



We have welcomed the month of March; we begin to see the first signs of spring appearing all around us. The days are growing longer, the weather is becoming a little brighter, and beautiful spring flowers are starting to bloom, bringing colour and a sense of renewal to our surroundings. This season always brings a feeling of fresh beginnings and positivity, which we are excited to share with the children in the weeks ahead.

We would also like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all parents and carers for your continued support, kindness, and understanding during the absence of Mrs Greaves. Your encouragement and cooperation have been greatly appreciated by the whole team and have helped ensure a smooth and positive environment for the children.

We look forward to a wonderful and busy month ahead, full of learning, growth, and the joys that spring brings.

Mrs Aoife Greaves
Headteacher

Celebrating Attendance

Attendance: 97.7% which is above the National average for Primary Schools.



World Book Day

This year we celebrated World Book Day on the 6th and 7th March. We kicked off our celebrations with a fantastically supported reading afternoon. During the session parents and grandparents had the opportunity to share some quality reading time with the children. On Friday we had Literacy based Cross Curricular Activities for each class. Thank you, to children and parents for completing the book story task set by the HSA, we hope you enjoyed the activity. During the day they also took part in a range of activities themed around reading and books. There were also some fantastic costumes.

Fulbrook School is celebrating a highly positive Ofsted report, which graded the school as meeting the expected standard across all six core areas of the renewed framework.

Visiting inspectors praised leaders for successfully transforming the culture of the school, which they recognised as an 'inclusive, respectful environment, where all are welcomed and supported to learn.'

Ofsted acknowledged the work undertaken by the school, a recently converted extended secondary for children aged 9-16, for designing a curriculum that 'is ambitious and sets out precisely the key knowledge pupils should learn progressively'.

Consequently, 'Pupils who join the school in Year 5, including disadvantaged pupils, achieve very well at GCSE.'

Staff were commended for their accurate understanding of teaching and inspectors found that the school has 'an ambitious programme of professional development to ensure that teachers have expertise in the subject they teach.'

Inspectors also praised pupils who are 'well behaved, polite and respectful' and that their 'acceptance of individual differences is just one example of how well they are prepared for life in modern Britain.'

"We are thrilled that Ofsted has recognised the progress made by the school since it became an extended secondary and we are grateful for the support received from colleagues, since we joined Kingsbridge Educational Trust in 2024," said Headteacher Sam Clancy.

"Improving the experience for every young person has been our priority at Fulbrook and Ofsted's comments are a testament to the dedication of our staff, the support of our families and the positive attitudes of our students. We shall strive to work hard to build on this momentum."

Peter Barnes, Kingsbridge Educational Trust's CEO, added: "Our ambition is to ensure that every child receives an exceptional education and Fulbrook is firmly on that path. Ofsted's feedback recognises the school's determination to uphold the high expectations embedded throughout the school community and reinforces their commitment to continuous improvement."

Behaviour Policy Review

As a staff we have been reviewing our behaviour policy, we would appreciate feedback from parents. If you are interested in contributing, please email the school office. A meeting will be held on Wednesday 25th March 2.30 - 3.00 for interested parents. Please email the school office on: office@hockliffelowerschool.co.uk if you can attend.



The School Council is trying to raise some money.

Please send in cash on 27th March.

Ramadan and Eid

Ramadan Mubarak to all our Hockliffe families currently observing Ramadan.

Ramadan is the ninth and holiest month of the Islamic calendar, observed by Muslims worldwide as a period of fasting, prayer, reflection, and community. It commemorates the revelation of the Quran to Prophet Muhammad and serves as a time for spiritual purification, deepening one's faith, and cultivating empathy for those less fortunate.

Key Rules and Practices

- Fasting (Sawm): Muslims fast from dawn until sunset for 29-30 days, abstaining from food, drink (including water), and smoking.

- Daily Routine: The day begins with a pre-dawn meal (*suhoor*) and ends with a meal to break the fast at sunset (*iftar*).
- Exemptions: Children, the elderly, the sick, travellers, and pregnant or menstruating women are exempt, though they may make up days later.
- Spiritual Reflection: Increased devotion through reading the Quran, attending special nightly prayers (*Tarawih*), and avoiding negative actions like lying or gossiping.
- Charity: Increased focus on generosity, including giving mandatory charity (*Zakat* or *Fitrana*).

Significance and Benefits

- Purpose: The main aim is to foster *taqwa* (God-consciousness), self-discipline, and spiritual rejuvenation.
- Community: *Iftar* meals often bring family and friends together, strengthening community ties.
- Health & Empathy: Fasting acts as a physical, mental, and spiritual detox, while directly ex

Ramadan concludes with the celebration of Eid al-Fitr.

Mrs Jamal will be doing an assembly for all the children about Ramadan and Eid.

Keeping Our School Streets Safe: How Parents Can Report Parking and Driving Problems

Many families have noticed that the roads around Hockliffe Lower School can become very busy during drop-off and pick-up times. Unfortunately, this can sometimes lead to dangerous parking, blocked pavements, obstructed driveways, and speeding vehicles. These issues can make it harder and less safe for children, parents, and local residents to travel to and from school.

Both **Central Bedfordshire Council** and **Hockliffe Parish Council** are aware of the concerns raised by residents and parents about parking and driving behaviour in the area. Reporting issues helps them understand where the problems are happening and where enforcement or monitoring may be needed.

Reporting Dangerous or Illegal Parking

Parking on double yellow lines, across dropped kerbs, or in places that block visibility can create serious safety risks. If you notice illegal or inconsiderate parking, you can report it to the local council.

Parents can report parking issues to **Central Bedfordshire Council's Parking Enforcement Team** online. When reporting, it helps to include:

- The **location** of the problem
- The **vehicle registration number** (if possible)
- The **time and date**

Parking enforcement officers may then patrol the area or take appropriate action.

parking@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

Reporting Blocked Pavements

Cars parked on pavements can force children, pushchairs, and wheelchair users into the road, creating a dangerous situation. If you see this happening regularly near the school, you can report it to the council using the same parking enforcement reporting system.

Providing clear details helps the council identify hotspots and increase patrols where they are most needed.

parking@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

Reporting Blocked Driveways

If a vehicle blocks access to a driveway, it can cause difficulties for residents and emergency vehicles. In some cases, residents can contact the council for enforcement assistance, particularly if the vehicle is parked illegally (for example, across a dropped kerb).

Parents should avoid confronting drivers directly and instead report the issue through official channels.

parking@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

Reporting Speeding Vehicles

Speeding near schools is a major safety concern. If you witness frequent speeding, you can report it to the police.

Reports can be made to **Bedfordshire Police** online. Providing information such as the location, time, and description of the vehicle can help officers monitor the area and take enforcement action.

<https://www.beds.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/rs/road-safety/making-a-road-traffic-incident-report/>

Working Together for Safer School Streets

Everyone wants children to travel to school safely. By reporting problems and setting a good example when parking or driving near the school, parents can play an important role in improving safety for the whole community.

Whenever possible, consider walking, cycling, or parking a short distance away from the school to reduce congestion at the gates.

With support from **Central Bedfordshire Council**, **Hockliffe Parish Council**, local residents and parents, we can all help make our school streets safer for everyone.

Living Streets Questionnaire

Living Streets is a UK charity that promotes everyday walking and works to create safer, more pedestrian-friendly streets. Known for the "Walk to School" campaign, they aim to reduce traffic, improve air quality, and encourage active lifestyles. They also campaign for better infrastructure, such as wider pavements and 20mph speed limits.

Key details about Living Streets include:

- **Mission:** To achieve a better walking environment and inspire people to walk more.
- **Key Initiatives:** They run the "WOW – the walk to school challenge," which rewards children for walking, wheeling, cycling, or scooting to school.
- **Campaign Focus:** They advocate for safer streets, including campaigning against pavement parking and for 20mph limits in built-up areas.
- **Services:** They conduct Community Street Audits (CSAs) and School Route Audits (SRAs) to assess and improve the quality of public spaces.
- **Impact:** They work with schools, communities, and policymakers to create inclusive environments for all ages and abilities.

The organization aims to make walking the natural choice for short, everyday journeys.

Living Streets recently surveyed the walking routes around Hockliffe and would like the opinions of those who live in the area. Please take the time to complete this short survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Hockliffe>

Trim Trail Play Equipment

Please do not allow children to play on the fixed play equipment before or after school.

AUTISM & EATING DISORDERS PARENT/CARER WEBINAR With Emily Nuttall

When?



18th March 2026



11:00am- 12:30pm



Microsoft Teams

The session will be delivered online via Microsoft Teams. A joining link will be sent out

£5

Per Person
+ booking fee

Emily Nuttall has lived experience of autism and anorexia, which informs her work and perspective.

Emily works for the Guernsey Eating Disorder Team and collaborates with local charities and services. She also works with specialist organisations including the Maudsley Hospital and King's College London to help improve services and understanding for autistic patients with eating disorders.

Emily will be sharing her own experiences but will also be talking about:

- How to spot signs of disordered eating
- How it may present in boys
- How to get help
- How to support your child through treatment

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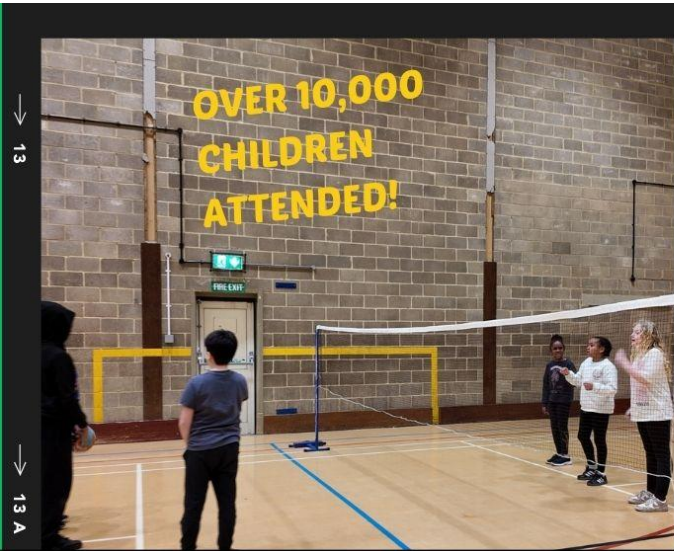
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Freddie & Friends - Pages Park Pavillion**

Feel free just to pop along, or for further information contact info@freddiefriends.org

Free to attend - No referral needed



GAMING AND GAMBLING AWARENESS AND INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR PARENTS, CARERS AND GUARDIANS



WHAT
MIGHT INFLUENCE
A YOUNG PERSON
TO GAMBLE?

WHAT IS
A LOOT
BOX?

WHY ARE
IN-GAME ITEMS
SO IMPORTANT
TO YOUNG
PEOPLE?

Ygam are delighted to offer a CPD certified information session to help develop your understanding of gaming and gambling harms, enabling you to have open conversations with your children.

Workshop overview:

- **Gambling:** exploring the influences on children and young people
- **Gaming:** discussing the benefits and concerns
- The blurred lines between gaming and gambling
- How to spot the signs of harm
- Useful tips to create a healthy gaming balance
- Where to get help and support

We also have a dedicated Family Hub which aims to provide information and guidance to help you safeguard your children against the potential harms of gaming and gambling. Find out more here: ygam.org/family-hub



Book your **FREE** place now!

DATE: Thursday 21st May 2026

TIME: 6:00pm - 7:30pm

VENUE: Online via Microsoft Teams



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Happenings in the Parishes in March 2026

Parish Office Opening Hours

The Office is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10.00am to 12.00 noon. For further information, please contact: 07502 320025 or stleonardheath@gmail.com

Event	Date	Time	Venue
Elevenses in the church	Wednesday 4 March	11.00am to Noon	St. Michael's, Eggington
Little Fishes Group	Thursday 5 March	10.00am to Noon	St. Leonard's Church Hall
St. Michael's Quiz Evening	Saturday 7 March	7.00pm	Eggington Village Hall
Coffee Morning	Thursday 12 March	10.00am to Noon	St. Leonard's Church Hall
Little Fishes Group	Thursday 19 March	10.00am to Noon	St. Leonard's Church Hall
Children's Service	Sunday 22 March	3.00pm to 4.00pm	St, Nicholas' Church, Hockliffe
Tea and Cake Afternoon	Wednesday 25 March	2.30pm to 4.30pm	St. Leonard's Church Hall
Little Fishes Group	Thursday 26 March	10.00am to Noon	St. Leonard's Church Hall

Free Webinars for Parents & Carers



Parents & Carers Cyber Choices and Online Safety Events

Please note there are two parts to the parent events, and you will need to register for each independently. This session is suitable for parents/carers of children in Year 5 (age 9) and above. This is an opportunity to learn and ask questions regarding your child's online world.

If you think these events may be of interest to others, please forward this information on to them. For any questions, please email us at cyberprotectorsou@beds.police.uk.

Parents Event - Pt1 - Introduction to Cyber Choices and Online Risks

This session will introduce you to the [Cyber Choices programme](#) and will provide:

- An overview to parents and carers on what cybercrime is.
- What the risks to young people are.
- How the Cyber Choices programme supports at-risk individuals.
- How you can refer a young person into Cyber Choices.

You will also receive an overview of:

- Some of the potential risks that children and young people may experience online.
- Advice to support parents to make informed decisions and keep their children safer online.

These events are **free**, and you can book your tickets directly via:

Wednesday 11 th March	14:00 – 15:00 - Link
Thursday 7 th May	13:00 – 14:00 - Link
Monday 6 th July	10:00 – 11:00 - Link
Wednesday 23 rd September	16:00 – 17:00 - Link
Tuesday 10 th November	11:00 – 12:00 - Link

Parents Event - Pt2 - Tools and techniques to improve the cyber security of your family

This session will:

- Provide advice on how to improve your personal cyber security.
- Help you to identify and protect your (and your children's) key accounts.
- Identify threats and techniques that cyber criminals may use to target you / your family.
- Highlight the benefits of family accounts.
- Identify parental controls on your router.
- Signposting to useful resources.

Advice and guidance from the session will be in line with the Government's [Stop! Think Fraud](#) and the National Cyber Security Centres [CyberAware](#) campaign.

These events are **free**, and you can book your tickets directly via:

Wednesday 18 th March	10:00 – 11:00 - Link
Thursday 14 th May	13:00 – 14:00 - Link
Monday 13 th July	10:00 – 11:00 - Link
Wednesday 30 th September	16:00 – 17:00 - Link
Tuesday 17 th November	16:00 – 17:00 - Link

Calendar

<p>March</p> <p>10th Little BASH Maple lunchtime PE kit</p> <p>12th HSA Carer's Event afternoon times TBC</p> <p>20th Yr3/4 Joy of Movement Festival during school day</p> <p>20th Rocksteady Concert 2.30 TBC</p> <p>27th Last day of term Early Close 1pm</p>	<p>2nd – 3rd March Purim</p> <p>3rd World Wildlife Day</p> <p>4th Holi</p> <p>8th international Women's Day</p> <p>13th Young Carers Action Day</p> <p>16th – 22nd Sign Language Week</p> <p>19th – 20th Eid al-Fitr</p> <p>21st International Day for Elimination of Racial Discrimination</p>
<p>April</p> <p>17th Dance workshop all children USA street dance (during the school day no cost)</p> <p>22nd Cluster Sports KS Brooklands approx. 4.30 pick up</p>	<p>Stress Awareness Month</p> <p>1st – 9th Passover</p> <p>2nd World Autism Awareness Day</p> <p>5th Easter</p> <p>7th World Health Day</p> <p>14th Vaisakhi</p> <p>14th Sikh New Year</p> <p>14th Bengali New Year</p>

	15 th World Art day
<p>May</p> <p>14th Enterprise Day children only £1 needed in change e.g. 10 x 10p or 6 x 10p + 2 x 20p (avoid £1 coin) Each class will devise some games / activities. The children will have the opportunity to try each other's game / activity. Within the school day.</p> <p>22nd HSA Non-Uniform</p> <p>22nd Break up for half term</p>	<p>1st Vesak</p> <p>4th – 10th Deaf Awareness Week</p> <p>9th Fair trade Day</p> <p>11th – 17th Mental Health Awareness Day</p> <p>15th International Day of Families</p> <p>18th – 22nd – Walk to School Week</p> <p>21st World Day for Cultural Diversity</p>
<p>June</p> <p>1st SEND parent meetings week</p> <p>8th Sports Day parents / grandparents invited from 1.30 – 3.00</p> <p>9th Girls Active Rowan PE kit am</p> <p>9th Boys 2 Move Rowan PE kit am</p> <p>10th Cluster Sports KS1 (Brooklands) approx. 4.30 pick-up TBC</p> <p>16th Girls Active Rowan PE kit am</p> <p>16th Boys 2 Move Rowan PE kit am</p> <p>18th HSA Carer's Event (time to be confirmed)</p> <p>23rd Girls Active Rowan PE kit am</p> <p>23rd Boys 2 Move Rowan PE kit am</p> <p>30th Girls Active Rowan PE kit am</p> <p>30th Boys 2 Move Rowan PE kit am</p>	<p>Pride Month</p> <p>5th World Environment Day</p> <p>14th – 20th World Refugee Week</p> <p>21st World Music Day</p>
<p>July</p> <p>1st Year 4 Transfer Day (TBC)</p> <p>2nd Year 4 Transfer Day (TBC)</p> <p>2nd Internal Move Up Day</p> <p>7th Girls Active Rowan PE kit am</p> <p>7th Boys 2 Move Rowan PE kit am</p> <p>9th Parent teacher report meeting (only if required to discuss report) 3.15 – 5</p> <p>10th Rowan Activity Day during the school day</p> <p>15th Rowan End of year graduation celebration for yr 4 parents all Rowan invited 2.30 – 3.10 (subject to change)</p> <p>16th HSA Disco 2.15 – 4.00 all children invited, price to be confirmed. Children can bring in clothes to change into at lunchtime.</p> <p>17th Last day of term Early Close 1pm</p>	<p>30th International Day of Friendship</p>
September 2026	

HSA

Bank Details

Account Name: Hockliffe School Association		
Account number: 72738481		
Sort Code: 40 33 33		
Reference:	PUPIL	NAME
Note: please do not pay for events until asked to do so by the HSA		

The 2025/2026 calendar of events

EVENT	DATE	COST
HSA Carer's Event	Thursday 12 th March 2.00 and 2.30	£5 per child (one adult – mum, dad, aunt, uncle, gran, grandad per child)
HSA non-uniform day	Friday 22 nd May	Included in annual fee
HSA Carer's Event	Thursday 18 th June 8.30-9.00am	£5 per child (one adult – mum, dad, aunt, uncle, gran, grandad per child)
HSA End of year Disco	Thursday 16 th July 2.15 – 4.00pm	£5 per child Children to bring clothes to change into at school
Cake sale, donut sale, ice lolly sale	Dates to be confirmed	Included in annual fee