



Newsletter

Spring term



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Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome back to the first newsletter for us in 2024. I hope you all enjoyed the festive break and we wish you a very Happy New Year.

It has been a pleasure to see the children come back into school with such enthusiasm and ready to learn!

Willow and Oak Reception classes are currently exploring space for part of their learning and the children were happily learning and using their imagination as astronauts in their rocket when I visited the class. How exciting!

Year 1 have been following instructions for a recipe this week and produced some fabulous mince pies-well done Year 1.

We were really pleased to have come 3rd place last term in the Street Tag competition with other schools, winning £100 of vouchers for our PTFA. Thank you to all of you who have signed up to support this again this term, please make sure your fitness trackers are linked to our school on the app as we have lots of people registered who are currently not recording their steps!

We are currently experiencing some colder weather therefore can you please ensure that your children come to school with appropriate clothing to be outside for break, lunch, Forest school sessions and some other lessons.

It is very rare for us to need to have a snow closure day however, in the event of significant snowfall overnight, please visit our website, Bedford Borough website and local radio stations to check that we are able to open—please see overleaf for further information.

We have very busy days in school and start lessons or assembly promptly, therefore can you please make sure that your children arrive punctually before the gates close. Many thanks

Mrs Headland

Diary Dates

18th January—Census Day—Change to menu
26th January—Year 3 Cake Sale
29th January—Bikeability Level 2
6th February—Last Gym Club Yr 1&2
7th February—Last Gym & Art Club Yr3-6
12th February—Last Coding Club Yr1&2
14th February—Valentine Disco (Further information to follow)
15th February—Last Coding Club Yr 3-6
16th February—Last Day of Term
26th February—Return to School
7th March—World Book Day (Further information to follow)
11th March—Vision Screening—Year Reception
15th March—Red Nose Day (Further information to follow)
17th March—Lambing Day (Further information to follow)
21st March—Movie Night (Further information to follow)
28th March—Yr2 Cake Sale
28th March—Last Day of Term
15th April—Inset Day
16th April—Return to School



Attendance

A big well done to Willow & Wagtail class last week with 97.5% attendance and Willows class this week with 100%. The whole school attendance is 96.4% but we are aiming for 98%!



Nut Allergies Can we remind you not to send nuts into school with your child under any circumstances. **This does includes: peanut butter sandwiches, chocolate spread with hazelnut, Nutella, cereal bars and any other product that contains nuts.** We do have children in school with severe nut allergies so please check the ingredients carefully. Thank you for your ongoing support with keeping our children safe.



School Lunches The menu on school grid is now available for you to pre order up until the Easter holidays 2024. Please could we kindly remind all parents / carers to pre-order your child's dinner in advance, ideally half termly. The kitchen has noticed an increase in orders not being put through. If this continues your child will be asked to wait until the end of service and receive what the kitchen has left. Thank you for your support.



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Cold Weather

As the weather has turned exceptionally cold, please ensure you send your child into school with the appropriate clothing. Hats and BOTH gloves need to be named please.



In the case of severe weather we will endeavor to keep the school open but the essential criteria for a school closure is Health and Safety. If it's deemed unsafe for staff, parents and children to travel into school, we may be forced to close the school for the day.

We will make a decision as early as possible and Once the decision has been made to close we will communicate this to you via the platforms of our website, Bedford Borough website and local radio stations i.e. Heart FM and/or BBC Radio Bedfordshire.

Premier Education

We are pleased to advise we still have some spaces available for our Yr3-6 gym club on Wednesday evening. Should you wish to book please visit:



<https://www.premier-education.com/parents/>

School Applications



If your child is due to start Primary School in September, the closing date is 15th January. If you are yet to submit your application, please visit the following link and follow the instructions:

<https://www.bedford.gov.uk/schools-education-and-childcare/schools-and-colleges/school-admissions/how-apply-school-place>

Term Dates

School Term Dates: 2023 - 2024 Academic Year

Month	Days	Month	Days	Month	Days	Month	Days
August 2023	Mon 7, 14, 21, 28	September 2023	Mon 4, 11, 18, 25	October 2023	Mon 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	November 2023	Mon 6, 13, 20, 27
September 2023	Tue 11, 18, 25, 28	October 2023	Tue 5, 12, 19, 26	November 2023	Tue 7, 14, 21, 28	December 2023	Tue 5, 12, 19, 26
October 2023	Wed 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	November 2023	Wed 6, 13, 20, 27	December 2023	Wed 13, 20, 27	January 2024	Wed 6, 13, 20, 27
November 2023	Thu 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	December 2023	Thu 7, 14, 21, 28	January 2024	Thu 4, 11, 18, 25	February 2024	Thu 7, 14, 21, 28
December 2023	Fri 4, 11, 18, 25	January 2024	Fri 15, 8, 15, 22, 29	February 2024	Fri 5, 12, 19, 26	March 2024	Fri 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
January 2024	Sat 5, 12, 19, 26	February 2024	Sat 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	March 2024	Sat 7, 14, 21, 28	April 2024	Sat 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
February 2024	Sun 6, 13, 20, 27	March 2024	Sun 3, 10, 17, 24	April 2024	Mon 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	May 2024	Mon 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
March 2024	Mon 4, 11, 18, 25	April 2024	Mon 7, 14, 21, 28	May 2024	Mon 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	June 2024	Mon 4, 11, 18, 25
April 2024	Tue 5, 12, 19, 26	May 2024	Tue 6, 13, 20, 27	June 2024	Tue 5, 12, 19, 26	July 2024	Tue 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
May 2024	Wed 6, 13, 20, 27	June 2024	Wed 13, 20, 27	July 2024	Wed 5, 12, 19, 26	August 2024	Wed 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
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Key: * First day back after break # Last day before break
 Bank Holiday School Holiday Proposed PD Day
 Term Length: Autumn = 72 days, Spring = 57 days, Summer = 64 days
 Total = 194 days
 Less 4 PD days = 190 days
 Total teaching days = 190 days

Bedford Borough Council Agreed School Term and Holiday Dates 2024/2025

Month	Days	Month	Days	Month	Days	Month	Days
September 2024	Mon 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	October 2024	Mon 7, 14, 21, 28	November 2024	Mon 4, 11, 18, 25	December 2024	Mon 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
October 2024	Tue 3, 10, 17, 24	November 2024	Tue 5, 12, 19, 26	December 2024	Tue 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	January 2025	Tue 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
November 2024	Wed 4, 11, 18, 25	December 2024	Wed 6, 13, 20, 27	January 2025	Wed 5, 12, 19, 26	February 2025	Wed 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
December 2024	Thu 5, 12, 19, 26	January 2025	Thu 4, 11, 18, 25	February 2025	Thu 3, 10, 17, 24	March 2025	Thu 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
January 2025	Fri 6, 13, 20, 27	February 2025	Fri 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	March 2025	Fri 8, 15, 22, 29	April 2025	Fri 6, 13, 20, 27
February 2025	Sat 7, 14, 21, 28	March 2025	Sat 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	April 2025	Sat 7, 14, 21, 28	May 2025	Sat 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
March 2025	Sun 8, 15, 22, 29	April 2025	Sun 3, 10, 17, 24	May 2025	Sun 4, 11, 18, 25	June 2025	Sun 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
April 2025	Mon 9, 16, 23, 30	May 2025	Mon 6, 13, 20, 27	June 2025	Mon 5, 12, 19, 26	July 2025	Mon 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
May 2025	Tue 10, 17, 24, 31	June 2025	Tue 7, 14, 21, 28	July 2025	Tue 4, 11, 18, 25	August 2025	Tue 5, 12, 19, 26
June 2025	Wed 11, 18, 25	July 2025	Wed 6, 13, 20, 27	August 2025	Wed 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	September 2025	Wed 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
July 2025	Thu 12, 19, 26	August 2025	Thu 4, 11, 18, 25	September 2025	Thu 5, 12, 19, 26	October 2025	Thu 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
August 2025	Fri 13, 20, 27	September 2025	Fri 6, 13, 20, 27	October 2025	Fri 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	November 2025	Fri 6, 13, 20, 27
September 2025	Sat 14, 21, 28	October 2025	Sat 7, 14, 21, 28	November 2025	Sat 3, 10, 17, 24	December 2025	Sat 3, 10, 17, 24
October 2025	Sun 15, 22, 29	November 2025	Sun 4, 11, 18, 25	December 2025	Sun 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	January 2026	Sun 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
November 2025	Mon 16, 23, 30	December 2025	Mon 5, 12, 19, 26	January 2026	Mon 4, 11, 18, 25	February 2026	Mon 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
December 2025	Tue 17, 24, 31	January 2026	Tue 6, 13, 20, 27	February 2026	Tue 5, 12, 19, 26	March 2026	Tue 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
January 2026	Wed 18, 25	February 2026	Wed 7, 14, 21, 28	March 2026	Wed 4, 11, 18, 25	April 2026	Wed 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
February 2026	Thu 19, 26	March 2026	Thu 8, 15, 22, 29	April 2026	Thu 5, 12, 19, 26	May 2026	Thu 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
March 2026	Fri 20, 27	April 2026	Fri 9, 16, 23, 30	May 2026	Fri 6, 13, 20, 27	June 2026	Fri 3, 10, 17, 24
April 2026	Sat 21, 28	May 2026	Sat 10, 17, 24, 31	June 2026	Sat 7, 14, 21, 28	July 2026	Sat 4, 11, 18, 25
May 2026	Sun 22, 29	June 2026	Sun 11, 18, 25	July 2026	Sun 5, 12, 19, 26	August 2026	Sun 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
June 2026	Mon 23, 30	July 2026	Mon 12, 19, 26	August 2026	Mon 9, 16, 23, 30	September 2026	Mon 6, 13, 20, 27
July 2026	Tue 24, 31	August 2026	Tue 13, 20, 27	September 2026	Tue 7, 14, 21, 28	October 2026	Tue 5, 12, 19, 26
August 2026	Wed 25	September 2026	Wed 14, 21, 28	October 2026	Wed 6, 13, 20, 27	November 2026	Wed 3, 10, 17, 24
September 2026	Thu 26	October 2026	Thu 15, 22, 29	November 2026	Thu 4, 11, 18, 25	December 2026	Thu 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
October 2026	Fri 27	November 2026	Fri 16, 23, 30	December 2026	Fri 6, 13, 20, 27	January 2027	Fri 5, 12, 19, 26
November 2026	Sat 28	December 2026	Sat 17, 24, 31	January 2027	Sat 4, 11, 18, 25	February 2027	Sat 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
December 2026	Sun 29	January 2027	Sun 18, 25	February 2027	Sun 5, 12, 19, 26	March 2027	Sun 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
January 2027	Mon 30	February 2027	Mon 19, 26	March 2027	Mon 6, 13, 20, 27	April 2027	Mon 3, 10, 17, 24
February 2027	Tue 31	March 2027	Tue 20, 27	April 2027	Tue 7, 14, 21, 28	May 2027	Tue 4, 11, 18, 25
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June 2027	Sat 4	July 2027	Sat 24, 31	August 2027	Sat 11, 18, 25	September 2027	Sat 8, 15, 22, 29
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August 2027	Mon 6	September 2027	Mon 26, 3	October 2027	Mon 13, 20, 27	November 2027	Mon 10, 17, 24
September 2027	Tue 7	October 2027	Tue 27, 4	November 2027	Tue 14, 21, 28	December 2027	Tue 11, 18, 25
October 2027	Wed 8	November 2027	Wed 28, 5	December 2027	Wed 15, 22, 29	January 2028	Wed 12, 19, 26
November 2027	Thu 9	December 2027	Thu 29, 6	January 2028	Thu 16, 23, 30	February 2028	Thu 13, 20, 27
December 2027	Fri 10	January 2028	Fri 30, 7	February 2028	Fri 17, 24, 31	March 2028	Fri 14, 21, 28
January 2028	Sat 11	February 2028	Sat 31, 8	March 2028	Sat 18, 25	April 2028	Sat 15, 22, 29
February 2028	Sun 12	March 2028	Sun 19, 9	April 2028	Sun 16, 23, 30	May 2028	Sun 13, 20, 27
March 2028	Mon 13	April 2028	Mon 20, 10	May 2028	Mon 17, 24, 31	June 2028	Mon 14, 21, 28
April 2028	Tue 14	May 2028	Tue 21, 11	June 2028	Tue 18, 25	July 2028	Tue 15, 22, 29
May 2028	Wed 15	June 2028	Wed 22, 12	July 2028	Wed 19, 26	August 2028	Wed 16, 23, 30
June 2028	Thu 16	July 2028	Thu 23, 13	August 2028	Thu 20, 27	September 2028	Thu 17, 24, 31
July 2028	Fri 17	August 2028	Fri 24, 14	September 2028	Fri 21, 28	October 2028	Fri 18, 25
August 2028	Sat 18	September 2028	Sat 25, 15	October 2028	Sat 22, 29	November 2028	Sat 19, 26
September 2028	Sun 19	October 2028	Sun 26, 16	November 2028	Sun 23, 30	December 2028	Sun 20, 27
October 2028	Mon 20	November 2028	Mon 27, 17	December 2028	Mon 24, 31	January 2029	Mon 21, 28
November 2028	Tue 21	December 2028	Tue 28, 18	January 2029	Tue 25, 2	February 2029	Tue 22, 29
December 2028	Wed 22	January 2029	Wed 29, 19	February 2029	Wed 26, 3	March 2029	Wed 23, 30
January 2029	Thu 23	February 2029	Thu 30, 20	March 2029	Thu 27, 4	April 2029	Thu 24, 31
February 2029	Fri 24	March 2029	Fri 31, 21	April 2029	Fri 28, 5	May 2029	Fri 25, 2
March 2029	Sat 25	April 2029	Sat 1, 22	May 2029	Sat 29, 6	June 2029	Sat 26, 3
April 2029	Sun 26	May 2029	Sun 2, 23	June 2029	Sun 30, 7	July 2029	Sun 27, 4
May 2029	Mon 27	June 2029	Mon 3, 24	July 2029	Mon 31, 8	August 2029	Mon 28, 5
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September 2029	Fri 31	October 2029	Fri 7, 28	November 2029	Fri 1, 9	December 2029	Fri 29, 6
October 2029	Sat 1	November 2029	Sat 8, 29	December 2029	Sat 2, 10	January 2030	Sat 30, 7
November 2029	Sun 2	December 2029	Sun 9, 30	January 2030	Sun 3, 11	February 2030	Sun 31, 8
December 2029	Mon 3	January 2030	Mon 10, 1	February 2030	Mon 4, 12	March 2030	Mon 3, 11
January 2030	Tue 4	February 2030	Tue 11, 2	March 2030	Tue 5, 13	April 2030	Tue 4, 12
February 2030	Wed 5	March 2030	Wed 12, 3	April 2030	Wed 6, 14	May 2030	Wed 5, 13
March 2030	Thu 6	April 2030	Thu 13, 4	May 2030	Thu 7, 15	June 2030	Thu 6, 14
April 2030	Fri 7	May 2030	Fri 14, 5	June 2030	Fri 8, 16	July 2030	Thu 7, 15
May 2030	Sat 8	June 2030	Sat 15, 6	July 2030	Sat 9, 17	August 2030	Thu 8, 16
June 2030	Sun 9	July 2030	Sun 16, 7	August 2030	Sun 10, 18	September 2030	Thu 9, 17
July 2030	Mon 10	August 2030	Mon 17, 8	September 2030	Mon 11, 19	October 2030	Thu 10, 18
August 2030	Tue 11	September 2030	Tue 18, 9	October 2030	Tue 12, 20	November 2030	Thu 11, 19
September 2030	Wed 12						