

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a wonderful start to the new school year at Christopher Reeves. The children have settled well into their new classes and have made a great start to their learning. We welcomed the new children into our Reception class this week and they have made a fantastic start to their school journey. I would like to take this opportunity to extend a welcome to our new families that have joined us this year. It is lovely to see new faces and hope you have been made to feel very welcome. We are all looking forward to a great school year ahead and hope this newsletter will keep you updated with everything going on in school.

Christopher Reeves Vision and Values

This week the children have been reminded about our core values of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience (The Three Rs!) and how these fit with our strapline of 'Living Our Values'



Respect



Responsibility



Resilience

Who can I contact?

If you have any queries about your child and their education, please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance. They will be available at the classroom door each day at the start and end of school.

If you need to speak with a member of staff about SEND or behaviour, please contact the following members of staff:

SEND – Mrs Laywood-Hill (Willow Class)

Behaviour – Mrs Clark (Juniper Class)

Safeguarding

The safety and wellbeing of our school community at Christopher Reeves is a priority. If anyone has any concerns about the safety and welfare of a child, you can speak with Mrs Bush or Mrs Clark who are the school safeguarding leads.



Bedford Borough
Safeguarding Children Board



Parking

Please be mindful when parking your car in the village to drop off and pick up your children. There have been instances where parking has been illegal and very dangerous. The garden centre and cricket club have been very generous in letting us use their parking facilities so please make use of these when you can.

Wearing PE kit to school on PE days

On the days when children have PE lessons in school, they should wear their PE kit to school. Please see below the PE days for this term.

Monday	Willows
Tuesday	Acorn, Juniper, Oak
Wednesday	Juniper, Oak
Thursday	Willows

Please ensure they are wearing a **plain** navy tracksuit when the weather is cooler. PE kit should not have any logos on them.

Attendance

Attendance Matters



Attendance in schools since the pandemic has seen a dramatic drop however we know that face-to-face education is important in helping pupils to fulfil their potential. The government has issued guidance to schools to support in increasing attendance.

The government now class absence from education as a safeguarding concern and request that schools treat it this way which may result in social care involvement where concerns are raised.

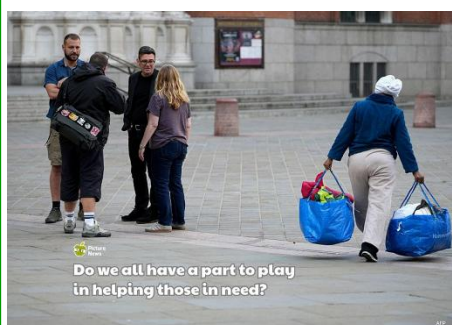
If we are concerned about your child's attendance, we will work with you to find out if there is any support that can be offered. Please keep us informed of absences and where planned absences cannot be avoided, please ensure you complete a leave of absence request beforehand. Please note, we cannot authorise any holiday requests unless there are extenuating circumstances.

Dates for your Diary

Please find a list of dates for your diary attached to the same email as the newsletter. We have tried to include as many events as possible. Moving forward, all dates for the school year can be found on the school website. Please click [HERE](#) to access them.



Picture News



The story and question that the children will be thinking about next week is...

UK Prime Minister Andy Burnham has pledged that, by Christmas, everyone sleeping rough in England will be offered a safe place to stay.

Question: Do we all have a part to play in helping those in need?

Uniform

All children are expected to arrive for school smartly dressed in the correct uniform every day (including PE kit). Uniform shows that we are all part of the same community. If you are unsure of our uniform expectations, please visit the [school website](#) where you will find all the information you will need. Please note that children should be wearing navy blue trousers, skirt or pinafore dress, not gey or black and leggings are not permitted under skirts in place of tights. If you have any questions, please speak with Mrs Mustoe in the school office.

Please ensure that all uniform is named so that we can return it to its owner should it be left lying around!

Celebrations

This week our Attendance Awards go to Reception Class, Year 1, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 with 100% attendance.

The children in the Golden Book this week are.....

Acorns Class – Armela Scott and Gracie Lymn
Willow Class – Martha Marlow and Harriet Gurajdowski
Juniper Class – India Eggleton and Freddie Philo
Oak Class – Bertie Eggleton

Well done to all of these children



NOT MY CHILD

A PARENT'S GUIDE TO:
* EXPLOITATION
* KNIFE CRIME
* COUNTY LINES

CALLING ALL PARENTS & CARERS!
JOIN US FOR AN EVENT AIMED AT RAISING AWARENESS AND EQUIPPING YOU WITH THE KNOWLEDGE TO PROTECT YOUR CHILDREN FROM EXPLOITATION, KNIFE CRIME, & COUNTY LINES.

WHY ATTEND?

- **HEAR REAL STORIES:** Hear lived experiences from parents whose children have sadly fallen victim to such crimes
- **RECOGNISE THE SIGNS:** Learn how to spot the early warning signs that your child is being exploited
- **EXPERT ADVICE:** Get practical advice on what to do if you have concerns about your child's safety
- **SUPPORT NETWORKS:** Connect with organisations that can offer further support and guidance

ANY YOUNG PERSON CAN BE A VICTIM OF THESE CRIMES. IT'S CRUCIAL THAT PARENTS AND CARERS HAVE THE KNOWLEDGE TO IDENTIFY THE SIGNS AND KNOW WHERE TO TURN FOR HELP.

6:00PM - 9:00PM
THURS 24 SEPT 2026
QUEENSBURY SCHOOL
DUNSTABLE · LU6 3BU



**CHRISTOPHER REEVES VA
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

OPEN MORNINGS

For children starting reception class in September 2027

Come and see our wonderful school in action.

**Tuesday 13th
October &
Monday 9th
November**

09:30 AM

Hinwick Rd,
Podington,
NN29 7HU



Tour the school
Meet teachers
Ask questions



To Book your place:
01933 353531
admin@crls.org.uk



We Need Your Help!



During the autumn term we hold our prospective parents open mornings. These are popular with parents looking for a school place for their child to start school the following September. Our open mornings are popular and it is wonderful to show prospective parents our amazing school however,

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Please share this flyer and social media posts with anyone you know that might be looking for a school place for September 2027 and please shout from the rooftops about how wonderful our school is. It is word of mouth that makes all the difference. We need to encourage families from the surrounding areas to come and see how great Christopher Reeves is. So, please do your bit and tell everyone about us.