


# Friday Flyer Issue 8

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## Friday 6th November 2026

## News Headlines

We began this week with a special assembly led by Reverend Sally, who spoke to the children about why Mrs Macdonald will not be in school for a little while. The children listened thoughtfully as a candle was lit, reminding us that even during difficult times, a light continues to shine and that we can hold one another in our thoughts and prayers. It was a calm and reflective moment, and the children showed great kindness, maturity and respect throughout.

Year 5 enjoyed a wonderful visit to the Living Rainforest this week, bringing their learning to life in a way that textbooks simply cannot. The children had an exciting and memorable experience, and their teachers will share their adventures in the end of term Curriculum Newsletter. Thank you to all the staff and volunteers who made the trip such a success.

This week, we were delighted to welcome another 20 families to visit our school. They were highly impressed by the calm, purposeful atmosphere across the school, where children were fully engaged in their learning and clearly demonstrating our core values of Aspire, Care and Succeed. Visitors commented on the positive relationships, respectful behaviour and strong sense of community that make Aston Clinton such a special place to learn and grow. Our thanks once again also go to our wonderful House Captains who did us proud!

In assembly this week, the children learned about the history of Bonfire Night and why it is remembered each year. They also discussed the importance of staying safe around fireworks and bonfires, including following safety advice and listening carefully to adults. If you are attending a fireworks display this weekend, we hope you have a wonderful time with family and friends, and that you enjoy the celebrations safely.

We wish you all a happy and enjoyable weekend.

## Odd Socks Day - Monday 16th November

Anti-Bullying Week takes place 16th-20th November.  The theme this year is Break The Silence.  We will be looking at this during the week and supporting the national campaign of Odd Socks Day on Monday 16th November.




To find out more about Anti Bullying week please click this link: [Anti-Bullying Week 2026]

Millions of children and young people experience bullying every year. Many never tell anyone.  They stay silent when they are being bullied, when they see it happening, and sometimes when they feel drawn into it themselves. When silence persists, bullying can grow.  In today's world, bullying can happen in new and more complex ways. It happens face to face, online, and through new technologies. And in a world that can feel more divided and less kind, young people feel the impact.  But we can change that. When people come together, speak openly, and choose kindness, bullying loses its power. Every conversation, every act of support, and every voice raised against bullying makes a difference.  This Anti-Bullying Week, we are encouraging everyone to start the conversation about bullying. We are calling on children and young people to speak up and share their experiences, and on adults to listen, support, and act.  Across schools, communities, and organisations, people will come together to take meaningful action against bullying and create kinder, more supportive environment where all children and young people belong.

## The Power of Speaking and Listening

This term's focus will be on speaking and listening.

Speaking and listening are at the heart of every child's learning journey. Long before children learn to read and write, they develop their understanding of the world through

conversations, stories and everyday interactions with the people around them.At school, strong speaking and listening skills help children to share their ideas, ask questions, explain their thinking and work successfully with others. These skills support learning across all subjects and help children build confidence, resilience and positive relationships. At home, families play a vital role in developing children's language. Simple activities such as sharing meals together, reading stories, talking about the day, playing games and discussing interesting topics all help to broaden vocabulary and strengthen communication skills.This half term, we are placing a particular emphasis on speaking and listening across the school. Through classroom learning, collaborative activities and assemblies, children will be encouraged to develop their confidence in speaking clearly, listening attentively and expressing their thoughts with increasing precision. This focus will not be limited to one half term; it will become a key thread running through our curriculum, teaching and assemblies as we continue to develop confident communicators and thoughtful listeners.Good listening is just as important as speaking. When children learn to listen attentively, they develop empathy, understanding and the ability to follow instructions and learn from others. These are essential life skills that support success both in school and beyond.We encourage families to help us by creating opportunities for conversation at home. Whether discussing a book, sharing experiences from the day or talking through a problem, every conversation helps children develop the language and communication skills they need to thrive.**Top Tips for Families**

- Talk together during everyday activities such as shopping, cooking or travelling.
- Read regularly and discuss stories, characters and events.
- Encourage children to explain their ideas and opinions.
- Introduce and explore new vocabulary.
- Model good listening by giving children your full attention when they speak.

By working together, home and school can ensure that every child develops the confidence, vocabulary and communication skills needed to succeed in learning and in life.

This term, we are placing a special focus on **speaking and listening** across the school.

Strong communication skills are the foundation of learning. Before children learn to read and write, they learn about the world through conversations, stories and everyday experiences. Being able to express ideas, ask questions, explain thinking and listen carefully to others helps children succeed in every area of learning.

Throughout this half term, children will take part in activities that help them develop their confidence as speakers and listeners. We will encourage them to share their ideas clearly, listen respectfully to others and use increasingly ambitious vocabulary. This focus will run through our lessons, assemblies and wider school life and will continue to be an important part of our curriculum moving forward.

Families play an important role in developing children's language skills. Some of the best opportunities for learning happen during everyday moments at home. Whether chatting about the school day, sharing a meal, reading together or discussing an interesting topic, every conversation helps children build confidence and communication skills.

Good listening is just as important as speaking. Learning to listen carefully helps children develop empathy, understanding and positive relationships, while also supporting their learning in school.

**Top Tips for Families**

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- Read regularly and talk about stories, characters and events.
- Encourage your child to explain their ideas and opinions.
- Introduce and explore new words together.
- Model good listening by giving your child your full attention when they are speaking.

By working together, home and school can help every child develop the confidence, vocabulary and communication skills they need to thrive both in school and beyond.

## Poppy Products



Once again we will be supporting the Royal British Legion by selling "poppy" products after half term at breaktime. This year we are limiting slap-bands to one per child so hopefully everyone will be able to purchase one.

Prices:

Slapbands £1.50

Rubber bracelets, material bracelets and poppies,  £1

To find out more about their amazing work please click the link below:  Royal British Legion

## Junior Beekeepers



Before half term our new junior beekeepers got to grips with the final product of this years honey harvest. They did a fantastic job of labelling and bottling our honey which will be available to purchase at the Christmas fayre. If you would like any before hand please send an email in for the attention of Mrs Varley to arrange a time for collection.

Due to increased glassware costs we have had to put our prices up after not having done so for the past two years. Each jar is £9








## ACSA EVENTS

ACSA

Supporting Our School


CHRISTMAS FAYRE
ASTON CLINTON SCHOOL
SANTA'S GROTTO
GAMES
GIFTS
BBQ
REAL REINDEER
BAR
RAFFLE
NOVEMBER 28TH
11 AM - 2PM
ADULTS £1
KIDS GO FREE!
ACSA


CHRISTMAS
Wreath Making
WORKSHOP
26th November, 7pm
Aston Clinton School
Enjoy an evening of wreath making with your friends being guided by an expert in their field from **The Flower Boutique**.
Scan here:
**Tickets £50**
includes Prosecco or hot drink and a traybake
THE FLOWER BOUTIQUE
est. 2017
ACSA
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**Transform Your Front Door This Christmas!** 🎄

Skip the shop-bought decorations this year. Join us for a fun, creative evening and craft your very own bespoke Christmas wreath with expert guidance from the pros at The Flower Boutique!

Whether you come with a group of friends or on your own, it is the perfect, relaxed opportunity to catch up with familiar faces and meet new people in our school community.

The Details:

- **The Main Event:** A hands-on, step-by-step festive workshop suitable for absolute beginners to seasoned crafters.
- **The Perks:** Every ticket includes a complimentary festive drink and a delicious sweet treat to enjoy while you craft.
- **The Result:** You leave with a stunning, handmade festive masterpiece ready to hang.

Every ticket purchased directly supports ACSA fundraising projects for our children. Spaces are limited so please book via the QR code or click here.

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**Christmas Fair reminders!**

**Raffle tickets**- The children were given books of raffle tickets in their bag on Wednesday. Please return all stubs and cash to the office. If you do not wish to purchase any raffle tickets

please return them to the office as soon as you can! You can also collect extra raffle tickets from the office if needed!

**Tokens-** Tokens for the Christmas fayre are now available on gateway and can be purchased in blocks of 5. They will be available to purchase until Friday 20th November. Tokens will be sent home with children wc/23rd November.

**Tombola Donations**- We are still on the hunt for items for our adult and kids tombolas. Please send in your donations to the office (*Please note the school will be hosting open mornings on 4th and 20th November, so please avoid dropping anything in on those days to keep the foyer tidy*)

**Rainbow Hampers -** Please could you send in something to the class teacher by Friday 20th November for the Rainbow Hamper raffle. Each class has a different colour - please see below for class colours. For those who are new to the school, each class, along with their teachers designs a colour-themed hamper which is then used as a raffle prize. All class hampers are entered into a competition and the winning class receives a treat, funded by ACSA.

Elmer- Gold

Gruffalo- Silver

Supertato- Green

Paddington- Red

Whizpopper- Pink

Phizzwizard -Purple

BFG- Blue

Fantastic Foxes- Gold

Oompa Loompa- Silver

Muggle Wumps- Green

Potters- Red

Weasleys- Pink

Montagues- Purple

Capulets- Blue

📝 **Stall Holders**- We still have some space for local businesses, crafters, makers and community groups to join us at our Christmas fayre. It is a fabulous opportunity to showcase your business and be part of our wonderful festive community event!

If you would like to book a stall or would like further information please contact us at astonclintonschoolassociation@gmail.com !

**Dates for diary**

26th November- Wreath Making 🎄

27th November- Non- Uniform day (chocolate donations- no nuts please! 🍫)

28th November- Christmas Fayre 🎅






✈️ **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.

## St Micheal & All Angels Church Events

**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!

## Operation Encompass




Our school is part of Operation Encompass which is a national scheme that operates jointly between schools and police forces.

Operation Encompass is the reporting to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, when a child or young person has experienced domestic abuse and other issues that may impact upon their wellbeing.

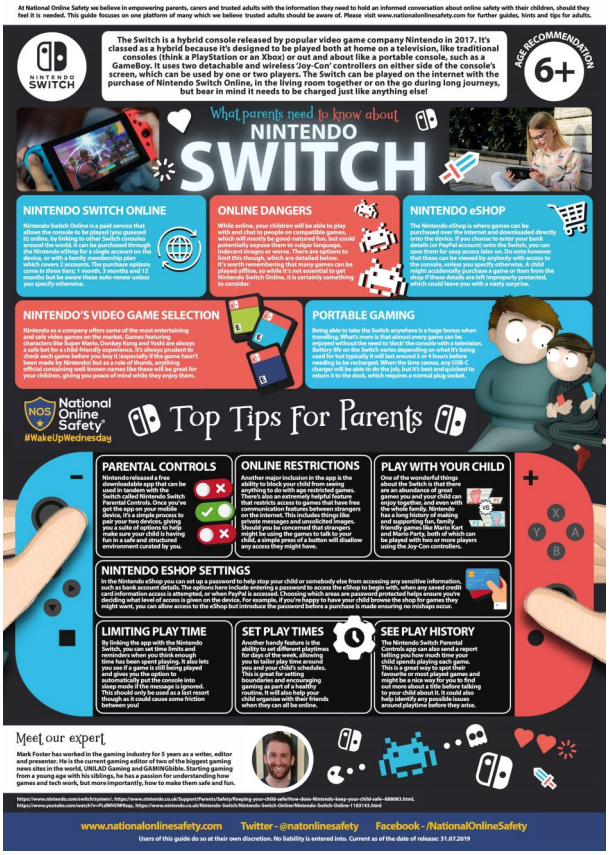
Our police force will now share details about children who are missing from home with us so that we can appropriately understand and support their needs when they return.

As a school we have ensured that a member of our staff, (Designated Safeguarding Lead) known as a Key Adult, has been trained in the Operation Encompass procedures allowing us to then use the information that has been shared, in confidence, to support the child/ren in our care.

The Domestic Abuse Act 2021 identifies children who experience domestic abuse as victims of domestic abuse in their own right.

We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

## Online Safety information




## Diary Dates 2026-2027

Monday 9th November - Year 5 FUDGE

Friday 27th November - Choir singing at Red Kite pavilion - Christmas tree lights turn on. All welcome to attend!

**Friday 4th December - INSET DAY - school closed**

Wednesday 9th December - Reception Nativity

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

Friday 18th December - Carol Concert - whole school

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

Tuesday 5th January 2027 - Back to School

Friday 22nd January 2027 - Year 2 Multi Skills

Wednesday 10th February - Choir - Young Voices

**w/c 15th  February - HALF TERM**

Tuesday 23rd February - Year 6 Oxford Science school trip

Wednesday 24th February - Year 4 FUDGE morning

Thursday 4th March - World Book Day

**Thursday 25th March - school closes 1.30pm for Easter Holidays**

Monday 12th April - Return to School - Summer Term

Friday 23rd April - Reception school trip

**Monday 3rd May - SCHOOL CLOSED BANK HOLIDAY**

Monday 10th - Thursday 13th May - Year 6 SATS

Wednesday 26th May - Year 3 trip

**w/c 31st May HALF TERM**

w/c 21st June - Year 6 Residential

Thursday 1st July - Year 1 school trip

Tuesday 6th July - Bucks Transition Day

Wednesday 7th - 9th July - Year 5 Camp Out

**TUESDAY 20TH JULY - 1.30PM SCHOOL FISISHES FOR SUMMER HOLIDAYS!**

## 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.

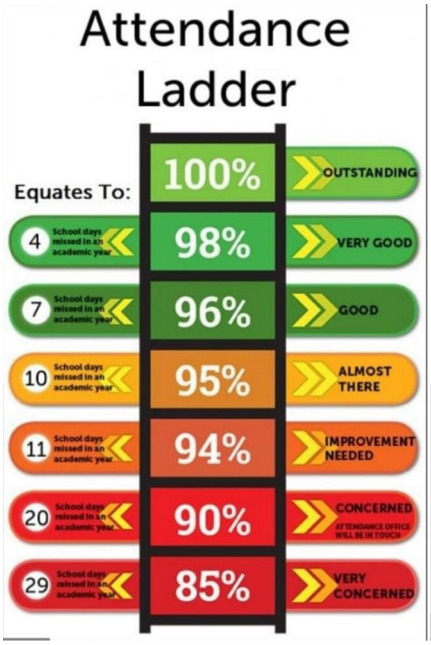
If your child needs time off school for any reason, we expect you to apply for this well in advance of the absence (form to be collected from the school office). There are very few reasons why leave of absence will be granted. We will authorise an absence for a medical appointment but only where this 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.

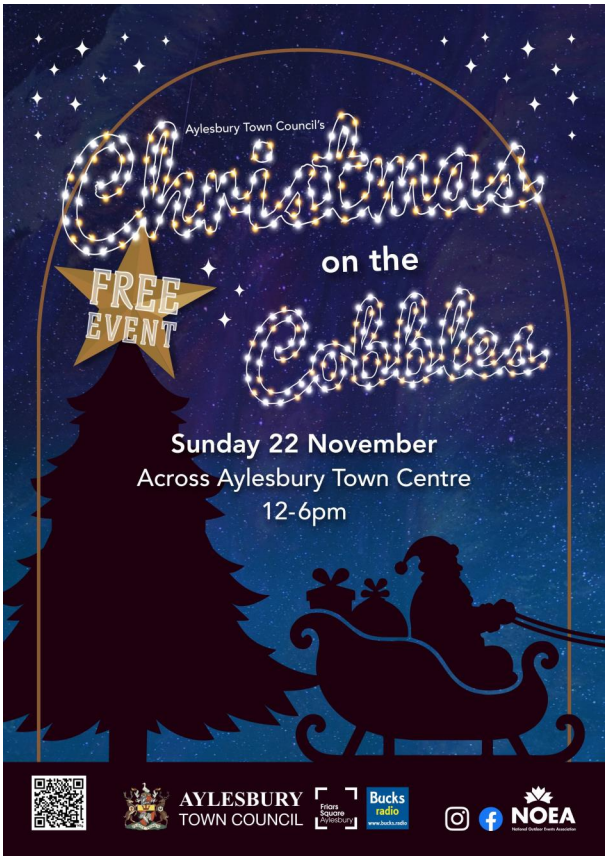
[Late/Absence procedures and DfE guidelines]

Thank you.






## Friday Flyer Adverts




## Education Places Sufficiency Strategy 2027–2032

From Buckinghamshire County Council:

We want to hear your views on our proposed **Education Places Sufficiency Strategy 2027–2032**, to help us shape the final strategy.

Buckinghamshire's education system is one of the county's greatest strengths. Our proposed strategy sets out how we will ensure that education, childcare and SEND (special educational needs and disabilities) provision continues to meet local needs, supports planned growth and provides the right places at the right time over the next five years. We would welcome feedback from schools and settings, parents and carers and children and young people.

**Please review the draft strategy and complete the consultation by 13 December. We would also be grateful if you could share the consultation with your parents and carers and wider school community and encourage them to have their say.**

**View the Education Places Sufficiency Strategy 2027–2032 consultation**

If you have any questions or require the consultation documents in a different format, please email educationconsultation@buckinghamshire.gov.uk.

Thank you for taking the time to help shape the Education Places Sufficiency Strategy for Buckinghamshire.