



# Newsletter

FRIDAY 17TH OCTOBER 2025

Dear Families,

We are approaching the end of what has been a wonderful half term; the children have been making brilliant progress in their learning and our classrooms are looking wonderful.

There is lots to look forward to next half term! Our EYFS and KS1 Nativity performances will take place on Wednesday 10th December at 9.30am and Thursday 11th December at 2pm. KS2 will be presenting their own Carol Concert – the date and information for this will be confirmed soon. We'll also be supporting the NSPCC with our Christmas Jumper Day and enjoying a festive Christmas dinner together as a school community.

Next half term, we will be welcoming two staff members to school: Mr Tse, who will be working as our Premises Assistant during the school day. Mr Avent will continue to be supporting in the mornings and after school. We are also welcoming Miss Reid, who is joining our admin team with Mrs Smith in the office.

A couple of reminders: please ensure your child brings a coat to school each day as the weather becomes colder, and PE kits should be kept in school for the whole week as PE slots can occasionally change. Children should arrive at school in their usual uniform, not their PE kit.

A reminder that school finishes at the usual time (3.20pm) on **Friday 24th October**, and we look forward to welcoming the children back on **Tuesday 4th November**.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Miss Mortlock



# Volunteer

We are seeking a motivated and enthusiastic **Volunteer Teaching Assistant** to join our team. This placement is perfect for college students who want to gain hands-on experience in an educational setting, as well as for those who are considering a career in teaching. Whether you are working towards your qualification or preparing for a PGCE or teacher training route, this opportunity will give you valuable classroom experience, help you develop key skills, and strengthen future applications — an ideal step onto the teaching ladder.

<https://mynewterm.com/jobs/117290/EDV-2025-HPS-5334>



# Parent Portal

We're encouraging all parents to sign up to our **Arbor Parent Portal**. The portal allows you to check and update your emergency contact details, as well as purchase meals, milk, and school trips quickly and easily. So far, 76% of parents have registered — thank you! If you haven't yet signed up, please do so as soon as possible to make sure you don't miss out on important updates and opportunities. We recently sent an email with instructions on how to register, but if you need any support, please contact the school office.



## Log in

Log in

Remember me

[Forgot your password?](#)



# Online Safety

Thank you to those parents who have spoken with their children about being safe online. We are still receiving a number of reports about children being unkind to each other online, particularly via WhatsApp, snapchat and on games consoles.

Please ensure that you are checking your children's devices and that they are using them in a shared space with adult supervision.

**BE SMART ONLINE**

**S SAFE** Keep your personal information safe. When chatting or posting online don't give away things like your full name, password or home address. Remember personal information can be seen in images and videos you share too. Keep them safe to keep yourself safe.

**M MEET** Meeting up with someone you only know online, even a friend of a friend, can be dangerous as this person is still a stranger. If someone you only know online ever asks you to meet up, for personal information – or for photos/videos of you then tell an adult straight away and report them together on [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

**A ACCEPTING** Think carefully before you click on or open something online (e.g. links, adverts, friend requests, photos) as you never know where they may lead to or they may contain viruses. Do not accept something if you are unsure of who the person is or what they've sent you.

**R RELIABLE** You cannot trust everything you see online as some things can be out of date, inaccurate or not entirely true. To find reliable information compare at least three different websites, check in books and talk to someone about what you have found.

**T TELL** Tell a trusted adult if something or someone ever makes you feel upset, worried or confused. This could be if you or someone you know is being bullied online. There are lots of people who will be able to help you like your teachers, parents, carers or contact Childline – 0800 11 11 or [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)

**BE SMART WITH A HEART**  
Remember to always be smart with a heart by being kind and respectful to others online. Make the internet a better place by helping your friends if they are worried or upset by anything that happens online.

[WWW.CHILDNET.COM](http://WWW.CHILDNET.COM)



# Medical

We are updating our records for children who may need emergency medication, such as asthma inhalers or auto-injectors. If your child requires this medication and you have not yet completed an **Allergy Form** or **Asthma Questionnaire**, please speak to the school office so we can get this arranged. Keeping medical information accurate is a vital part of safeguarding and helps us ensure your child's safety and wellbeing.



# HALF TERM HALLOWEEN COSTUME COMPETITION

Wear your spookiest Halloween costume to The Brickery this half term on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> or Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October for a chance to win a spooky LEGO® prize!

Book your table now!

[thebrickerycafe.co.uk](http://thebrickerycafe.co.uk)



Chess is more than just a game...



Anyone from Year 2 to Year 6 is welcome!

Only £7 per session!

### INCLUSIVE and SOCIAL

Chess transcends all ages, backgrounds, abilities and languages. It's a safe, welcoming space for anyone to shine, no matter who you are.



### Sharpens FOCUS and EMOTIONAL STRENGTH

Learn to win with humility and lose with dignity, whilst understanding the power of staying calm and resisting distractions.

### Builds BRAINPOWER

Develop your critical thinking, strategic planning and problem-solving skills. Learn to think ahead, adapt when plans change, and make smart decisions under pressure... skills for life!



### BOOSTS Academic Performance

Studies show playing chess regularly, boosts performance in maths, reading comprehension and standardised testing!



Weekly TROPHIES and badges for PLAYER OF THE WEEK



Earn POINTS every game and LEVEL UP from a pawn, collecting special keyring pieces and certificates along the way, until you're a KING/QUEEN!



Termly TOURNAMENTS with certificates, and ENGRAVED MEDALS & TROPHIES to keep on your shelf!



SIGN UP HERE:

<https://forms.gle/EM813nSJ17gUHi4A>



Contact ZAHRA JAUFARALLY for more info!

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## Premier Camps Near You

### Multi Activity Camps

27<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025

Bushey Heath Primary School - 9am - 3.30pm

Hillside Infant School - 9am - 3pm

Our 5\* Holiday Camps are the perfect place to keep your children entertained over the half term holidays.

Our camps are a fantastic place for children to meet new friends, have lots of fun, and create wonderful memories!

Every day is different, with a mix of fun activities that children may not have tried before - from nerf wars to dodgeball, inflatable fun to water activities!

**Book now for a half term full of fun!**

PLEASE BRING

Pack lunch

Plenty of water

Suitable clothing

Loads of energy!



Book today  
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# PREMIER HOLIDAY CLUBS

MORE fun, MORE friendships, MORE smiles during the OCTOBER HALF-TERM!

# October Half Term

25 October - 2 November 2025

This October Half Term, join us for spooky science experiments, make your own modroc mummy, get creative with autumn art, and enjoy trick or treat fun! Plus discover our NEW 'I Grew Up 90s' exhibition opening for October Half Term.

Discover more at [discoverbucksmuseum.org](http://discoverbucksmuseum.org) or scan the QR code



SCAN ME



## Spooky Science

Monday 27 & Tuesday 28 October

Join us for some spooky science: make a bubbling witches brew, create ogre slime and more! 60 minute workshop. Timed slots available. Suitable for ages 5-11

## Modroc Mummies

Wednesday 29 October

Learn how to make your very own Egyptian mummy to take home! 60 minute workshop. Timed slots available. Suitable for ages 5-11

## Let's Get Creative: Autumn Art

Thursday 30 October

Experiment with clay and paint to create a piece of art to take home! 10am - 3pm, drop in. Suitable for ages 3-11

## Trick or Treat

Friday 31 October

Trick or Treat in one of the oldest buildings in Aylesbury this Halloween! Timed slots. Suitable for ages 3-11

## Creepy Doll Hunt

Friday 31 October

Visit the museum after dark this Halloween for our very first Creepy Doll Hunt: explore one of the oldest buildings in Aylesbury by torchlight and discover the haunted dolls hidden throughout the museum. From 6pm, timed slots. Suitable for ages 10+

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](http://discoverbucksmuseum.org)

Enjoy our spooky Trail  
 on everyday 25 October -  
 2 November



I Grew Up 90s  
 25 October 2025 - 22 February 2026

Take a trip back to the decade that defined a generation! Step into the 1990s with over 200 iconic objects and artworks celebrating the toys, films, TV, music, games and fashion that made the decade unforgettable.

Discover Bucks Museum  
 Aylesbury HP20 2QP  
[discoverbucksmuseum.org](http://discoverbucksmuseum.org)



Opens for  
 October  
 Half Term!



# Essex Fire Museum Halloween Open Day

2025



26th and 28th Of October  
 10:30AM To 4:00PM

Fire Station, Hogg Lane, Grays  
 RM17 5QS



**Book Now**  
 Free Entry



[Museum@essex-fire.gov.uk](mailto:Museum@essex-fire.gov.uk)

## Key Upcoming Dates for Y7 Entry Sept 2026

[Click here to Register online](#)



Key Event/Deadline	Date
Y7 Entry September 2026 Applications & Scholarships deadline	Friday, 17th October
Y7 Entry September 2026 Assessment Week	w/c 17th November
Y7 Entry September 2026 Scholarship Assessment Week	w/c 24th November
Y7 Entry September 2026 places offered	Monday, 1st December
Y7 Entry September 2026 Scholarship offers	Friday, 12th December
Acceptance deadline	Tuesday, 3rd March
We warmly invite current Y6 pupils to enjoy the following taster events:	<b>The booking system for these events is open</b>
<a href="#">The Mystery of the Missing Treasure</a>	Saturday, 8th November
<a href="#">A classic 'Who Dunnit?'</a>	Sunday, 16th November
<a href="#">A Taste of Italy</a>	Saturday, 22nd November
<a href="#">The Great Christmas Creation Challenge</a>	Saturday, 29th November

[admissions@rmsforgirls.com](mailto:admissions@rmsforgirls.com)

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