

'Courage to Care' Listening, Welcoming, Nurturing, Celebrating

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Term 5 information

I'd like to start by welcoming you back to a new term. This is a short term with many events taking place. Please look at the final page of this newsletter which sets out some of the information you will need to help navigate through the term.

We have been able to use the field every day this term and we look forward to continuing to prepare children for warmer weather. Please do ensure that your child has a hat, a water bottle and sun cream on the days that are hotter. Children must be able to apply their own sun cream should they need to top up during the day.

Please join in me in congratulating Mr Taverner and his partner who are expecting their first child this coming October. We wish them all the best as they prepare for their new arrival.

There are a number of fundraising events taking place currently and we'd like to thank all those involved in organising these. Thank you to those who organised the refreshments at Algars Manor last weekend – this event raised around £1,500 for the Friends of Iron Acton. We also have May Day on Monday including the tombola stall run by Friends and representatives from North Road; this is followed by the sponsored walk on 16th May.

We wish you all an enjoyable bank holiday weekend and will see everyone back at school next Tuesday.

Iron Acton May Day celebrations

This year's May Day football match will take place **today** on the Iron Acton school field straight after school. Good luck to the Iron Acton team as they prepare to play against North Road once again.

Monday 4th May. The procession for all children will begin at 10.30am from outside school. There will be no fancy dress this year. Crowning of the royal party will begin on The Green at 11am.

Children from Iron Acton need to head straight to the white tent behind the arena to prepare for dancing after the crowning. All involved must wear their summer school uniform.

If you can help with the tombola stall please let a member of the Friends committee know through the whatsapp group or through the school office.

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Attendance matters

Our whole school target for this year is 96%. Our current attendance now stands at 95.7%. Attendance for each class has recently risen and currently stands as follows:

Barn Owls: 93.1%

Falcons: 96.1%

Buzzards: 97%

Golden Eagles: 95.3%

Please be reminded that the NHS has advice and support to help families determine whether or not their child can attend school: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Staffing update

Due to Mrs Adams beginning her maternity leave, our term 6 staffing structure will be as follows:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Barn Owls	Mrs Wood	Mrs Wood	Mrs Wood / Mrs Lyall	Mrs Lyall	Mrs Lyall
Falcons	Mrs Frohlich	Mrs Frohlich	Mrs Frohlich	Mrs Frohlich	Mrs Frohlich
Buzzards	Mr Taverner	Mr Taverner	Mr Taverner	Mr Taverner	Mr Taverner
Golden Eagles	Mrs Bagnall	Mrs Jones	Mrs Bagnall	Mrs Bagnall	Mrs Bagnall

Later in Term 6, we will be joined by Miss Bishton who will cover Mrs Adams's maternity leave next year. She would like to share the following information with all families:

My name is Beth Smith-Bishton (Miss Bishton), and I am so excited to be on the Iron Acton team next year.

This will be my sixth year as a teacher, and I am thoroughly looking forward to the year ahead. I have spent two years teaching Year 5, one year teaching Year 6 and I have also taught the wonderful Key Stage 2 class at Rangeworthy.

I live with my partner Simon, our playful King Charles spaniel Banjo, and in November we welcomed our first child Jackson, who is the chattiest baby around. In my (limited!) spare time, I love to read, often having to do so with a sleeping baby in tow. We also spend a lot of time going on family walks when we can.

I was really lucky to cover a few classes in Iron Acton before I went on my maternity leave. The atmosphere around the school is so welcoming and I am very excited to join such a great team and school. Teaching is my absolute passion, and I always strive to ensure I am providing the best education for all my students, as well as helping to shape them into independent and kind individuals. Over the years I have been able to see my students grow in confidence from September to July, and it always fills me with such pride.

I think communication with parents is so important, so if you do have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. I look forward to meeting you all soon!

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Careers fair

We are keen for the children to experience more about the world of work and understand what a range of careers entail. We will be holding a careers afternoon for KS2 children from local schools on Wednesday 8th July. We would be very grateful to have a range of jobs represented. If you are available to come and speak to the children please get in touch with the school office.

Introducing Erin – mental health support team

Hello, my name is Erin, and I'm a Whole School Approach Practitioner (WSAP) working within the Mental Health Support Team (MHST), as part of the partnership between Off the Record and the NHS. I will be working alongside Claire (EMHP) in a non-clinical capacity. In my role, I aim to support schools to promote positive mental health and wellbeing across the whole school community, working collaboratively with staff, pupils, and parents/carers. My approach is rooted in understanding each school's context and building on the strengths already in place.

Before joining the MHST, I worked in a specialist school, which gave me valuable experience supporting young people with a wide range of emotional and behavioural needs. I also hold a degree in Human & Social Sciences, which continues to inform my holistic and person-centred approach to mental health support. I'm really looking forward to working alongside your school and being part of your wellbeing journey.



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Term 5 calendar

Event	Date and time	Information
May Day football match against North Road	01.05.26, 3.30pm	This will take place on the Iron Acton school field.
Iron Acton May Day	04.05.26, 10.30am – 3pm	
Family celebration service	08.05.26, 2.45pm	Join us in the school hall.
KS2 SATs week	11.05.26	
Friends sponsored walk	16.05.26, 1pm	
Outdoor learning day	22.05.26	
Family celebration service	22.05.26, 2.45pm	Join us in the school hall.
Last day of Term 5	22.05.26	
First day of Term 6	01.06.26	

INSET days for the next academic year:

Monday 1st September 2026

Thursday 22nd October 2026

Friday 23rd October 2026

Monday 8th March 2027

Friday 25th June 2027

Term dates for the next academic year are as follows:

Term	Starts	Ends
Term 1	Tuesday 1 September 2026	Friday 23 October 2026
Term 2	Monday 2 November 2026	Friday 18 December 2026
Term 3	Monday 4 January 2027	Friday 12 February 2027
Term 4	Monday 22 February 2027	Thursday 25 March 2027
Term 5	Monday 12 April 2027	Friday 28 May 2027
Term 6	Monday 7 June 2027	Wednesday 21 July 2027