



*Be strong and
courageous.....for
the Lord your God is
with you*

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Headteacher's Newsletter No 6

Dear Parents/Carers



Happy New Year! I hope you all had a restful and joyful break and are looking forward to the term ahead.

It is a pleasure to welcome everyone back to School. As we step into the Spring Term, our school vision from Joshua 1:9 continues to guide us, reminding us that with God's strength and courage we can face challenges with confidence and hope.

This term, we will continue to nurture these qualities in every child, helping them to grow in confidence, resilience, and faith.

Our dedicated staff have been working hard to ensure that every child will flourish academically, socially, and spiritually within our caring Christian community. We remain committed to providing a safe and nurturing environment where each child can discover and develop their God-given gifts and talents.

As always, the partnership between home and school is vital. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns – our door is always open.

Here's to a positive Spring Term filled with learning, laughter, and the courage to be the best we can be.

Extreme Weather Closures

The Headteacher and Governors will always aim to keep the school open. However, in severe weather, the school will only open if we can ensure the safety of children and staff and have sufficient staff on site.

Decisions will be guided by national and local advice and, where possible, made by **7.30am**.

Please **do not phone the school**. Any closure will be communicated via:

- **Email** (and text if notice is short)
- The **school website** (if there is no notice on the homepage, the school is open)
- The [Buckinghamshire Council closures website](#)

(Please note this site can be unreliable during severe weather; school email and website are often the best sources.)



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Learning During Closures

If the school is closed due to snow, no work will be set on the **first full day**. From the **second full day of closure**, learning activities will be available on class pages. On day one, children should prioritise reading and completing any homework already set. Optional learning is also available via [Oak National Academy](#).

Whole School Blessing – Tuesday 20th January



Father Anthony Searle from All Saints Church will be leading a whole school blessing on Tuesday 20th January at 9.00am. We would like to invite parents to attend the blessing and join us in prayer as we move around the school. Please let the office know if you will be attending.

The children's prayers will be added to the school [website](#).

Christian Values for Living

This half term, our focus is on **Compassion**.

What is Compassion?

Compassion means noticing when someone is hurting or in need and choosing to care. It is about showing kindness, understanding how others feel, and wanting to help make things better.



Compassion in the Bible

The Bible teaches us that compassion is at the heart of how we should treat one another:

“Be kind and compassionate to one another.” (Ephesians 4:32)

This reminds us that God shows us deep love and care, and He calls us to show that same compassion to others.

What Does Compassion Look Like?

Compassion helps us to:

- Be kind and patient with others
- Help someone who is feeling sad or lonely
- Listen carefully when someone needs to talk
- Stand up for others and include everyone
- Forgive and show understanding

Living with Compassion

This half term, let's think about how we can live with compassion every day. We can look out for one another, offer help without being asked, and treat everyone with the care and respect we would like to receive ourselves.



Behaviours for Learning

Our Behaviour for Learning is: **Curiosity** and our Vision Character is: **Curious Cat**



Curious Cat reminds us to ask questions, explore new ideas, and enjoy learning. Curious Cat encourages us to wonder, investigate, and think deeply, helping us to learn with enthusiasm, confidence, and an open mind.

Reminder: Parent Prayer Group

A reminder that our **Parent Prayer Group** is taking place on **Friday mornings**, kindly re-established by **Mrs Horne (Year 5 parent)**. This is a lovely opportunity for parents and staff to come together to pray for the life and work of our school.



The group meets **under the KS2 Shelter from 8.40–9.00am**. Whether you have joined before or are coming for the first time, everyone is very welcome.

Thank you for your continued support of this special part of our school community.

Staffing

Learning Support Assistant

I am pleased to welcome back Mrs Farzana Ali following her maternity leave.

Midday Supervisor

I would like to welcome Ms Trusha Singh who has joined our team of midday supervisors this term.

Appointments During the School Day



We kindly ask that wherever possible, you arrange appointments for your child outside of school hours or during the school holidays. This helps ensure your child doesn't miss valuable learning time.

We understand that some appointments cannot be avoided during the school day, such as:

- Hospital appointments
- Emergency doctor or dentist visits
- Specialist appointments where no alternative times are available

However, **routine appointments such as dental check-ups, eye tests, and non-urgent medical visits should be scheduled outside of school hours** wherever possible. We've noticed an increase in children missing lessons for non-urgent appointments, which can disrupt their learning and affect the whole class.

Please help us by:

- Informing the school office as early as possible about any necessary appointments
- Providing confirmation of the appointment (e.g., an appointment card or letter)



- Booking routine appointments after 3:15pm or during school holidays

Thank you for your cooperation in supporting your child's education.

School Communication

As we start the new term, I'd like to remind you where to find important information about your child's class and whole-school updates.



Please visit our school website: www.hwce.co.uk

You'll find information under:

- **Parents** – policies, newsletters, and parent information
- **Children** – class pages and learning resources
- **News and Events** – upcoming dates and school news

I strongly encourage you to explore our website regularly, as it contains a wealth of helpful information to keep you connected with school life.

Reporting Absences and Illness

If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please telephone the school office on the first day of absence to let us know.



Important reminders:

- Please ensure you have arrangements in place if your child becomes ill and cannot attend school
- **Do not send your child to school if they are clearly unwell** – this is unfair to other children, parents, and staff. If a child arrives at school unwell, we will contact you immediately to collect them
- **Sickness and diarrhoea:** Following advice from our local health centre, children must remain at home for **48 hours after the last episode** of sickness or diarrhoea. This helps prevent the spread of illness to other children and staff

Thank you for helping us maintain a healthy school environment for everyone.

Punctuality Matters



We know that occasionally circumstances beyond your control may cause your child to be late. However, **regular lateness can have a significant impact on your child's learning and wellbeing.**

Why punctuality is important:

- Late arrivals mean children miss the start of lessons and key learning
- It can be unsettling for your child and disruptive to the rest of the class
- Children who arrive late often feel anxious and find it harder to settle into their learning

Our monitoring process:

- The school office records all late arrivals electronically
- Office staff will ask the reason for lateness
- We are required to monitor lateness as well as absences
- **Persistent lateness will result in a letter home and a meeting with the headteacher** to discuss how we can work together to resolve the situation



School gates open at 8.30am and close at 8.45am. Registration begins promptly at 8.50am.
Please help your child start their day positively by ensuring they arrive on time, ready to learn.

School Uniform

As we begin the spring term, please ensure your child is wearing the correct **winter uniform** as outlined in our School Uniform Policy.



Winter Uniform Requirements:

Boys:

- Royal blue and red school blazer*
- Dark grey school trousers
- White school shirt (long or short sleeved)
- Royal blue v-necked pullover*
- Red school tie*
- Black or brown leather shoes (trainers are not permitted)
- Grey or black socks

Girls:

- Royal blue and red school blazer*
- Royal blue pinafore dress* OR dark grey school trousers
- White school shirt/blouse (long or short sleeved)
- Royal blue v-necked pullover* OR royal blue cardigan*
- Red school tie*
- Black or brown leather shoes (trainers and open toe/heels are not permitted)
- White socks or red tights (Year 6 may wear opaque black tights)

Reception Class: Reception pupils wear a white polo shirt and sweatshirt with school logo* (which replaces the blazer and jumper) until Year 1.

Please remember:

- All uniform should be clearly labelled with your child's name
- Jewellery (including earrings) is not permitted for health and safety reasons
- Hair accessories should be red or royal blue
- Items marked with * can only be purchased through our school supplier, Sportcrest

Where to Buy Uniform:

Branded items (marked):* Available from **Sportcrest

- Order online: Visit our school website www.hwce.co.uk → Parents → Useful Links → School Uniform - Sportcrest
- Or visit: [High Wycombe CE School - SHOP BY SCHOOL | SportCrest](#)

All other items: Can be purchased from high street or online retailers

Second-Hand Uniform:

We have a small selection of good quality, pre-loved uniform available. If you're interested, please:

- Email: schooladmin2@highwycombecombined.bucks.sch.uk
- Call: 01494 524220



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We'll let you know if we have your required items in stock and arrange a convenient collection time.

Donations welcome: We gratefully accept donations of good condition second-hand uniform via the school office.

Full Policy:

Our complete School Uniform Policy, including PE kit requirements, is available on our website:
www.hwce.co.uk

Thank you for your continued support in maintaining our high standards of appearance.

Forgotten Items/Additional Warm Clothing

Please help your child arrive at school fully prepared each day with all necessary equipment and appropriate warm clothing for outdoor activities.

Important: The school office is unable to deliver forgotten items during the day, as this disrupts lessons and learning time.

Please ensure:

- All belongings are packed the night before
- Warm clothing (coat, hat, gloves) is sent when needed
- **Everything is clearly labelled with your child's name**

Lost property: Unnamed items are placed in our lost property box. Please check regularly if your child has mislaid anything.

Thank you for helping your child develop good organisational skills.

A few date reminders

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| • Monday 12 January | Year R Phonics Workshop 2.45pm |
| • Tuesday 20 January | Whole School Blessing |
| • Friday 23 January | Year 4 Trip to Windsor Castle |
| • Wednesday 28 January | Cake Sale Year 1,2,4 & 6 |
| • Friday 30 January | Year 3 Class Assembly |
| • Tuesday 3 February | Young Voices Event |
| • Friday 13 February | Break Up for Half Term 3.15pm. |

Yours sincerely

Celine Hawkins
Headteacher

