

A message from the Headteacher

A huge thank you to all of our parents and carers who joined us for the 'class in action' this week. We love welcoming you into school and having the opportunity to share the fantastic things our children are doing every day.

Thank you also for your continued support with our uniform expectations, the children are looking incredibly smart and taking real pride in their school!



Miss Hayes



Attendance

Our whole school attendance for this week is **95.3%**



The class with the best attendance this week is **"Buzzards and Muntjacs"**



Headteacher's Award

Honeybees - **Ayla**
 Bumblebees - **Garcie**
 Butterflies - **Joshua**
 Dragonflies - **Frankie**
 Hedgehogs - **Ava**
 Squirrels - **Anaya**
 Rabbits- **Ashley**
 Badgers - **Lucas**
 Foxes - **Aaliyah-Jae**
 Otters - **Logan**
 Roes - **Elvis**
 Muntjacs - **Haaniya**
 Buzzards - **Vehant**
 Owls - **Anna-leigh**

A message from our Head Girl & Head Boy:

This week has been a great week, with everyone now settling into their new classes. It has been wonderful to see some amazing learning taking place, and we have also had the pleasure of welcoming several families for tours of our school. Thank you!

Iliyah & Vehant



Key Dates for 2026-2027

Parent's Evenings:

10/11/2026 4:00 to 6:00 pm
12/11/2026 4:00 to 6:00 pm
16/03/2027 4:00 to 6:00pm
18/03/2027 4:00 to 6:00 pm

Sports Days:

16/06/2026 Key stage 2
17/06/2026 Key stage 1
18/06/2026 EYFS

Year Group Assemblies:

11/11/2026 Year 5

Year 3 & 4 Assembly

17/03/2027 Foxes
18/03/2027 Badgers
19/03/2027 Otters

Year 1 & 2 Assembly

22/06/2027 Rabbits
23/06/2027 Squirrels
24/06/2027 Hedgehogs

20/07/2027 Year 6 leavers assembly

Christmas Performance

02/12/2026 Nursery & Pre- school
04/12/2026 Reception
07/12/2026 Year 1
08/12/2026 Year 2
09/12/2026 Year 3
11/12/2026 Year 4
14/12/2026 Year 5
15/12/2026 Year 6

Key Dates: Autumn term 1

<u>Date</u>	<u>Year group</u>	<u>Events and Trips</u>
06/10/2026	Year 5	Reading breakfast at 8:40 to 9:10 am
07/10/2026	All parents	Inclusion Lead coffee morning 8.40-9.20am
12/10/2026	Everyone	Open Day at 9:30 am to 12:30pm
13/10/2026	Year 1 & 2	Reading breakfast at 8:40 to 9:10 am
21/10/2026	All year groups	Halloween Disco

Information about what each event looks like can now be found on the 'what's happening next week page'!

Please note: we try our best to keep dates the same, but sometimes a new date might be added or there may be a change in date!

- Letters Sent from School
- None
- Letters Sent this Week from External Providers
- Halloween letter from PTA
- Height and weight measurement email to Reception and Year 6 parents
- Messages Sent this Week
- None



CLUBS

We are so pleased to see how excited everyone is about our new extra-curricular clubs! Thank you for your patience as we have got them up and running. As it's something new for us, we had a couple of initial hiccups, but we really appreciate everyone's understanding.

Following parent suggestion, we would also love to welcome parents/carers to get involved! If you would like to attend and support your child's club, simply let the teacher running the club know and sign in at the school office when you arrive.

We love having our families in school and involved in school life, so we would be delighted to have you join us!



Keep an eye out for our new road safety signs at the front of school! Our new child-shaped signs are a friendly reminder to drivers to reduce their speed, be mindful where parking and help keep our children and families safe at drop-off and pick-up times.

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Celebrating every moment. Protecting every child.
Adapting how we share, in response to evolving AI safeguarding concerns.

- HANDS ON CONTENT**
Learning, exploring and creating without showing faces.
- BACKS OF HEADS**
We can still show the moments that matter.
- SIDE FACING PHOTOS (WITH PERMISSION)**
Only when we have consent from parents/carers. No front facing photos.

SOCIALS

THANK YOU for all of the follows and likes on our new instagram!!!

You can now also follow us on TikTok!



@sca_dunstable

What's Been Happening at School this Week?

Nursery & Preschool

Honeybees

Bumblebees



This week in our Nursery and pre-school, our children had another exciting week. They enjoyed singing nursery rhymes such as Five Little Ducks, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Once I Caught a Fish Alive and Humpty Dumpty. We practiced counting to 5 through songs and sensory play.

We made cosy owl nests using natural materials and talked about how birds make their homes. We also enjoyed reading Owl Babies story, learning the key vocabulary, sequencing and role playing the story, playdough, water play and exploring different textures.

Next week, we will read Rainbow Fish story, practise solving real-world maths problems up to 5 and sing Miss Polly Had a Dolly. We will also enjoy My Favourite Rhyme artwork and doctor role play.

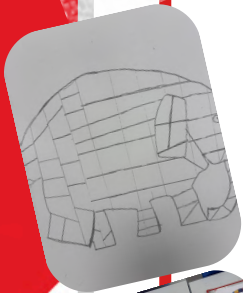
Home Learning: Sing a favourite nursery rhyme together and practise counting everyday objects up to 5. You could also enjoy a simple doctor role-play game at home. Most importantly, have fun learning through play!

Reception

Butterflies

Dragonflies

This week in Reception we have continued our story 'Elmer' which the children have really enjoyed. The children made their own Elmers, labelled body parts on Elmers and discussed how Elmer and the other elephants were feeling at different point of the story. We began our music lessons on a Wednesday afternoon and Miss Lawson's enthusiasm was infectious, we are really lucky as a school to have such amazing outside experts coming to our school. In Understanding the World, we continued to learn "All about me" with naming and labelling body parts: the children surprised us with their knowledge! In Math's we continued to consolidate our numbers to ten and made lots of AB patterns. In Phonics we learned the sounds i, n, m and d and practised the correct formation of these letters. We also began our cricket lessons last Friday with coach Mosin and this week we had PE with Mr Lacey on Thursday too. What a very busy week.



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Year 1&2



Thank you to all of the parents and carers who attended the Year 1 and 2 'Class In Action' sessions this week. It was a very valuable experience for pupils and parents alike.

This week in English, we have begun to draft our stories linked to 'Where the Wild Things Are' using story mapping and creating word banks. In Maths, we have been learning about place value and partitioning of numbers. The children are thoroughly enjoying French lessons where we have been learning greetings and body parts and have practised shading techniques in Art.

Oracy challenge: Ask your child if they can name three verbs or explain what a verb is.



Year 3&4

Year 3/4 have had a busy and exciting week! This week, we started our new times tables timetable. We are beginning with the 2, 5 and 10 times tables, and the children will work their way up to the next level once they achieve 60/60. We are encouraging everyone to practise regularly and challenge themselves to improve their fluency and confidence.

On Wednesday, we took our Maths learning outside, which the children really enjoyed! It was a great opportunity to learn in a different environment and make our Maths lessons a little more exciting.

We have also started rehearsing the songs for our upcoming play. The children have been enjoying learning the songs and practising together, and it has been lovely to see their enthusiasm growing as we prepare for our performance. We can't wait to see how they progress over the coming weeks!





Year 5

Year 5 have had another busy and exciting week of learning! In English, we have been exploring the emotions and feelings of the protagonist in *The Arrival*. The children have looked closely at the illustrations and used clues such as facial expressions, body language, colour and scale to make thoughtful inferences about how the character is feeling.

Our Science topic this half term is Earth and Space. The children created their own models of the Solar System and researched a planet of their choice, discovering some fascinating facts along the way. We had a blast celebrating European Day of Languages! Roes class had fun learning Spanish, while Muntjacs class explored French. We took part in a range of fun activities and practised speaking our new language. It was lovely to see the children getting involved, having a go and enjoying the experience!

Well done, Year 5, for another fantastic week. Keep up the brilliant work!



Year 6

Year 6 have had another busy week this week.

We have come to the end of our first unit of English and Maths work. These two units have focused on the first steps needed to continue to build a strong foundation for year 6. The children have worked very hard and are ready for the next units.

On Tuesday, children had a lovely morning exploring new and different books whilst enjoying some toast. Thank you to the parents who attended our reading breakfast. Working together really supports your child's learning.

Mr Dodson came and introduced Samba Music to our year 6s this week. They all enjoyed playing the instruments and creating some wonderful music! We are looking forward to the end product of the project!

Have a wonderful weekend.





Other Activities at SCA

Baby and toddler group



What a wonderful session we had this week! It was lovely to welcome so many children and see them having fun, enjoying playtime and interacting with each other. The children also enjoyed their healthy snacks, singing time and a special visit from Torran, our school dog, at the end of the session!

We look forward to seeing everyone again next Thursday.



Year 1 to 6 are off to the panto
18th December!

"Oh no we're not,
oh yes we are!"

We hope you enjoy sharing this
surprise with your children 😊

Letter available via bromcom
and booking via magic bookings.

Class in Action

A huge thank you to everyone that joined us for the class in action sessions. It was wonderful to welcome so many of you into our school and give you a small glimpse into the school day and the fantastic learning that takes place in our classrooms everyday. Having our families in school and involved in their children's learning is incredibly important to us, and we hope to continue creating more opportunities like this throughout the year.

Year 5 & 6 - we will be organising these for you soon!



Parent Feedback

Thank you to everyone for completing our parent feedback. This is incredibly important to us so we know what is working well and where we can continue to improve. We are pleased to share some feedback from the events this week:

75% rated it excellent! **25%** rated it good!

What did you find most useful or enjoy most?

"Really nice to watch and listen to ideas children shared"



"Great to see the work on joining years in practice"

"Children having fun in lessons"



"Loved the lesson! Loved seeing all the children's ideas!"

How calm, focused and happy the children seem.



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What's Happening at School

next week?

Monday – British Sign language at 8:10 TO 8:30 am (KS2) ★
Debate Club at 3:30 to 4:00 pm KS2 ★

Tuesday – School Nursing Team at 8:15 am ★
The School Nursing Team will be visiting our school to offer parents advice and support regarding their children's health and wellbeing and to answer any questions or concerns they may have.

Year 3/ 4 Reading Breakfast at 8:40 to 9:00am ★

Follow your child into the classroom and share a book with them whilst enjoying breakfast together.

Wednesday – See the class in action (Year 3/ 4 Otters/ Foxes) ★

Parents of Otters & Foxes are invited to enter school via the office for tea and coffee in the hall, before visiting the classroom to see the mixed-age class in action and experience how the children learn.

Creating & making club at 3:30 to 4:00 pm KS1-2 ★

Choir 3:30 to 4:00pm KS2 ★

Thursday –

Friday – Drama club at 3:30 to 4:00 pm KS1-2 ★
Creative writing at 3:30 to 4:00pm KS1-2 ★

★ parent/carers invited to attend.

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YOU'RE INVITED TO A

Coffee Morning

to

Meet the Inclusion Lead

Mrs McCloskey

Come along for a relaxed coffee morning to meet and chat with our Inclusion Lead, Mrs McCloskey. Miss Hayes and Thomas Rowell (Director of SEND at BEST) will also be available to answer your questions.

When:
Wednesday 7th October

Time:
8.40am until 9.20am

All are welcome!



SCA **DONATIONS NEEDED** I ♥ BOOKS

WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT
We are in need of soft dog toy donations for our reading area. This is our quiet reading space near the hall and over the years many of our books and soft toy 'reading dogs' have gone walkies!

ITEMS NEEDED:

- Soft toys - dogs
- large board books
- Board puzzles (dog themed)
- Childrens books with a dog story or theme
- Childrens books with a 'feelings theme'
- Childrens books with a 'friendship' theme



SCA JOIN OUR SPOOKTACULAR

PUMPKIN

DECORATING CONTEST

CALLING ALL GHOSTS, GOBLINS, AND GHOULS—SHOW OFF YOUR WICKED DECORATING SKILLS AND WIN AN AMAZING PRIZE!

HOW TO ENTER:

- DECORATE A PUMPKIN AND BRING INTO SCHOOL THE WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 19TH OCTOBER
- ENTRIES COST £1

WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON FRIDAY 23RD OCTOBER



SCA **BABY & TODDLER GROUP**

A fun, friendly group for babies, toddlers, parents, grandparents and carers.

WHEN & WHERE

EVERY THURSDAY
Starting from 17 Sep 2026 (Term time only)

9:00am - 10:30am

AT ST CHRISTOPHERS ACADEMY

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WHAT WE OFFER

- Toys and free play
- Crafts and creative activities
- Songs and rhyme time
- Story time
- Snacks for children

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FOR INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:
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ENTRY FOR Y1 - Y6 £4

ENTRY FOR NURSERY, PRESCHOOL & RECEPTION: £3

HALLOWEEN DISCO

GET YOUR COSTUMES ON & GET READY TO DANCE!

WEDNESDAY 21ST OCTOBER

TRICK OR TREAT

SWEET BAGS INCLUDED

SPOOKY TUNES FROM DJ CRAIG
- PERFECT PERSONALISED PARTIES -

NURSERY, PRESCHOOL & RECEPTION - 2:00-2:30PM
Y1, Y2 & Y3 - 2:30-3:30PM
Y4, Y5, Y6 - 3:30-4:30PM

SPOOKTACULAR TUNES **FANCY DRESS ENCOURAGED!** **TREATS & GOOD TIMES!**

NON-UNIFORM PRICE INCLUDED DRESS AS SCARY AS YOU WANT

FoSCA PRESENTS OUR HALLOWEEN DISCO

Dear Parent/Carer, FoSCA (Friends of St Christopher's Academy) are excited to invite your child to our Halloween Disco!

Get ready for a spooktacular time filled with music, dancing and Halloween fun! The price includes a free bag of sweets for every child at the end!

DATE: Wednesday 21st October 2026
LOCATION: School
INCLUDES: A FREE BAG OF SWEETS!

DISCO TIMES & PRICES

NURSERY, PRESCHOOL & RECEPTION 2:00pm - 2:30pm £3 per child	YEAR 1 - YEAR 3 2:30pm - 3:30pm £4 per child	YEAR 4 - YEAR 6 3:30pm - 4:30pm £4 per child
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EARLY YEARS PARENTS WELCOME!
Nursery, Preschool and Reception students are very welcome to attend the disco, regardless of whether your child normally attends that day. Parents of early years children can join them should you wish.

TUC / MERCH SHOP
(Year 1 - Year 6 only)
A selection of treats, glow items and FoSCA merch will be available to purchase. Items range from 50p to £4. (Not available for Nursery, Preschool or Reception.)

ESCORTED BY TEACHERS
All students will be escorted to and from the disco by their teachers.

PAYMENT DEADLINE
All permissions and payments must be received by **Tuesday 20th October 2026.**

We can't wait to see all your little ghouls and ghosts on the dance floor!
Thank you for supporting FoSCA!

HALLOWEEN DISCO - PERMISSION SLIP

Child's Name: _____
Class / Year Group: _____

☐ I give permission for my child to attend the FoSCA Halloween Disco.
☐ I enclose payment of: (please tick)
☐ £3 - Nursery, Preschool & Reception
☐ £4 - Year 1 - Year 3
☐ £4 - Year 4 - Year 6

PHOTO PERMISSION
☐ YES - I give permission for photographs of my child to be taken and used by FoSCA on social media and other promotional materials.
☐ NO - I do not give permission for photographs of my child to be used.

YEAR 5 & YEAR 6 ONLY
☐ I give permission for my child to leave / walk home from school alone after the disco.
☐ YES ☐ NO

Parent/Carer Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

PAYMENT OPTIONS

CASH PAYMENT
Please return this slip with cash payment in a sealed envelope marked "Halloween Disco".

BANK TRANSFER
You can pay by bank transfer using the details below.

FoSCA BANKING DETAILS
Account Number: 64624362
Sort Code: 30-99-50
Please use your child's name, year, and event as reference when paying online. We realise you can't fit a lot, please see below an example: Ophelia.D Y1 HD

DANCE + BE SPOOKY + HAVE FUN!

KidsinAction

Arts & Crafts Fun!

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with String, Wool & Glue!

Saturday 26th September!

At Kids in Action Youth Club!

10am-3pm

Get Creative with Strings, Wool & Lots of Glue!

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CAMP TIMES
9.00 am – 3.00 pm
(Unless stated otherwise)

PRICING (PER CHILD) – SIBLING & TEAM MATE DISCOUNT APPLIED

1 DAY	2 DAYS	3 DAYS	4 DAYS	5 DAYS
£20.00	£40.00	£55.00	£70.00	£85.00

Sibling discount applied per day £10.00 | Team mate discount available per day £10.00

FLITWICK – FLITWICK LOWER SCHOOL	BEDFORD – HAZELDEN SCHOOL
FOOTBALL & MULTI SPORTS CAMPS Monday 26th to Friday 30th October Reception to Year 5 Early arrival and late collection available 8.00 am – 4.00 pm (Course 9.00 am – 3.00 pm) Flitwick Lower School	FOOTBALL CAMP Monday 26th to Wednesday 28th October Reception to Year 6 Hazeldean School, Bedford
AMPHILL – ALAMEDA MIDDLE SCHOOL ADVANCED FOOTBALL CAMP Years 5 to 9 Thursday 26th and Friday 27th October 9.00 am – 3.00 pm Alameda Middle School, Ampthill	SHILLINGTON – SHILLINGTON LOWER SCHOOL FOOTBALL & MULTI SPORTS CAMPS Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th October Reception to Year 6 9.00 am – 3.00 pm Shillington Lower School
DUNSTABLE – LANCOT SCHOOL FOOTBALL CAMP Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th October Reception to Year 6 9.00 am – 3.00 pm Lancot School, Dunstable	ARLESEY – ARLESEY TOWN FC FOOTBALL CAMP Thursday 26th and Friday 27th October Reception to Year 6 9.00 am – 3.00 pm Arlesey Town FC

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Prospective Year 5 & Year 7 Open Evening
Thursday 1 October 2026

Doors open at 4.45pm and there will be two presentations in Fulbrook School's Drama Studio by Headteacher, Samantha Cherry at 5.00pm & 6.00pm.
Group tours can be booked the following week, Monday 5 October – Thursday 8 October, 9.00am – 10.30am. These tours must be booked in advance by contacting Reception on 01908 562022 or by email office@fulbrook.school.
Key information can be found in the school's prospectus and in the Welcome Pack on Fulbrook's website.
The closing date for Year 7 applications is 31 October 2026 and for Year 5 applications is 15 January 2027.

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