

CALENDAR DATES 2024

28 th OCTOBER to 1 st NOVEMBER	OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED
4 th NOVEMBER	WHOLE SCHOOL INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS
5 th NOVEMBER	FLU IMMUNISATION Details emailed 18.10.24 – please follow instructions in email
8 th NOVEMBER	GRANPARENTS AFTERNOON TEA All parents/carers informed 24.10.24
12 th NOVEMBER	YEAR 2 TRIP TO RUSHMERE PARK Details emailed 24.10.24 – please send your consent via the SchoolAPP
12 th NOVEMBER	CHARTWELLS HEALTHY EATING WORKSHOP – YEAR 1& 4 Food based activity where children will be making a ‘hungry caterpillar’!
14 th NOVEMBER 9am to 9:45am – in school 6pm to 6:45pm - virtual	PARENTS/CARERS FORUM Morning session held in the school hall & evening will be virtual Questionnaire sent home 25.10.24 – further details to follow for the forum
15 th NOVEMBER	CHILDREN IN NEED - NON UNIFORM Details to follow
15 th NOVEMBER	PTA BRING SOME CHOCOLATE DAY (FOR THE CHRISTMAS FAYRE) NON UNIFORM - Details to follow
19 th NOVEMBER	YEAR 3 ROMAN DAY Details emailed 25.10.24 – please send your consent via the SchoolAPP
21 st NOVEMBER 9:30am & 1:30pm	OPEN DAY 2 FOR NEW STARTERS SEPTEMBER 2025
22 nd NOVEMBER	PTA BRING A BOTTLE DAY (FOR THE CHRISTMAS FAYRE) NON UNIFORM Details to follow
28 th NOVEMBER	YEAR 4 EGYPTIAN DAY Details to follow
29 th NOVEMBER	PTA CHRISTMAS FAYRE & BAKE OFF COMPETITION Details to follow
5 th DECEMBER 5:00pm to 5:45pm	CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT – Join us for a communal sing and see your children’s Christmas songs YEARS 1 TO 4 only
6 th DECEMBER 10:30am	THEATRE TRIP – THE KING’S POLAR BEAR – Years 1 to 4 YEARS 1M/1P/2M Details emailed 30.9.24 – please send your consent via the SchoolAPP
6 th DECEMBER 1:15pm	THEATRE TRIP – THE KING’S POLAR BEAR – Years 1 to 4 YEARS 2O/3DR/3J Details emailed 30.9.24 – please send your consent via the SchoolAPP
10 th DECEMBER 1:15pm	THEATRE TRIP – THE KING’S POLAR BEAR – Years 1 to 4 YEARS 4G/4P Details emailed 30.9.24 – please send your consent via the SchoolAPP
12 th DECEMBER 9am & 2pm	EARLY YEARS CHRISTMAS NATIVITY Details to follow
18 th DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS DINNER & CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY – NON UNIFORM Details to follow
19 th DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS PARTY DAY – WHOLE SCHOOL Details to follow
20 th DECEMBER 12:00pm to 12:30pm	FANTASTIC FINISH! - Parents/carers invited to come and see the children’s learning then children to go home



Trick or treat!

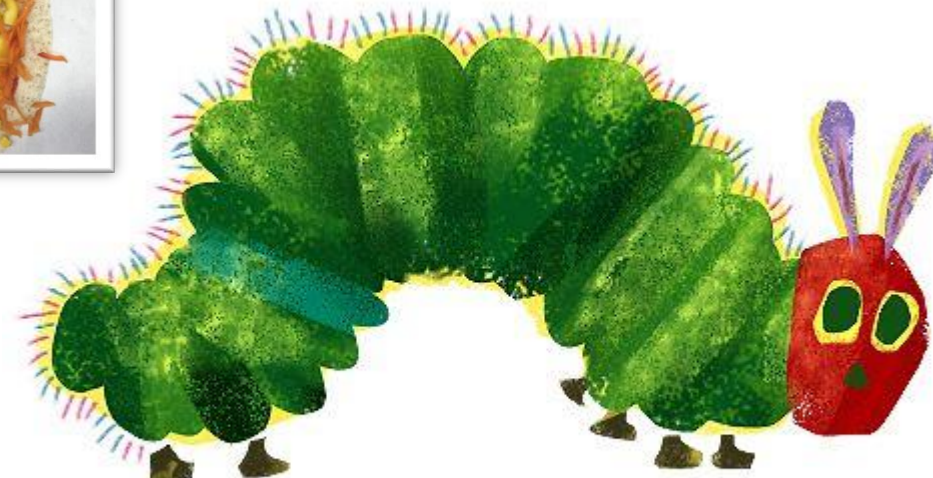
Early Years Walk

What an exciting walk Early Years had walking around Appenine Way looking at all the different houses!

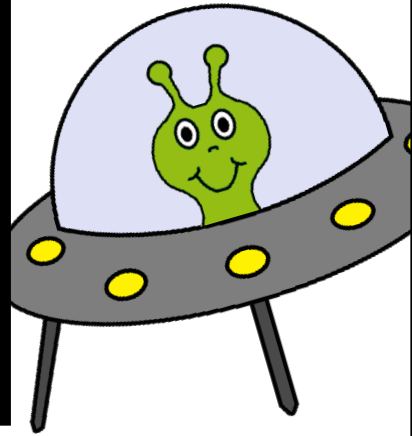


Chartwells Healthy Eating Workshop

L'or from Chartwells engaged all the children in Years 2 & 3, learning about healthy eating, eating your 5 a day and getting a balanced diet. They all made their own hungry caterpillar and we were very excited to eat them too!



Year 1P Painting their Clay Aliens!



Early Years Diwali Talk

Nakshatra's Mum kindly came into school to talk about how their family celebrates Diwali. Diwali, also known as Deepavali, is the Hindu festival of lights, with variations celebrated in other Indian religions. It symbolises the spiritual "victory of light over darkness, good over evil and knowledge over ignorance."



Challenge Champions , English & Maths Certificates will continue in the next Newsletter.



POPPY APPEAL

We are supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal this year and have a selection of poppies for your children to purchase.

- Wearing a poppy is a show of support for the service and sacrifice of our Armed Forces, veterans and their families
- The poppy has been a symbol of Remembrance for over 100 years
- The poppy is red because that's the natural colour of the poppy flower
- The red poppy directly supports the Armed Forces community
- Poppies are recyclable

Reflector: £1

Toggle Wristband: £1.50

Snap Band: £1.50

Paper Poppy: £1



If your child wishes to purchase any of the shown items, the School Council will be going to each classroom after the half term holidays (starting Tuesday 5th November) or we will be selling them from the office on pick-up only.

Please send your children in with the correct money in an envelope/purse as change cannot be given.
Many thanks.

One Week Left for Parents to Apply For a 2025 Secondary or Upper School Place

The closing date for applications to transfer to secondary and upper school 2025 is October 31st, 2024.

We recommend parents use all three preferences, and name three different schools, including their catchment or nearest school as one of these preferences.

The Council must allocate places to pupils whose parents/carers have expressed a written preference for that school, ahead of those who have not.

Any application received after the 31st of October will be deemed as late.

More information on how to apply is here: [School admissions | Central Bedfordshire Council](#)



WOBURN

Safari Park



Get Ready to Meet your Kids' Favourites this Half Term!

On **26th October**, Peppa Pig will be stopping by to greet her littlest fans in the **Safari Hangout** at intervals throughout the day.

Then, on **31st October**, it's time to celebrate Halloween with **Bluey**! She'll be here to say hello to her fans at intervals throughout the day, making it an **extra special** day of Halloween fun.

Don't miss out on these fantastic meet and greet opportunities!



Are you ready for Halloween? Woburn Safari Park sure is, and there are some **fang-tastic activities** planned for the **October half term and Halloween!**

From **26th to 31st October**, get your spookiest outfits ready for the **Fancy Dress Competition!** Head over to the **Junglies Shop** in your best Halloween costume for a chance to enter our prize draw.

Plus, during October half term the **Foot Safari** will have a **trail** and a **Halloween Hunt** for you to enjoy - complete them for a sweet treat at the end!

And, we're excited to partner with the **NSPCC** for Halloween-themed activities in the **Safari Lodge** on **31st October!**

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

SUPPORTING YOUNG PEOPLE TO BUILD EMOTIONAL RESILIENCE

With increasing societal pressures, many children struggle with managing emotions, facing challenges and processing failure in a healthy way. This is why building emotional resilience in young people is vital for their mental health and personal success. This guide provides practical strategies for parents and educators to help children develop resilience and foster confidence, adaptability and a positive mindset.

1 ENCOURAGE OPEN COMMUNICATION

Regularly engaging children in open dialogue fosters trust and emotional expression. Encourage them to share their thoughts and feelings freely without judgment. Set aside time daily, perhaps during dinner, to ask open-ended questions such as, "What's made you happy today?". This encourages children to express themselves openly.

2 MODEL POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR

Children often learn how to manage emotions by observing adults. By modelling calm and positive responses to challenges, you can teach them valuable emotional management skills. If you've had a difficult day, verbalise how you're feeling and explain how you plan to handle it, such as "I'm a bit worked-up, so I'm going for a walk to clear my mind."

3 TEACH PROBLEM SOLVING SKILLS

Helping children break down challenges into manageable steps encourages a proactive mindset. Explain that every problem has a solution, even if it's not immediately obvious. For example, if a child is stuck on homework, support them in breaking the task into smaller steps, saying things like "Let's focus on just this first question for now."

4 FOSTER A GROWTH MINDSET

Encourage young people to view mistakes as learning opportunities. A growth mindset helps them see setbacks as part of the process, rather than something to be upset about. After a child loses a game or performs poorly on a test, for example, ask them what they've learned from the experience. This reinforces the idea that effort – and even failure – leads to improvement.

5 PROMOTE SELF-CARE PRACTICES

Teaching children about self-care helps them understand the importance of balancing work with relaxation to maintain emotional wellbeing. Parents and carers could start a screen-free hour before bedtime where the family engages in relaxing activities like reading, setting an example to the child for how to unwind.

6 BUILD HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

Strong relationships with peers and adults provide a support system that enhances resilience. Encourage positive, respectful interactions to develop social skills. Playdates or group activities can be instrumental in teaching children how to resolve conflicts with friends by modelling and practicing calm communication.

7 SUPPORT EMOTIONAL AWARENESS

Helping children to identify and name their emotions allows them to manage those feelings more effectively. When a child's upset, encourage them to talk to you about what they're feeling in an empathetic and supportive manner, and ask them why they might be experiencing these emotions.

8 ENCOURAGE INDEPENDENCE

Giving children opportunities to make their own decisions boosts confidence and problem-solving skills. A good example of this would be letting children choose and pack their own lunches for school, guiding them with options but allowing them to assume responsibility for the task to help them take ownership.

9 DEVELOP COPING STRATEGIES

Teaching children techniques like mindfulness, deep breathing or journaling can help them to manage stress. Show them how to perform breathing exercises when they're feeling anxious, and practise this regularly. Reinforcing this behaviour in young people will make it easier for them to use these techniques of their own accord during stressful moments.

10 CELEBRATE SMALL WINS

Recognising effort, no matter how small, reinforces perseverance and encourages children to keep trying. After a child completes a difficult task, makes progress on a project or reaches another type of personal goal, praise their efforts. Emphasise the hard work they've put in and be sure to let them know how proud you are!

Meet Our Expert

Adam Gillett is Associate Vice Principal for Personal Development at Penistone Grammar School and works on secondment one day a week for Minds Ahead, which works with schools on improving their mental health provisions.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

Fantasia Events

allevents.fantasia@gmail.com

Free Entry

Come and support your local farmers and
craft Market

Support
Local

FARMERS AND CRAFT MARKET FAMILY FUN DAY

Sunday 27th October



11am to 3pm



Weston Turville Village Hall

40a Main Street, Weston Turville, Aylesbury,
HP22 5RW

Hold an owl experience

Biscuit Decorating

Slime Making

Sand Art Marking

Games

Tombola

Wellbeing market

Fresh cakes

Fresh Bread

Local honey

Craft Market

Pop up cafe

Much more..





Wishing you all
a lovely
half term!

REMINDERS

Start & Finish Times for September 2024 – July 2025

Year	Start time	Finish time
Years 3 & 4	8.40am	3.00pm
Years 1 & 2	8.40am	3.00pm
Reception	8.40am	3.00pm

PLEASE FOLLOW THE WAY SYSTEM AROUND THE SCHOOL, EVEN IF THIS MEANS YOU WALKING BACK AROUND THE BUILDING FOR A 2ND LAP.



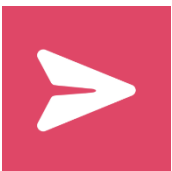
Change of contact details/address

If you have changed your address or phone number recently, please let the school office know your new details. Thank you.



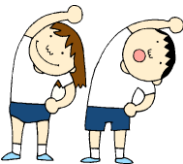
Absences/lateness

Can all parents ensure that all absences are reported to the School Office by 9.30am on the day of absence. It is also very important for the school to know if your child is sick, or if they have a medical appointment. If your child arrives into school late (after 8.45am), Parents are asked to please bring their child to the school office.



School App

We now have a new school app. It is available to download free from the App Store on any mobile device. Search for '**reach more parents by weduc**'. Please be sure to download the app onto your phone as it will be our main method of communicating via text with Parents.



PE Kit

September 2024 – Please can all children bring in their PE kits at the beginning of the week so they can change into them during school time on their nominated days.



School Lunches

Ordering and paying for school lunches is now done on www.parentpay.com. Parents should have received letters that features login details. Please order all school lunches by Thursday for the following week. If you have any queries, please call 01908 615705.

Beaudesert has a strict 'No Nuts' policy, and we ask parents to not send in food items such as peanut butter, cakes or biscuits that may contain nuts!



Breakfast Club and After School Club

Advance bookings for **both the Breakfast club and After School Club** need to be made online at <https://www.kidzzoneclub.com/>. For same day bookings please can parents email hello@kidzzoneclub.com or call their office on 01525 591036 (between 9am and 3pm). Please note a parent/guardian must complete a 'Kidz Zone' child registration form either online via the website or with a member of the Kidz Zone team for the booking to be accepted – this information is required to meet Ofsted regulations.



Bikes and Scooters

Please can everyone remember to dismount bikes and scooters whilst on the school grounds, as accidents can occur on pathways at busy times.



Car Parking

Just a reminder for some parents when parking outside of the School that it is very important to park as considerately as possible. Parents and carers dropping their children off at school should not be parking on pavements. Car number plates may be reported to the Police if this continues to happen. Can parents also remember that parking in the Staff car park or the Kitchen car park is also not permitted. Thank you.