

Friday Flyer Issue 5

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News Headlines



1 - Shades of Red at Aston Clinton

This week at Aston Clinton, red has taken on more than one meaning.

Our new School Councillors, Celeste, Charlie, Connie and Stephanie, delivered a fantastic assembly exploring inequality and the difference that individuals can make. They shared the story of Malala Yousafzai and her fight for girls' right to education, before bringing that message much closer to home through the story of our very own Mrs Miles, Kate.

For our school community, breast cancer awareness is not something distant. It is personal.

Kate Miles has been living with secondary breast cancer since 2020. Alongside being a mum, wife, friend, colleague and teacher, she has turned something she never chose into a determination to raise awareness and vital funds for breast cancer research. Through her incredible fundraising for Breast Cancer Now, Kate's JustGiving page has now recorded more than £82,000 raised.

Kate speaks incredibly honestly about what it means to live with cancer. Life can look completely ordinary from the outside. You can go to work, laugh with friends, worry about

the washing and watch your children grow up, all while carrying something incredibly difficult in the background.

One line from Kate's recent Breastival speech particularly stayed with us:

"Being brave doesn't mean you aren't frightened. Sometimes being brave is just carrying on while you're frightened."

It is a powerful lesson for all of us, but particularly for our children.

And this is where our Shades of Red come together.

🔴 Red represents our support for Show Racism the Red Card and our commitment to helping our children recognise inequality, challenge racism and understand that they have the power to make a difference. Show Racism the Red Card works with children and young people across the UK to educate against racism and challenge discrimination.

□ Pink represents breast cancer awareness, a cause that could not be closer to the heart of our Aston Clinton family.

They are very different causes, but their message to our children has something important in common:

Notice. Care. Speak up. Take action.

Malala shows us what this can look like on a global stage. Kate shows us what it looks like right here in our own community. And this week, Celeste, Charlie, Connie and Stephanie showed us that our children can make a difference too.

At Aston Clinton, we want education to be about more than what children learn in books. We want our children to understand that they have a place in the world and the power to make that world a little better.

Kate recently reflected that the last six years have taught her to *"spend my time with the people who matter, doing the things that matter, and not taking the good stuff for granted."*

We think that is a pretty wonderful message for our whole school community.

So this week, we wear our shades of red with pride. We stand against racism. We stand together for breast cancer awareness. And we remind our children that none of us is too small to make a difference. 💔□

□ Support Kate

If you would like to read more about Kate’s story or support her incredible fundraising for Breast Cancer Now, you can visit https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/kate-miles10. [justgiving.com]

In Other News...

📚 Awareness and Understanding

Alongside our **Shades of Red** focus, this month we are also recognising **Black History Month** and **ADHD Awareness Month** through our whole-school and class-led assemblies. These are important opportunities for our children to celebrate difference, develop understanding and learn more about the experiences of others.

📧 A Plea from the School Office

When emailing the School Office, please could you put **your child's name and class/teacher in the subject line**. This really helps the team to forward your email quickly to the right person. Thank you for helping us!

👩🏫 Parents' Evenings Next Week

We are really looking forward to seeing you at our Parents' Evenings next week. Please remember that appointments are **10 minutes long**. We really appreciate your support in keeping to these timings so that appointments run smoothly and every family receives their full allocated time.

We look forward to welcoming you and sharing how your child has settled into the new school year.

🌟 Aim High: Supporting Reading, Spelling and Writing at Home



One of the skills we want every child to develop is the confidence to Aim High. Aiming high does not mean that learning should always feel easy, or that every child will achieve in exactly the same way. It means believing we can improve, persevering when something is difficult and using the right strategies and support to help us succeed.

This links closely to our School Development Plan priority for writing. We are working to strengthen children's confidence as readers and writers, while making sure that teaching and support enable every child to experience success and make progress.

Here are some simple ways you can help at home:

📚 **Read, read, read!**

Reading is one of the most powerful ways to support children's writing.

- Read to your child, even as they get older. Hearing great books develops vocabulary and exposes children to sentence structures they can use in their own writing.
- Try audiobooks alongside printed books.
- Encourage anything they enjoy reading: comics, graphic novels, magazines, recipes and information books all count.
- Try paired reading, reading aloud together, or shared reading, taking turns with sentences, paragraphs or pages.

- If your child is stuck on a word, give them thinking time, but don't allow them to become increasingly frustrated. Help with the word and keep the reading flowing.
- Don't overlook picture books for older children. Rich illustrations can prompt fantastic discussion, vocabulary and ideas.

🌟 **Aim High:** Help your child choose texts they are excited by. There is nothing wrong with a little challenge when we have the right support around us.

🔤 **Make spelling active**

Learning spellings doesn't have to mean repeatedly copying out a long list. For some children, learning a smaller number of words really well can be much more successful.

Try:

- making words with magnetic letters, Play-Doh or pipe cleaners
- colour-coding the tricky part of a word
- writing words outside in chalk
- saying the sounds or letters aloud while writing
- practising little and often
- revisiting previously learned spellings so that they stick.

🌟 **Aim High:** Celebrate improvement and effort. *"You couldn't spell that last week, but look what you can do now!"* helps children recognise that practice makes a difference.

🏠 **Keep homework positive**

Set a manageable period of focused effort and stick to it. Offer choices where appropriate, make practice into a game and celebrate what your child can do.

💛 **Aiming High looks different for every child**

Perhaps the most important message we can give our children is that Aiming High isn't about being the best. It is about becoming the best learner you can be.

Our job, at home and at school, is to provide children with the high expectations, encouragement, strategies and support they need to take their next step. This is central to our School Development Plan and to our ambition that every child sees themselves as a successful reader, writer and learner.

Aston Clinton School Behaviour Leaflet 2026

Behaviour Policy

	500 Words - BBC	Aston Has Talent	Young Artist – Royal Academy	Aston Bake Off	STEM	Sports Week	Reading Challenge
	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
	Essential Me		Enthusiastic Me		Courageous Me		Responsible Me
A	**When I'm stuck I know what I need to do**	**I take a positive approach to new challenges.**	**I set goals for myself.**	**I set goals, ordering and prioritise tasks to achieve them.**	**I set goals and plan to involve others in the best way**	**I can set my own goals with clear targets**	**I develop long-term strategies that use regular milestones and feedback to keep everything on track.**
Activity 1	*I can write my full name by myself including capital letters.*	*I learn and tell a trusted adult my address and phone number.*	*I can tie shoelaces.*	*I can create an object to use out of a material (e.g. wood/cardboard/fabric) e.g. Den*	*I can pick a new book and write a book review for others.*	*I can take up a new hobby*	*I can choose a physical activity or skill that is new for me. I can participate regularly and document my progress.*
Activity 2	*I can work with an adult to bake a cake or make a pizza*	*I can try new or unusual foods and cook with them.*	*I can make a healthy sandwich for my lunch.*	*I can follow instructions to make something*	*I can learn how to cook a new meal e.g Pesto Pasta*	*I plan and cook a 2 course meal for my friends or family.*	*I can start and run a club for 6 weeks with younger pupils*
Activity 3	*I created and completed my own challenge.*	*I created and completed my own challenge.*	*I created and completed my own challenge.*	*I created and completed my own challenge.*	*I created and completed my own challenge.*	*I created and completed my own challenge.*	*I created and completed my own challenge.*

AUTHOR EVENT WITH PARI THOMSON - KS2



We are delighted to announce that on Tuesday 13th October, award-winning author **Pari Thomson** will be visiting our school to share her exciting new book, *The Frozen King: A Greenwild Adventure*, with our pupils.

Known for her captivating storytelling and magical fantasy worlds, Pari's author events inspire children to develop a love of reading, spark their imaginations, and discover the secrets behind creating unforgettable stories. This promises to be a truly exciting experience for all of our children.

Pari will be signing books during her visit, and parents/carers have the opportunity to purchase a signed copy in advance through Our Bookshop, Tring:

https://www.ourbookshoptring.co.uk/product/the-frozen-king-a-greenwild-adventure/

Any books ordered through this link will be signed by Pari Thomson and given directly to your child on the day of the event.

Important message from Ben at Our Bookshop:

Please include your child's **name and class** when placing your order so that books can be labelled correctly for the event. **Please do not select postage**, as all books will be delivered to the school and distributed on the day.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming Pari and know the children will thoroughly enjoy this special event.

Sports Clubs

Sports clubs will begin again after the October half-term break. Please keep an eye on your emails over the next couple of weeks, as details of the clubs available and sign-up information will be sent out. Places may be limited for some clubs, so we encourage you to complete the registration form promptly once it is released.

School Improvement Plan

Our latest school Improvement plan can be found by clicking the link below

School Improvement Plan.

Accessibility Strategy 2027-2032: Consultation is live - Have Your Say

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We are seeking feedback on Buckinghamshire's new Accessibility Strategy for 2027-32 and would welcome comments from schools and settings, parents and carers, and children and young people before the strategy is finalised.

The strategy supports our shared vision:

"To build a better future for all children and young people in Buckinghamshire so they realise their potential, whatever their starting point is."

It sets out how we will work together to ensure all children and young people can participate fully in education and school life. It focuses on four key areas:

- Increasing access to the curriculum
- Improving the physical environment of schools
- Improving access to information
- Improving access to enrichment opportunities, extended provision and wider school life

We Want Your Feedback

We are keen to hear your views on the draft strategy, including whether the proposed priorities are the right ones and if there is anything missing that should be considered.

Please review the draft strategy and complete the consultation by 15 November:

https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/schools/accessibility-strategy-2027-2032

If you have any questions, or require the consultation documents in an alternative format, please email educationconsultation@buckinghamshire.gov.uk or call **01296 383225**.

ACSA EVENTS

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Supporting Our School







The Countdown is on – last week to get tickets for Aston Lights ✨

You only have 1 week to secure your tickets! There will strictly be no tickets available on the day and all sales will close on Friday 16th. Don't miss out on supporting our school! Every penny raised by ACSA goes directly toward enriching our children's learning and school experiences!

Last year we completely sold out so get tickets while you can!

🎟️ **Book Now on** Ticket Tailor

Help us light up the night next week! 🎇

Our community events only truly shine because of our amazing volunteers. If you have an hour or two to spare next weekend, please consider signing up at the link below—we would be so grateful for your help!

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090D4DAFAE22A6F85-65347071-laser#/

If you are joining us as a visitor, we kindly ask that you bring your patience and kindness along. Let's make it a wonderful, welcoming event for everyone! 😊

Get Ready to Deck the Halls: Wreath Making is Back! 🎄✨

We are absolutely thrilled to welcome back the incredibly talented team from 'The Flower Boutique' for our highly anticipated, festive wreath-making workshop!

Get in the festive mood and unleash your inner florist letting an expert guide you to craft a stunning, bespoke wreath that will take pride of place on your front door.

To make the evening even sweeter, your ticket includes a complimentary drink and a delicious, homemade traybake to enjoy.

Spaces are limited so be sure to secure your spot early to avoid disappointment!

Dates for diary

17th October- Aston Lights Show ✨

19th October- AGM 📝

22nd October- Spooky Sparkly Disco 🎃

26th November- Wreath Making 🎄

28th November- Christmas Fair 🎅





✈️ **Turn your next holiday into school funding with The Getaway Geeks!**

We are thrilled to remind you about our ongoing partnership with local Aston Clinton village residents Hope and Dean from **The Getaway Geeks**!

Instead of losing hours to 38 different open browser tabs, let Hope and Dean handle the research for you. When you book any trip through them—from a cosy UK weekend break to a major bucket-list family adventure—and mention **ACSA**, they will donate a portion of their commission straight back to our school charity.

It costs you absolutely nothing extra, your holiday is fully ABTA and ATOL protected, and the school benefits. It's a complete win-win! Drop them a line for a stress-free chat before you book your next escape.

Diary Dates for ACSA Events

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St Micheal & All Angels Church Events



SCARECROW TRAIL

What an amazing success this was with 500 maps given out, 161 kgs donated of non-perishable food and £272.00. So thank you to everyone who took part, 1st place went to

Barnowls Pre-School & Nursery, 2nd place to Café in the Park and The Anthony Hall came 3rd!

PUMPKIN FESTIVAL

Come along to our annual Pumpkin Festival at St Michael's church on Friday 30th October at 4.30pm (Poster attached). Bring your carved pumpkin along and maybe win a prize, there will also be refreshments, craft and decorating biscuits.

REPAIR CAFÉ

Held at St Michael's church every 2nd Saturday 9am – 12 noon. Bring your broken household item along and see if the wonderful team of volunteers can bring it back to life.

RHUBARB CAFÉ – ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH

Open every Monday 2pm – 4pm. We will have homemade cakes, freshly brewed coffee & pots of tea available, plus a children's corner with books, toys, colouring and stickers. At only £2.00 for a slice of cake, why wouldn't you come along for a Monday afternoon treat.

GENTLE STRETCH CLASS

Held every Monday at St Michael's church 10am – 11am. £5.00 per person – come along if you can!

LITTLE ANGELS BABY & TODDLER GROUP Is open at St Michael's church 9am – 11.15am every Thursday. It was a fantastic session today with lots of babies and toddlers and we hope to see you all again next week!

Online Safety information

Online Safety Presentation

Tech Camp here at Aston Clinton School - October Half Term



Looking for exciting, fun-filled childcare this October half term? **Next Thing Education Ltd are hosting their Tech & STEM Camp here at Aston Clinton School from 26–30th October!** 🚀

Perfect for children aged **5–12**, our October camps are packed with hands-on technology, creativity, STEM challenges and plenty of spooky fun!

What can they expect?

🤖 Robotics & Coding

🧪 Science & Circuits

🎬 Digital Creativity & Media

Plus lots more hands-on activities!

🗓️ **26th - 30th October**

⏰ **9am–4pm**

🎟️ **£45 per day**

💥 **Book 5 days & save 10%**

📲 **Want to see exactly what's happening at your camp?**

Check the **full camp schedule online** to see the activities available at your chosen venue!

Spaces are filling fast — book now!

👉 https://pbbl.uk/4r9vfdl



🌐 www.nextthing.education | ✉ info@nextthing.education | 📞 01442 873150

Diary Dates Autumn Term 2026

Friday 9th October - Year 6 WW2 Drama Workshop

Friday 9th October - Shades of Red Day

Tuesday 13th & Thursday 15th October - Parents Evening

w/c 19th October - Year 5 Bikeability

w/c 26th October - Half Term

Wednesday 4th November - Year 5 - Trip to Living Rainforest

Monday 9th November - Year 5 FUDGE

Friday 4th December - INSET DAY - school closed

Monday 14th December - Year 2 Great Fire of London Day

Friday 18th December - School closes at 1.30pm for the Christmas Holiday

Tuesday 5th January 2027 - Back to School!

Absence from School

If your child is absent from school please ensure you contact the school office either by phoning 01296 630276, email **attendance@astonclinton.bucks.sch.uk** or message via the School Gateway before 8.30am every day of absence advising us of the reason. If your child has sickness or diarrhoea they must not return to school until 48 hours after the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea. If your child is unwell, please provide details of the symptoms your child is experiencing.

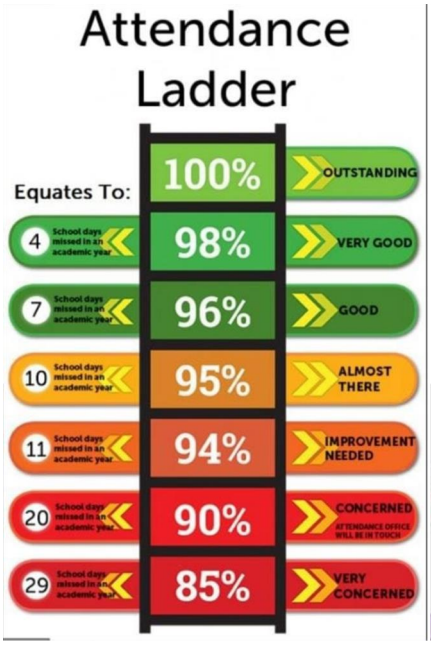
Is my child too ill for school - please check on this link if you are unsure whether or not to send your child in.

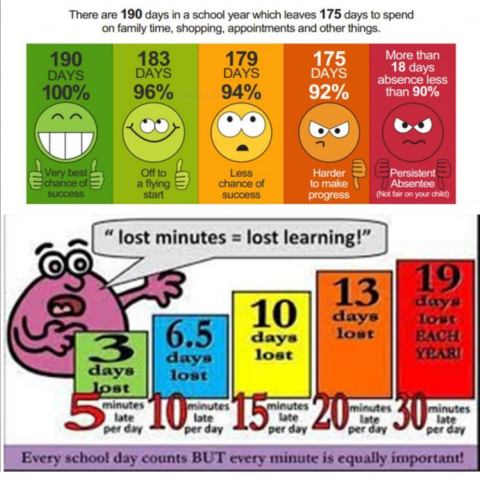
If your child needs time off school for any reason, we expect you to apply for this well in advance of the absence (form to be collected from the school office). There are very few reasons why leave of absence will be granted. We will authorise an absence for a medical appointment but only where this appointment is not available outside of school hours or during school holidays. In these circumstances, we need to see evidence of the appointment - this can be in the form of a letter, appointment card or text message. The evidence can be photographed or downloaded as a screenshot and sent to attendance@astonclinton.bucks.sch.uk.

We do not authorise any leave for holidays during term time.

Late/Absence procedures and DfE guidelines

Thank you.



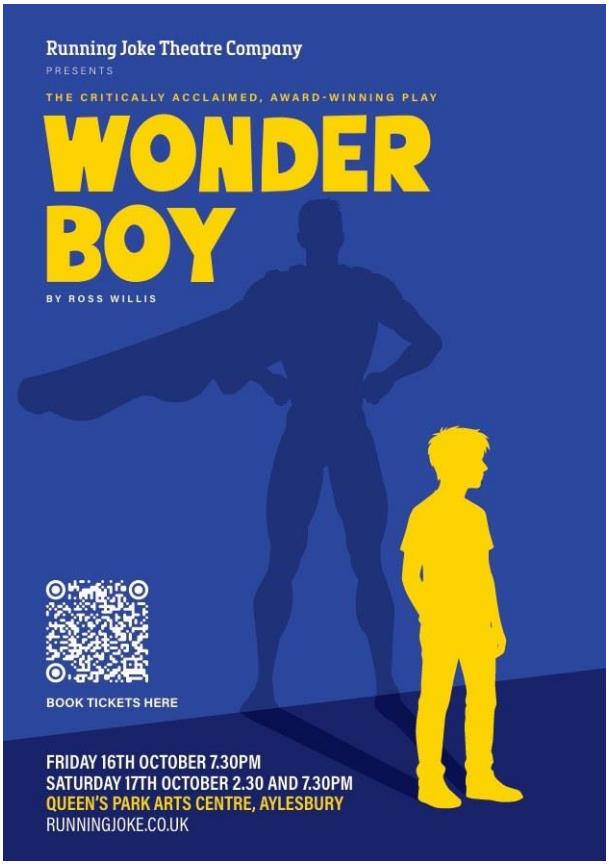


Friday Flyer Adverts









2 - Running Joke Theatre Company are excited to share with you details of our upcoming production of Wonder Boy, by Ross Willis, which comes to Queen's Park Arts Centre on the 16th and 17th of October.

"A critically acclaimed, award-winning UK stage play about a 12-year-old boy named Sonny who struggles with a debilitating stammer and is trapped in a failing education system.To cope, Sonny invents an imaginary superhero alter-ego named Captain Chatter. When the headteacher casts Sonny in the school's production of Hamlet, he embarks on a journey of acceptance, discovering that language is power and that he can find his own voice."

