



MARCH 2026

NEWSLETTER

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

A short but very busy half term comes to a close! I have spent the majority of my time at Stocklake Park as Rhonda has not been in school, and there have been so many events and activities that it's hard to summarise them all. We held a highly interactive Science week with students where individuals had their curiosity piqued by engaging activities around the school. This followed World Book Day, which incorporated a wealth of reading related activities, with many staff and students dressing up. As I write this, we have yet to complete Shakespeare week at Stocklake, but there are further interesting activities planned here too. We have also had National Careers Week and Comic Relief too!

I would like to thank Stocklake parents for putting up with the disruption of the building works which has been going on for the past two weeks. This is to refurbish the Rebound facility, and is due to come to a conclusion by Christmas.

I hope you and your children all have a lovely Easter break.

Bradley

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



Booker Park

Message from the Head of School

This half term has flown by, and it has been a real pleasure to see pupils engaging so positively with their learning. We began the term with Parents' Evening, which is always a valuable opportunity for two-way conversations about your children's progress and wellbeing. We were delighted to welcome 72% of families, and we hope to improve on this further next time. If you were unable to attend, please do get in touch with your child's class teacher to arrange a catch-up at a convenient time.

We also enjoyed a very successful World Book Day, filled with inspiring reading activities that really brought stories to life for our pupils. Later in the term, children (and staff!) had great fun dressing up to raise money for Comic Relief, contributing to a very worthwhile cause.

Our topic this term, "Mix It, Make It" provided a wealth of opportunities for creative, hands-on learning across the curriculum. It has been wonderful to see pupils experimenting, exploring, and developing new skills with such enthusiasm. As always, I feel privileged to witness their progress and to work alongside our dedicated staff team who support and encourage them every day.

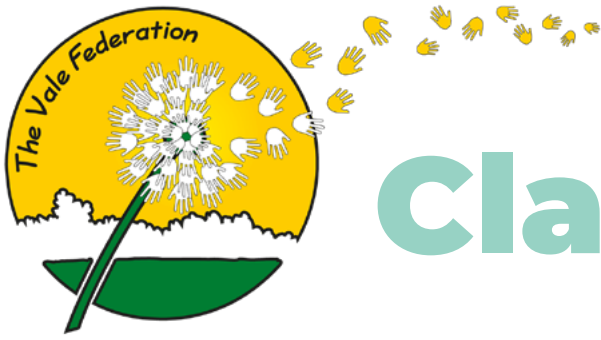
I hope you all have a positive two weeks, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back for the summer term.

Marianne



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Head of School

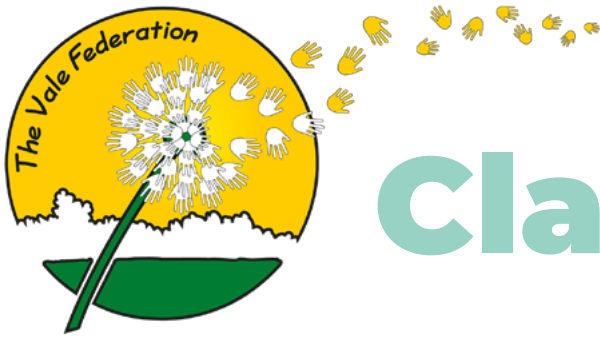


Class Updates

Sparrow Class

Sparrow Class have had a very busy spring term. During Wow Week, we were lucky to take part in a fantastic bubble experience, which the children really enjoyed. The children have continued to show a strong interest in books this term and are increasingly willing to share and explore books with adults. We also enjoyed celebrating World Book Day, listening to the story and taking part in a range of activities linked to it.



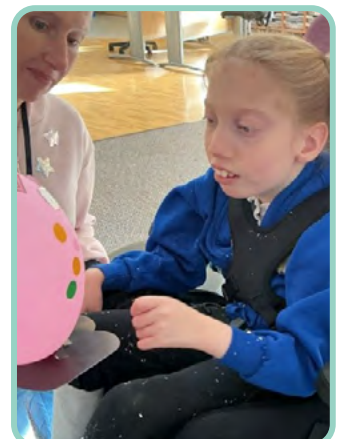
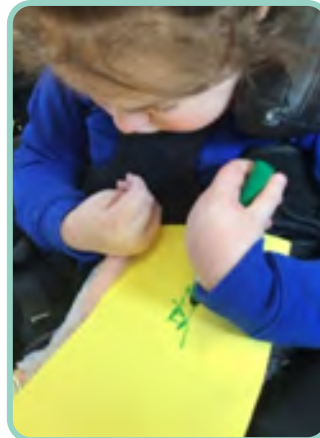


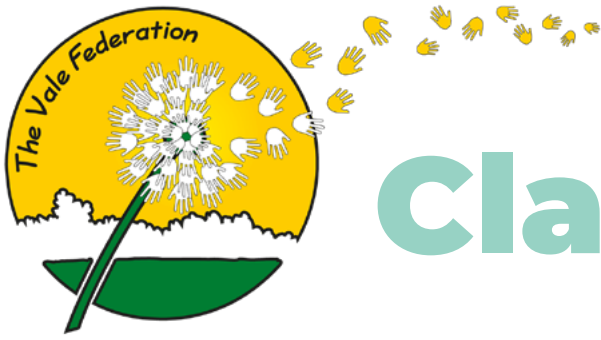
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Raven Class

In Raven Class this term, we have been busy exploring lots of celebrations such as Chinese New Year, birthdays, Mother's Day, Valentine's Day, Wow Week and World Book Day, linking to one of our sensory stories this term: 'What Makes a Rainbow' (Spring 2), and the other one we had a lot of fun with during the first half of the term: 'George's Marvellous Medicine'. A story with exciting and fun resources, mixed with student-led elements, had all the students engaged!

For Chinese New Year, we had crafts, a sensory storytelling session, music and food exploration, and the students really enjoyed this! Raven Class also continued our walks up to ASDA to shop for our sensory cooking sessions, which continue to be a hit. This term, we have cooked chocolate bark, vegetable soup, dahl, fruit salad, cheesecake and mug cake, to name a few! Our students have, through these sessions, really developed their food bravery and exploration skills, and have also used symbols to express their opinions on the different ingredients and finished products.



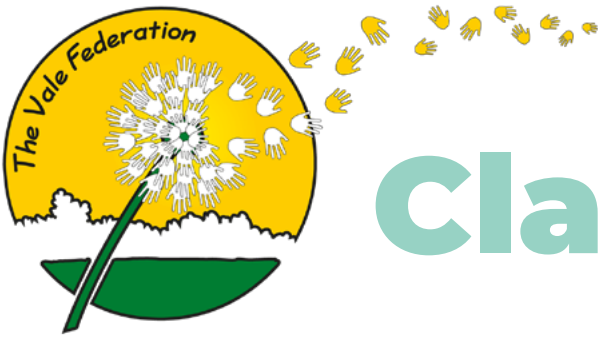


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Owl Class

Owl Class has been learning about Elmer in Learning Through Stories. They have explored colours and patterns, experimenting with ice painting and using a variety of different colours to decorate their template of Elmer.

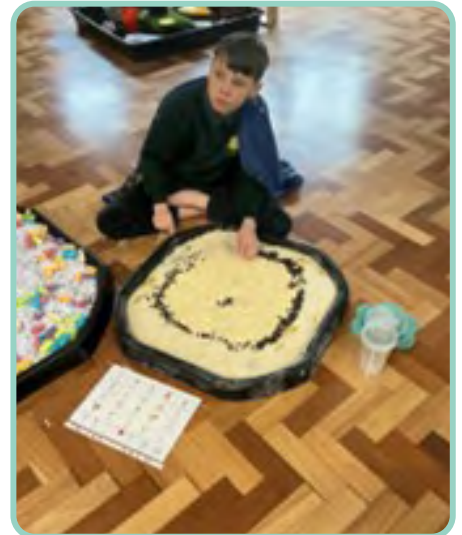


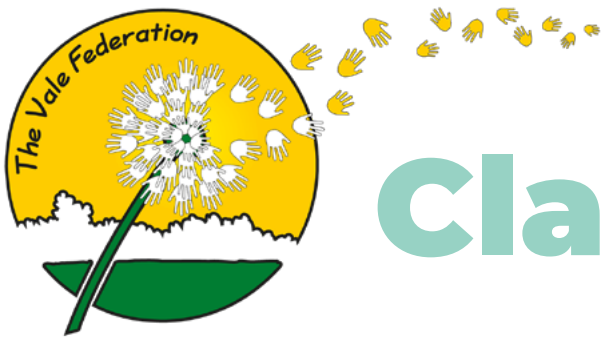


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Keller Class

The week commencing 9th March was British Science Week. As part of this, Keller Class staff organised some whole school activities. These included an outdoor education day and a curiosity, science-based carousel. These activities proved to be very popular with the Keller class students and the wider school community. The activities included muddy maths, music, sensory walk and a slime pool for the outdoor education day. The science day had building, light station, colour exploration and dressing up stations where pupils dressed like doctors, contractors and engineers.





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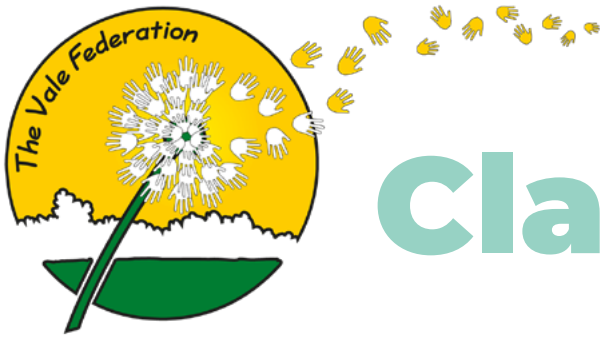
Kahlo Class

Horticulture:

This half-term we have been attempting to grow different kinds of seeds. We first started with cannellini and pinto beans which we put between two wet cotton pads. We have been watering them daily and some have started to sprout.

We then tried growing some chia seeds, to eventually grow into the land masses of the earth.





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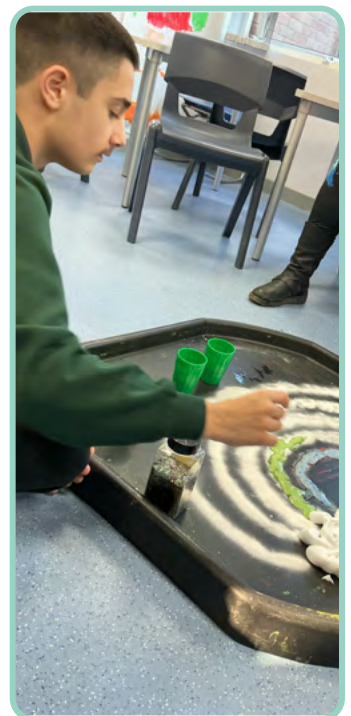
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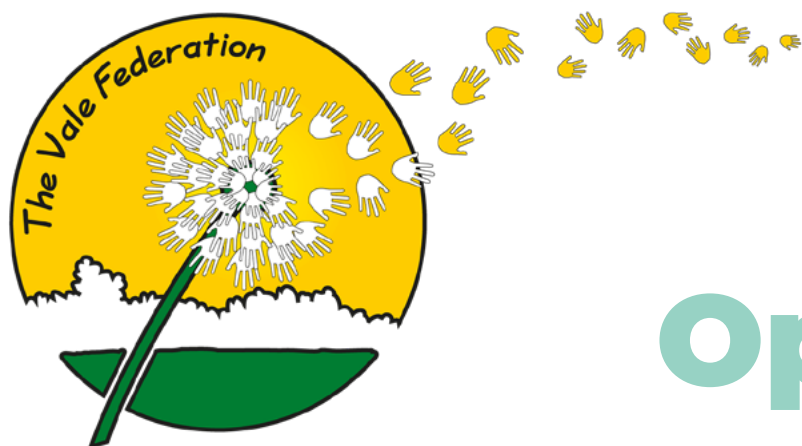
We have been enjoying the sunnier days with our weekly walks to Vale Park along with a few friends from other classes to play rounders. We have practiced good turn-taking and team-based games.



Attention Autism:

Colourful science experiments have been a HUGE hit for our class as we have been mesmerised by the colourful fizzy experiments on our tuff tray during Stage 2 of Attention Group.





College Open Days

Orchard Hill College

Orchard Hill College's Park View Centre in Uxbridge is an Outstanding specialist provision for young people aged 16+ with a wide range of learning needs. The centre supports students with profound and multiple learning disabilities, moderate learning difficulties, autism, physical and sensory impairments, and communication or emotional needs. Each learner follows a highly personalised programme designed to build independence, confidence, and practical skills for adulthood.

Summer Term

- Saturday 18th April between 10am and 12pm – Park View Centre, Park Road, Uxbridge, Middlesex UB8 1NP.
- Saturday 18th April between 10am and 12pm – Beaconsfield Centre, 17 Beaconsfield Road, New Malden, Surrey KT3 3HY.
- Thursday 30th April between 6pm and 7pm – Virtual Open Event, via Teams.
- Saturday 9th May between 10am and 12pm – Vocational Progression Centre (VPC), Carshalton College Campus, Nightingale Road, Carshalton, Sutton SM5 2EJ.
- Saturday 9th May between 10am and 12pm – Lomond House, 50 Camberwell Green, London, SE5 7AL.

To register for our open events, please go to 'view all events', choose the event you would like to attend and complete the form on the page.

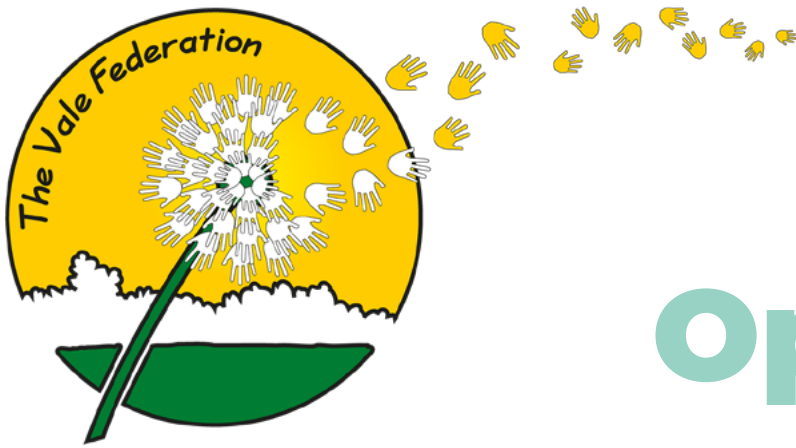
If you have any enquiries or are not able to attend one of the above events and would like to attend a private tour, please contact Christine on CSillett@orchardhill.ac.uk or call our college centre directly on the numbers below.

Beaconsfield or Vocational Centre: 020 3725 6560

Lomond House, Camberwell Road or Cherry Gardens: 020 3905 0960

VPC, Old Town Hall, Garratt House or Sutton Life Centre: 020 8544 3188

Park View Centre: 020 4603 3171



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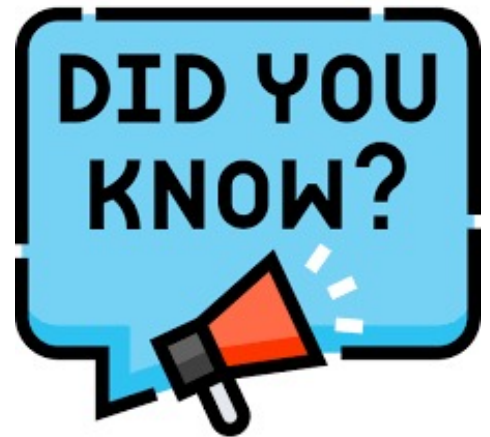
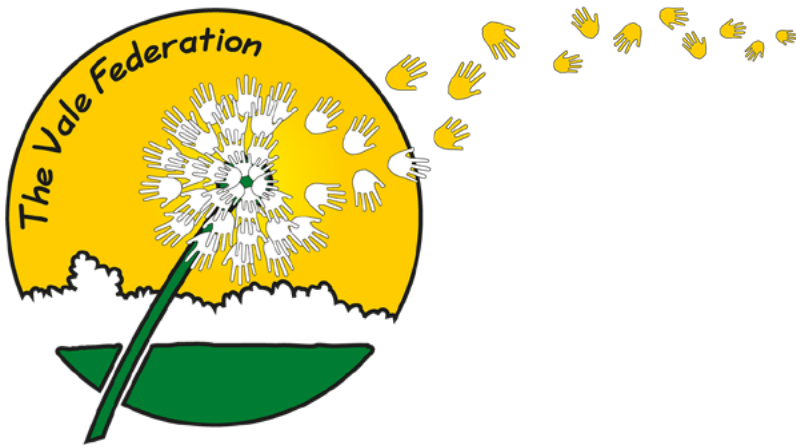
National Star College

National Star offers specialist education and therapy for young people with physical and learning disabilities, with personalised programmes across campuses in Ullenwood, Hereford, Worcester and Wales.

Attending open days and virtual tours gives families the chance to tour facilities, meet staff and students, and ask questions about support, therapies, residential options and learning pathways. It's the best way to get a real feel for the environment and understand how National Star tailors provision to each learner's needs.

Please follow links below :

<https://www.nationalstar.org/events-category/student-open-day/#content>



We offer exclusive hire of our soft play centre!

Soft Play - 3 hour hire time

Mon - Fri (school holidays only) £110 +VAT

Sat & Sun £122.50 +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



PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) EASTER HOLIDAYS 2026

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

2 Kids eat free from 27th March - 19th April 2026

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat free Sunday - Thursday

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

2 Kids Eat Free Breakfast with one paying adult

BILLS

Kids eat free Mon 30th March - Fri 10th April

BREWDOG

Kids eat free 28th March - 12th April 2026

CAFE ROUGE

Kids Eat FREE 12-4pm every day of the week

COCONUT TREE

Kids eat free Mon 30th March - Sun 19th April

CHIQUITO

Kids eat free during all school holidays

DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES

Kids eat for £1 with an adult breakfast or lunch

FARMHOUSE INNS

Kids eat FREE weekdays 30th March - 17th April

FRANKIE & BENNY'S

Kids eat FREE daily from 30th March - 17th April

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 10 eat FREE all day, every day

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

LAS IGUANAS

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

MORRISONS

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

MARCO PIERRE WHITE

Kids under 12 Eat FREE daily with an adult spend

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend all day

PIZZA HUT

Kids Eat Free Every Day after 3pm

PREMIER INN

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

SUBWAY

Kids eat Free from the 6th - 13th April

SIZZLING PUBS

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

TABLE TABLE

2 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

TRAVELODGE

2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast

TURTLE BAY

Kids eat free with every £15 adult 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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Discounts

for young people with SEND



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

Max Card

[Max Card](#) 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.

[Sign up](#) to the Disabled Children Register to receive a card for free.

Merlin's Magic Wand

[Merlin's Magic Wand](#) 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

[CEA Card](#) 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 [Access Card](#) 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 [Trussell Trust's website](#) to find its 400-strong network of Foodbanks.

Aylesbury - Store House

[Storehouse](#) 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 Crescent, HP18 0YT. 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 Holts spur 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) [Care and Share food distribution project](#) 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

Chiltern Foodbank 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

Chesham Community Fridge 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

One Can 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

Wendover Free Church Foodbank 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

Rickmansworth Foodbank provides food parcels for the local area.

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