

Friday Flyer Issue 6

Aston Clinton School

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Friday 16th October 2026

News Headlines

I hope you found this week's meetings with teachers helpful. We like to hold them early in the term as it gives us a lovely opportunity to share how your children have settled into their new classes.

Next week we will have our first Open Morning session for prospective parents. Families will visit the school, enjoy a short presentation and take a guided tour with our Year 6s. We will be holding two more sessions on 4th November and 20th November, so if you or anyone you know is looking for a Reception place for September 2027, please get in touch with the school office to book a visit. All information regarding admissions can be found on the school website Aston Clinton school admissions

Earlier this week, we were delighted to welcome children's author Pari Thompson to school. Pari led a fantastic assembly for our Key Stage 2 pupils, introducing her captivating new book, *The Frozen King: A Greenwild Adventure*. Known for her magical fantasy worlds and imaginative storytelling, Pari inspired the children with a truly engaging and creative session that sparked lots of excitement about reading and writing. See information below for our next author visit taking place on Monday after half term for KS2 children.

A reminder from ACSA to order your child's ticket for the Spooky Sparkly Disco before the deadline on **Tuesday**. Please note that there will be **NO** ticket sales after this date, so be sure to book in time to avoid disappointment.

We hope everyone who has purchased tickets enjoys the Aston Lights event being hosted by ACSA this weekend. Thank you for your continued support of our fundraising events and a huge thank you to Mr Arnold and the ACSA volunteers who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to bring you this event.

AUTUMN 2 MENUS.

Please remember to order by Wednesday 28th October for hot school dinners after half term.


FIREWORKS MENU
THURSDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2026
Pork Sausages (GLUTEN & SO2)
Halal Chicken Sausages (GLUTEN & SO2)
Mash Potato
Cheese & Onion Pinwheel (DAIRY & GLUTEN)
Baked Beans
Sticky Toffee & Apple Cake (GLUTEN & EGGS)


FIREWORKS MENU
THURSDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2026
Bangers & Smash
Halal Bangers & Smash
Cheese & Onion Pinwheel with Smash
served with Blazing Baked Beans
Dessert
Sticky Toffee & Apple Cake



Aylesbury Vineyard Storehouse

We would like to thank you and all your students, their families and staff members for everyone's contributions to this year's **Harvest Collection**. Your donation to the Food Bank at Aylesbury Vineyard Storehouse is very much appreciated and will go a long way in helping us bless our community by feeding families and individuals in need.



Be Bright, Be Seen: Stay Safe as the Darker Days Set In

Buckinghamshire Council is reminding schools to remind pupils to **'Be Bright, Be Seen'** as the darker mornings and evenings return.

With reduced daylight and the likelihood of foggy or misty weather, visibility on the roads can be significantly affected. The council is encouraging everyone, whether walking, wheeling, cycling or driving, to take simple steps to help keep themselves and others safe.

Wearing bright, fluorescent clothing during the day and reflective materials at night can make a big difference. Fluorescent fabrics are most effective in daylight and at dusk, while reflective materials are essential after dark, helping road users become visible in vehicle headlights. Adding reflective tape to bags, coats, wheelchairs, mobility aids or pushchairs is a quick and easy way to improve safety.

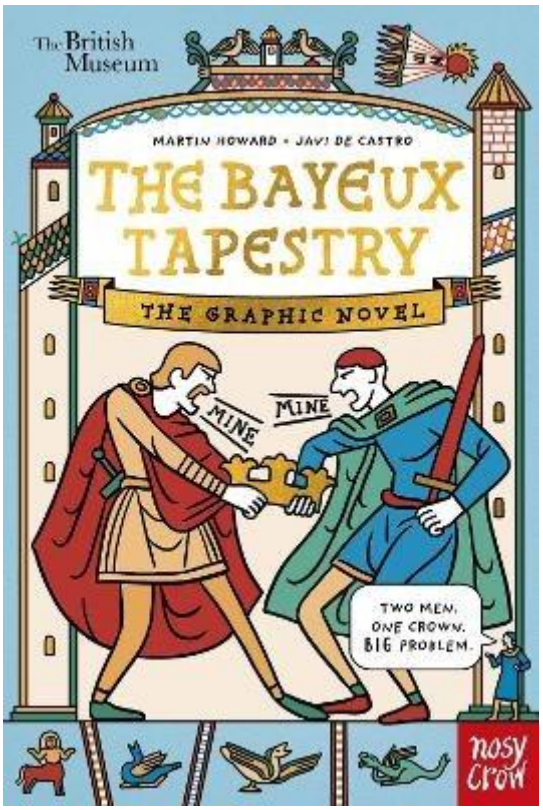
Pupils are encouraged to wear bright or reflective clothing when travelling to and from school, particularly during the darker mornings and evenings. Parents and carers can help by ensuring children can be seen easily by other road users.

Cyclists are reminded to check that their lights are clean and working correctly. It is a legal requirement to use a white front light, a red rear light and a red rear reflector when cycling at night.

Drivers also play a vital role in keeping roads safe. Slowing down in poor visibility, being alert to pedestrians and cyclists, and ensuring vehicle lights are functioning correctly are all important ways to help prevent collisions.

For more information, including the **'Be Bright, Be Seen' online game for children and young people**, visit the Think! website.

Author Visit - KS2 - Monday 2nd November



We are thrilled to announce that acclaimed author **Martin Howard** will be visiting our school for an engaging, action-packed author event!

As part of an official collaboration with the **British Museum**, Martin will be introducing his fantastic new release, *British Museum: The Bayeux Tapestry: The Graphic Novel*.

Step back in time to 1066 with this exciting graphic novel, which brings one of history's most famous treasures, the Bayeux Tapestry, vividly to life. Packed with heroic battles, humour,

dynamic illustrations and fascinating historical facts, it tells the story of King Harold, William the Conqueror and the Norman Conquest in an engaging and accessible way for young readers.

During his interactive presentation, author and illustrator Martin will take pupils behind the scenes of creating a historical graphic novel, showing how history can be brought to life through storytelling, research and humour.

This promises to be a wonderfully interactive and enjoyable event for all the children. Martin will also be signing books during his visit.

Signed Book Orders

Parents can order a signed copy of the book in advance using the link below:

https://www.ourbookshoptring.co.uk/product/british-museum-the-bayeux-tapestry/

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

We are sure this will be a memorable and exciting experience for all our pupils!

✨ Aiming High and Looking After Our School



This term, we are encouraging all children to think about the difference they can make through the small choices they make every day.

When we talk about *aiming high*, we are not only talking about learning. We are also talking about taking responsibility, showing respect and being proud of our school. One of the ways we can do this is by looking after our environment and helping to keep our school clean, safe and welcoming for everyone.

We have noticed that some simple habits could make a big difference. We are therefore encouraging children to:

- Put all rubbish in the bins provided.
- Return any uneaten food, wrappers or packaging to their lunchboxes rather than leaving them on tables, benches or the playground.
- Take pride in the appearance of their classroom and outdoor spaces.
- Think about how their actions affect others and the environment around them.

We are also continuing to develop children's independence. For some of our younger pupils, this means learning and practising important self-care skills. We would appreciate the support of parents in helping children become confident and independent with personal hygiene and toileting routines. For younger boys in particular, taking the time to teach good toilet habits can make a real difference to both their confidence and the cleanliness of our shared facilities.

These may seem like small things, but they are important life skills. When children learn to take responsibility for themselves, their belongings and their environment, they develop habits that will stay with them for years to come.

Thank you for your support in helping us raise children who take pride in their school, care for their environment and always aim high.

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.*

Safeguarding Update

As part of our ongoing commitment to keeping pupils safe, we carried out both a fire evacuation drill and a lock-in procedure today. This work supports the principles of *Martyn's Law*, which aims to strengthen preparedness and security in public places. During the lock-in

drill, pupils responded brilliantly to a light-hearted scenario involving a "pesky fox" on the school grounds. Children calmly followed instructions by moving away from windows and taking cover under tables, helping them practise what to do in a safe, age-appropriate way. We were extremely proud of how sensibly and maturely all pupils took part.

ACSA EVENTS

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Supporting Our School





Spooky Sparkly Disco-final tickets! ✨

The Spooky Sparkly Disco is almost here! Don't forget to grab your tickets on Gateway by **Tuesday 20th October** at the latest, as no tickets will be available after this deadline.

We want to say a massive thank you to everyone volunteering. These events simply can't happen without you! The children absolutely adore this disco, and the excitement is already building.

Important reminder: This year, both drop-off and collection will take place at the **KS2 playground**.

🎄 **STALL HOLDERS WANTED!** 🎄

We're looking for local businesses, crafters, makers and community groups to join us at our Aston Clinton Christmas Fayre! 🎅✨

🗓️ Saturday 28th November

⏰ 11am–2pm

🎁 A fantastic opportunity to showcase your business and be part of a wonderful festive community event!

If you'd like to book a stall or would like further information, please contact us at:

📧 astonclintonschoolassociation@gmail.com

Please feel free to share and tag anyone who might be interested! ❤️🎄

AGM Reminder- Monday 19th October at 8pm

The ACSA Annual General Meeting will take place online, and all parents, carers, teachers, and TAs are warmly invited to attend. This meeting offers a great opportunity to learn about our operations, review our fundraising achievements, and see how these efforts support the school and our children. Please use the link below to access the meeting.

To ensure the meeting counts and we can keep running all our great school events, we just need a few minutes of your time to hit our minimum attendance number. It's completely virtual and a an easy way to support the school. So please log on so we can keep making a difference for our children!

https://meet.google.com/oit-qmhg-ecg





✈️ **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

17th October- Aston Lights Show ✨

22nd October- Spooky Sparkly Disco 🎃

26th November - Wreath Making

28th November- Christmas Fair 🎅



St Micheal & All Angels Church Events



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.

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.

LITTLE ANGELS BABY & TODDLER GROUP

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

Online Safety information

Keeping Children Safe Online

Technology plays an important role in children's lives, offering opportunities to learn, create and stay connected. However, it is essential that children use devices and online platforms safely and appropriately.

This parental controls booklet provides practical guidance on setting up safety features across a range of devices, apps and gaming platforms. By using parental controls alongside regular conversations about online safety, families can help children enjoy the benefits of technology while reducing potential risks.

We encourage all parents and carers to take a few moments to explore the guide and review the settings available on the devices their children use.

Parental Controls Booklet 2026

📖 Click here to view: https://www.knowsleyclcs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/Parental-Controls-booklet-2026.pdf

Diary Dates Autumn Term 2026

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!

Lunchtime Drama Club - Years 3 & 4

Grow in confidence, get creative and have fun with TLDC!

The Little Drama Company is a supportive lunchtime club where children can build confidence, develop drama skills and let their imaginations run wild. Through games, improvisation, character work and performance, children are encouraged to express themselves, try new things and grow in self-belief, at their own pace.

Year 3 & 4 | Tuesdays | 12:00–12:30pm | The Clock School

Creative. Confident. Kind.

A small number of Year 3 & 4 spaces are currently available. To find out more or join, contact Caroline at Caroline.martell@hotmail.co.uk

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.

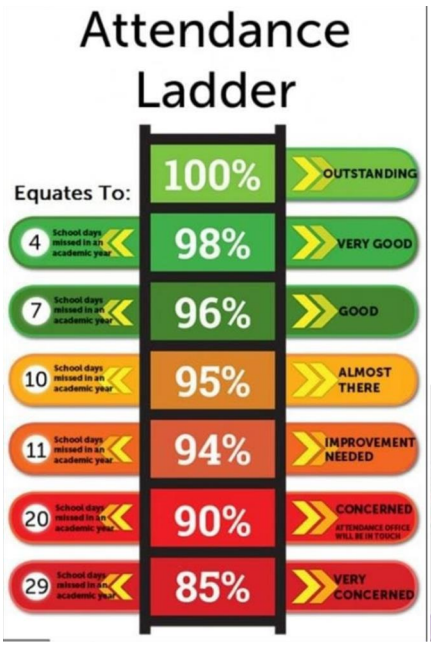
Is my child too ill for school - please check on this link if you are unsure whether or not to send your child in.

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

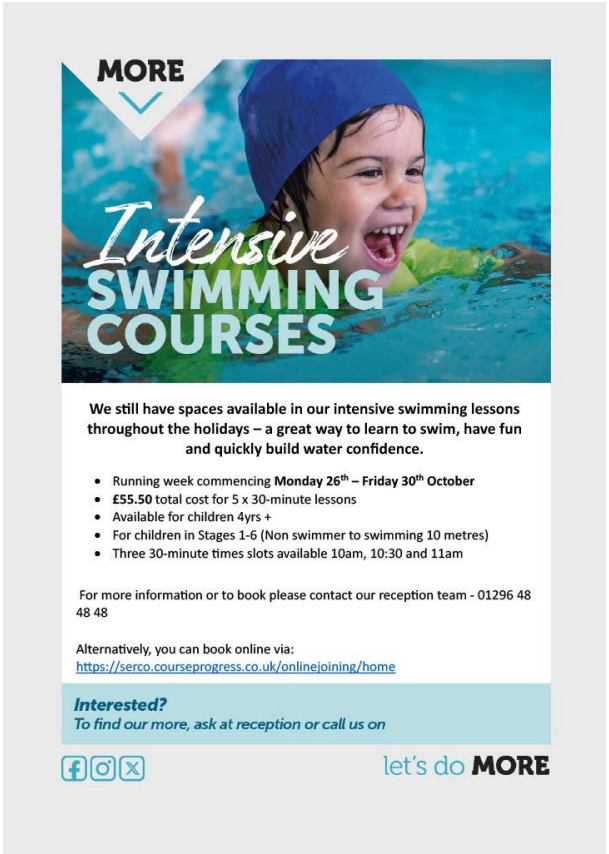
Thank you.





Friday Flyer Adverts





Play, Discover, Learn! this October Half Term in the Roald Dahl Children's Gallery

For more event details, charges and to book please scan the QR code or visit discoverbucksmuseum.org

Enjoy our spooky Trail on everyday 24 October - 1 November

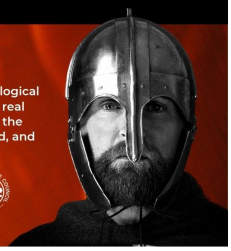
Spiders & Webs
Monday 26 October
Make a colourful yarn-wrapped spider and weave a hanging web. 10am – 3pm, drop in.
Suitable for ages 4-11

Ghouls and Ghosts
Tuesday 27 October
Make a 3d haunted scene for a moveable ghost to fly through. 10am – 3pm, drop in. Suitable for ages 4-11

Clay Monster
Wednesday 28 October
Sculpt yourself a terrifying (or not so terrifying) Halloween monster. 10am – 3pm, drop in.
Suitable for ages 3-11

Spooky Science
Thursday 29 & Friday 30 October
Our popular Spooky Science workshop is returning for 2026! Join us for some spooky science: make a bubbling witches brew, create ogre slime and more! Timed slots. Suitable for ages 5–11

Creepy Doll Hunt
Saturday 31 October
Visit the museum after dark this Halloween for our Creepy Doll Hunt: explore one of the oldest buildings in Aylesbury by torchlight and discover the haunted dolls hidden throughout the museum.
From 6.30pm, timed slots. Suitable for ages 10+



The SAXONS
Until 1 November 2026

The SAXONS brings together extraordinary archaeological discoveries to tell powerful human stories. Through real artefacts, immersive displays, and vivid storytelling, the exhibition reveals how people lived, fought, believed, and were remembered over 1,300 years ago.

Discover Bucks Museum
Aylesbury HP20 2QP
discoverbucksmuseum.org

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Discover Bucks Museum
& Roald Dahl Children's Gallery

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October Half Term

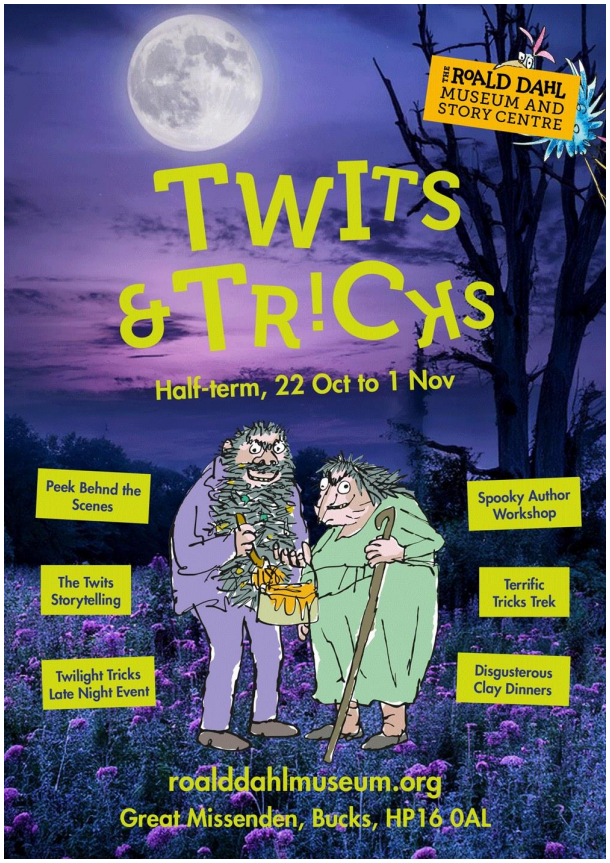
24 October - 1 November 2026

This October half term, enjoy frightfully fun family activities at Discover Bucks Museum! Get creative with Halloween crafts and spooky science! Brave families can take on the Creepy Doll Hunt around the museum and no visit is complete without a trip to the Roald Dahl Children's Gallery and our SAXONS exhibition.

Discover more at discoverbucksmuseum.org
or scan the QR code

SCAN ME




THE ROALD DAHL MUSEUM AND STORY CENTRE
TWITS & TRICKS
Half-term, 22 Oct to 1 Nov
Peek Behnd the Scenes
Spooky Author Workshop
The Twits Storytelling
Terrific Tricks Trek
Twilight Tricks Late Night Event
Disgusterous Clay Dinners
roalddahlmuseum.org
Great Missenden, Bucks, HP16 0AL


Join us for our Tot Bop ...
HALLOWEEN PARTY
29 OCTOBER
9.30-11.30AM
BILLINGTON VILLAGE HALL,
LEIGHTON BUZZARD, LU7 9BW
TOT BOP DANCE PARTY
FACE PAINTING
SINGALONG WITH A DISNEY PRINCESS
COLOURING & CRAFTS
PARTY BAG FOR EVERY CHILD
£25 PER CHILD, ADULTS &
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