



PARENT BULLETIN | 6TH MARCH 2026

SCHOOL NEWS

CLASS UPDATE

World Book Day at Booker Park!



MESSAGE FROM HEAD OF SCHOOL

World Book Day yesterday was a wonderful celebration of stories, imagination, and the joy of shared experiences. Although many of our pupils communicate and learn in different ways, every child was able to take part in activities that matched their interests, strengths, and sensory needs. Throughout the day, classes explored multi-sensory storytelling, using props, music, movement, and tactile objects to bring familiar books to life. Pupils particularly enjoyed engaging with story sacks, sensory trays, and objects of reference linked to well-loved characters. For many children, this approach helps make stories meaningful, accessible, and exciting. Staff also offered a range of creative and inclusive literacy activities, such as:

- Dressing up or wearing themed accessories (with lots of sensory-friendly options available).
- Sensory reading experiences, including lights, sounds, textures, and calming story spaces.
- Attention Autism-inspired sessions themed around popular stories.
- Craft and mark-making activities linked to book characters.
- Sharing personalised books, including photo stories about pupils' own routines and interests.

As always, our focus was on ensuring every child could join in at a level that was comfortable and meaningful for them. It was lovely to see so many pupils showing curiosity, anticipation, and enjoyment during the sessions.

Thank you to families who sent in simple costumes or props—we know that dressing up can be challenging for some pupils, and we really appreciate the thought and flexibility shown. We hope the day inspired our children to continue exploring stories in whatever way works best for them.

Have a great weekend.

Marianne

SIGN OF THE WEEK

Core Word





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CALENDAR



Tuesday 17th March

St Patrick's Day

Tuesday 24th March

Dance Festival

Group 1

Firecrest, Chaffinch,
Swan, Dove, Jay, Wren, Kingfisher,
Woodpecker & Heron

Wednesday 25th March

Dance Festival

Group 2

Penguin, Owl, Bluebird, Hummingbird,
Magpie, Jackdaw, Nightingale,
Parrot, Sparrow & Starling

Thursday 26th March

Dance Festival

Group 3

Blackbird, Puffin, Skylark, Goldfinch,
Red Kite, Robin, Raven,
Swift & Wagtail

Friday 20th March

Comic Relief

Friday 27th March

Last day of Term

Easter Break: 30th March to 10th April

Monday 13th April

INSET DAY

Tuesday 14th April

Pupils return to school

WHEELPOWER NATIONAL JUNIOR SPORTS FESTIVAL 2026

Entries are now open for the WheelPower National Junior Sports Festival 2026 – a fun, inclusive day where children aged 5–17 can try a range of sports, build confidence and make new friends.

Saturday 09 May 2026

Stoke Mandeville Stadium, Buckinghamshire

Young people can try a wide range of activities including wheelchair basketball, rugby, tennis, boccia, fencing, archery, table tennis, shooting and athletics challenges – giving them the chance to discover new skills, build confidence and most importantly, have fun.

No experience is needed – just a willingness to give it a go.

Who can take part?

*Physically disabled young people ages 5–17

*Suitable for impairments such as spinal cord injuries, limb loss, cerebral palsy and muscular dystrophy.

Spaces are limited to ensure every participant gets the best possible experience.

Register now to secure a place

We can't wait to welcome the next generation of wheelchair athletes to Stoke Mandeville.

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Have a great weekend.

Bradley Taylor, Principal

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