

## Weekly News – 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026

**HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE:** A big well done to all the Year 11 Geographers who completed their second field work trip this week at Hengistbury Head. We also look forward to hearing how the Duke of Edinburgh Silver Expedition in the Peak District goes, along with the Ypres and World War I Battlefields trip, and the ski trip to Italy. With our feet firmly on the ground after that we are looking forward to seeing all the Year 11 and 13 students that have signed up for the Easter Revision School.

We return on Tuesday 14 April with an important half term for Year 11 and 13 with exams fast approaching, and for all other year groups, in particular Year 10 with mocks and this year's final assessment in late June. Our reading lists are as follows to help all recharge over Easter, or to consume on various travels ([top 10 reads by department](#); [50 books to read](#)).

**WEEKLY DIARY** - Please click [here](#) for the diary for the week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> April. Please note that **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April is an INSET day**. Students return to school on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April.

**EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS** After school and lunchtime clubs for next half term are now available to book from 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. Many of our clubs are oversubscribed, so we will need to remove students that do not attend for 2 consecutive occasions without explanation, to make space for others.

**YEAR 10 PARENTS' EVENING** will be held online on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. Bookings will go live on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm** and you can initially book 5 appointments per student. All extra, spare appointments will be made available for booking on the 16<sup>th</sup> April at 10am.

**YEAR 12 PARENTS' EVENING** will be held on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April and will be in person, at school. The system will go live for bookings on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April at 6.30pm.

**YEAR 13 PROM PAYMENT** Thank you to those of you who have already paid, but this is a gentle reminder to those who still have an outstanding balance of £25, due to paid by April 17<sup>th</sup> on School Gateway.

**LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES** We are excited to be the first school to be involved in this initiative whereby a [Little Free Library](#) will be outside our school offering books to the community. There will also be a Little Free Library in the local sensory garden in Holmer Green, as well as one in the Roald Dahl museum in Great Missenden. However, we need your donations! If you are having a spring clean over Easter and would like to re-home any of your books – children and adult, fiction and non-fiction - we would be extremely grateful to receive them. Donations can be left at Reception. Thank you in advance for your support with this fantastic community project!



**UNIFORM** There has been a proposal by the Government that schools should only have 3 branded items and a tie as part of school uniform for the new academic year, **September 2026**. This is still to be finalised, but we presume it will go ahead so wish to give parents/carers notice that the blazer, PE sweatshirt, PE t-shirt and tie will all remain as branded uniform items. All other items will be unbranded and therefore purchasable from any shop. We will release the detailed changes in the summer term.

As we approach the end of term, we would like to remind families to ensure students are attending school in full, correct [uniform](#). Please note that outer coats or jackets must be black or navy blue (no denim or leather and no large logos). With the warmer weather coming, we have noticed an increase in Nike colour block jackets being worn to school. Unless coats are completely plain black or navy, they are not permitted as part of school uniform.



Please don't forget you can get preloved uniform online [here](#), saving you money and supporting the school at the same time. Just order online and we can send the items home with the student (or you can come and collect). You can order over the Easter holidays and it will be ready once we return.

**EQUIPMENT** We are currently losing valuable learning time in lessons because some students are not arriving with the correct equipment. Please ensure that your child's equipment is replenished over the holiday so that students are fully prepared for learning next term.

Equipment checks take place twice a week and a behaviour point is logged so that parents are aware when equipment is missing. Please review these via the SIMS app and check equipment with your child regularly, replacing any missing items. If your child is eligible for free school meals and support is needed with equipment, please let us know and we will be happy to help.

Our uniform and equipment lists can be found [here](#).

**IPAD BAN** Thank you for your continued support regarding the iPad ban for Years 7-10. We will be extending our laptop loan scheme until the end of next term to ensure all students can access the technology they need for learning. Please sign up at the link [here](#), if you wish to borrow, or continue to borrow a school laptop.

**PMG Schoolwear** have moved. They are still in the Eden Centre but have moved and are now beside TK Maxx. To facilitate the move, they will be closed from 23<sup>rd</sup> March to 28<sup>th</sup> March though online sales will operate as normal.

**Aylesbury UTC open event** – For entry into Years 9, 10 and 12, Aylesbury UTC offers pathways in Film, TV and Content Creation, Digital, and Health and Social Care. Their Open Event is on May 14<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm. For more information and to get tickets to the Open Event, please click [here](#).

**Autism Family Support Service** are hosting 3 online *You Are Not Alone* drop-in sessions for parents and carers of children diagnosed with autism and PDA. These sessions are completely free and take place on:

Monday 6th April from 10am - 11am.

Monday 6th April from 8pm - 9pm.

Tuesday evening from 7pm - 8.30pm.

Parents are more than welcome to attend any of these sessions.

To request the Zoom link for these sessions, please send an email to [team@youarenotalone.community](mailto:team@youarenotalone.community)