

Newsletter

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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



<u>Attendance</u>

🛮 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 Isevere nut allergies so please check the ingredients carefully. Thank you for your ongoing support with keeping our children

<u>School Lunches</u> 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 childs' 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 please 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/

<u>School Applications</u>

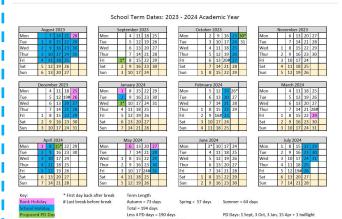
If you child is due to start Primary School in



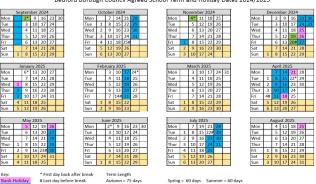
September, the closing date is 15th January. If you are yet to submit your application, please visit the following link and follow the instructions:

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

<u>Term Dates</u>



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



Census Day

Thursday 18th January is Census Day so our menu on School Grid has changed to encourage as many children as possible to have school dinners on this day. If you



have already pre-ordered your school meal, please ensure you log on and change it should you need to because your original order will have been cancelled.

We really appreciate your support with this matter.

Public Health

Tollowing advice from public health, we have decided to continue the 48 hour incubation period for the foreseeable future. Can we also remind you that if your child has chickenpox that they can return to school once the last spot has scabbed over We would also appreciate for our records that a confirmation of any doctor's appointment, hospital appointment, any medicine prescribed or even a picture of any ailment (face does not need to be visible) is sent over to:

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Thank you