

Weekly News – 12th June 2026

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE: Year 11 and 13 are closing in fast on the end of their exams, which will for the majority be finished by next Monday. We continue to be impressed by the mature and committed approach they have taken to them. Once completed we will then embark on the Year 10 mocks, followed by assessments for Years 7-9, so this remains a busy, learning half term. With the current rain it seems odd for an item about water safety to appear below, but the forecast says we are due further sun and we wish all our students to remain safe if approaching open water, so please do take a look. Please also see the information regarding attendance at the end of this letter.

WEEKLY DIARY - Please click [here](#) for the diary for the week commencing 15th June.

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS After school and lunchtime clubs for next half term are available to book now on [SchoolCloud](#). For safeguarding reasons, it is important that students are signed up to the clubs on the system in advance; however, if your child is unable to attend a session you have booked, please cancel it to allow others to attend.

GCSE and A-Level TIMETABLE Please check the timetable [here](#) for GCSE and A-level exams.

YEAR 11 As our students approach the end of their GCSES, we would like to ask for any donations of school uniform or equipment that are no longer needed.

We would be very grateful for donations of items such as:

- School blazers and ties
- PE kits
- Football boots
- Calculators
- Revision guides
- Any other suitable school uniform or equipment

A collection box will be available outside the exam hall for students to leave any donated ties or blazers. Other items can be left with Reception. Your support would be greatly appreciated and will help other students in our school community. Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity.

PARENT / CARER SURVEY As part of our commitment to working in partnership with parents/carers, we would be grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete our short survey which can be found [here](#). Your feedback is extremely valuable and helps identify the areas in which we are doing well but also where we can make improvements. Thank you for your time and support.

CLASSROOM TO CAREERS Please find the latest Classroom to Careers newsletter from Bucks Skills Hub [here](#).

PARENTS' GUIDE TO UNIVERSITY - A Parents' Guide to University 2026 [here](#) has been produced by UniTasterDays to help parents and carers support their young people to make an informed choice about university which you may find useful.

THANK A TEACHER DAY is on Wednesday 17th June. If you would like to show your appreciation of any of our staff, you can do so by sending a free e-card through this website <https://thankateacher.co.uk/thankateacherday/>

WATER SAFETY ADVICE

Stay safe near rivers, lakes, canals and open water this summer.



Spending time near water can be fun, especially in warm weather, but open water can be dangerous even if you are a strong swimmer. Rivers, lakes, canals, quarries and reservoirs can be much colder than they look, with hidden hazards and strong currents.

Do not jump, dive or swim in open water unless it is a supervised, designated place.

- Never go near water alone - stay with friends and make sure someone knows where you are.

Be aware that cold water shock can affect anyone, even strong swimmers, and can make it hard to breathe or move.

Rivers, canals and lakes may have hidden dangers under the surface such as rocks, rubbish, weeds, fishing line or sudden drops.

Do not take risks to impress others, including dares, bridge jumps or entering the water for social media content.

- If you fall in, try to stay calm, float on your back, keep your airway clear and control your breathing.

If you see someone in trouble, call 999, shout for help, and throw something that floats. Do not go in after them.

If possible, choose supervised swimming venues or pools instead of unsupervised open water.

Remember: Enjoy the good weather, look out for your friends, and stay safe around water.

IN AN EMERGENCY CALL 999 AND ASK FOR THE FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

Is my child too ill for school?

Does your child have a high temperature (38°C or more)?

YES Keep them off school until it goes away.

NO Follow the guidance below.

Your child can usually go to school with a mild cough or cold if they are otherwise well. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day and give them the reason.

Should go in	Should go in (let the school know)	Seek treatment before returning to school	Keep them off (at first)
<p>A cough, cold or sore throat</p> <p>Fine with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature.</p> <p>Threadworms</p> <p>Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.</p>	<p>Cold sores</p> <p>Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.</p> <p>Conjunctivitis</p> <p>Fine unless they are feeling very unwell. Seek advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.</p> <p>Head lice & nits</p> <p>You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP.</p> <p>Hand, foot & mouth disease</p> <p>If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.</p> <p>Slapped cheek syndrome</p> <p>Once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. Let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.</p>	<p>Impetigo</p> <p>They'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.</p> <p>Ringworm</p> <p>See your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.</p> <p>Scarlet fever</p> <p>They'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.</p> <p>Chickenpox</p> <p>Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.</p>	<p>Ear infection</p> <p>If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.</p> <p>Measles</p> <p>They'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go in, as measles can spread to others easily. Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system.</p> <p>Vomiting & diarrhoea</p> <p>Stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea due to illness for at least 2 days (48 hours).</p>

Feeling worried or anxious: It's normal for any of us to feel worried sometimes. We may get a tummy ache or headache, or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can sometimes make a child's worries about going to school worse. If your child is struggling, please speak to school as soon as possible to explore available help. If your child is still struggling and it's affecting their everyday life, you should contact GP or school nurse.

To find out more, search www.NHS.uk for the specific illness or infection, or 'Is my child too ill for school?'

Please also see these videos for parents to help support good attendance:

[Tips for how parents can support with good attendance in secondary school](#)

[Starting secondary school and supporting your child's attendance](#)

[Starting Key Stage 4 and supporting your child's attendance](#)

[Why attending every day matters in secondary school](#)