAVELODGE 2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

PRETO Kids up to age 10 eat free with 1 paying adult

PUREZZA Kids under 10 get free pizza with every adult meal

SA BRAINS PUBS Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

SIZZLING PUBS Kids eat for £1, Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm

TABLE TABLE2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult

TGI FRIDAYS Kids Eat Free with any adult meal (Via App)

THE REAL GREEK Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

WHITBREAD INNS 2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

YO! SUSHI Kids eat free all day (weekdays) in school holidays

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There are various schemes and charities which can help save money if your child has an additional or special need.

Max Card

<u>Max Card</u> is a national, local authority-commissioned discount initiative for looked after children and children with additional needs aged 0 to 19 years. The scheme enables families to visit hundreds of attractions across the UK at a free or discounted rate.

<u>Sign up</u> to the Disabled Children Register to receive a card for free.

Merlin's Magic Wand

<u>Merlin's Magic Wand</u> offers magical days out at Merlin Entertainments attractions such as Legoland, Sea Life Centres and Madame Tussauds. They welcome applications on behalf of children aged 2 to 18 years with a confirmed serious illness/long term illness, disability or disadvantage.

CEA Card

<u>CEA Card</u> enables a disabled cinema guest to receive a complimentary ticket for someone to go with them when they visit a participating cinema.

Access Card

The <u>Access Card</u> translates your disability/impairment into symbols that highlight the barriers you face and the reasonable adjustments you might need. It then informs providers quickly and discreetly about the support you need and may gain you access to things like concessionary ticket prices and complex reasonable adjustments without having to go into loads of personal detail.

It costs £15 for three years.

For more local and national discount schemes visit the *Discounted sport, entertainment* and travel page.



Foodbanks

and food sharing

Here is a list of Foodbanks in Buckinghamshire. To get a foodbank referral and vouchers speak to your Family Centre, Health Visitor or Social Worker or local Citizens Advice office.

You can also use the <u>Trussell Trust's</u> <u>website</u> to find its 400-strong network of Foodbanks.

Aylesbury - Store House

<u>Storehouse</u> helps anyone in need by providing food and other items like furniture and clothing to people on low incomes, benefits or who are in temporary hardship.

Areas covered: Aylesbury Vale area. Referral or voucher needed.

Aylesbury Foodbank

Aylesbury Foodbank provides three days' nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to people with a voucher or referral.

Areas covered: Aylesbury. Referral or voucher needed.

FoodCycle Aylesbury

FoodCycle Aylesbury welcomes anyone to attend as a guest and enjoy a FREE hot meal. No need to book. Just turn up on the day!

Come and enjoy company and conversation with others from your local area over a delicious meal, prepared with care by FoodCycle volunteers.

Areas covered: Aylesbury and the surrounding areas. No Referral or voucher needed.

Berryfields Community Store

Berryfields Community Store is open each Thursday morning from 10.30am for anyone in a financial crisis. For a £5 donation, you can choose 25 items of food including fresh meat, vegetables and household items (depending on available stock).

The address is Roman Park, Sir Henry Lee Cresent, HP18 OYT. For further information please contact help@romanparktrust.org.uk.

Areas covered: Aylesbury

No referral or voucher needed

Beaconsfield - Hope Community Drop-in

Hope Community Drop-in is a drop-in service where local people referred by doctors or social services can receive an emergency food package. The drop-in runs every Friday at the Holtspur Youth Club building from 8:45 am to midday.

Areas covered: Beaconsfield and neighbouring villages. Referral or voucher needed.

Burnham - Care and Share Food Distribution Project

Burnham Health Promotion Trust (BHPT) <u>Care and</u> <u>Share food distribution project</u> is a collaborative community initiative which offers pre-filled food bags and a voucher to buy fresh fruit and vegetables.

Voucher needed.



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Chiltern - Chiltern Foodbank

<u>Chiltern Foodbank</u> provides three days' nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to people with a voucher or referral.

Areas covered: The Chiltern District and nearby surrounding areas such as Wendover. Referral or voucher needed.

Chesham Community Fridge

<u>Chesham Community Fridge</u> distributes free surplus food that is good to eat to anyone who comes to the Fridge. There is no referral or voucher needed. Chesham Community Fridge is open Wednesday and Saturday mornings in the yard behind Broadway Baptist Church, Chesham.

Areas covered: Chesham. No referral or voucher needed.

High Wycombe - One Can

<u>One Can</u> provide free, nutritious food parcels to those deemed 'in crisis' by their partner organisations.

Areas served: High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire and surrounding areas. Referral or voucher needed.

Wycombe Community Fridge

Wycombe Community Fridge shares food locally with anyone and everyone regardless of income or means. No referrals are needed.

No referral or voucher needed.

Wycombe Food Hub

Wycombe Food Hub collects crates of unsold food like bread, fruit, vegetables, chilled and frozen foods every week from supermarkets, farms and shops. The products are then made available to people unable to buy food.

No referral or voucher needed but food is available for a small donation.

Milton Keynes - The MK Foodbank

The MK Foodbank provide food parcels that can be picked up from one of their serving sessions located around the city. Clients can receive a food parcel 5 times within a rolling 12-month period.

Areas served: Milton Keynes. Referral or voucher needed.

Thame Food Bank

Thame foodbank provides emergency supplies of essential food items to those in the community who are struggling financially.

Areas covered: Thame. Referral needed.

Wendover

- Wendover Free Church Foodbank

<u>Wendover Free Church Foodbank</u> provides food parcels for the local area.

Areas served: Wendover and neighbouring villages. Referral or voucher needed.

Wing Foodbank

Areas covered: Wing No referral needed.

Not in Buckinghamshire but nearby

Rickmansworth Foodbank

<u>Rickmansworth Foodbank</u> provides food parcels for the local area.

Areas served: Rickmansworth and nearby towns and villages. Referral or voucher needed.

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