

Key dates and upcoming events

Mon 5 October – Reading Evening (Year 7 Parents)
Thur 8 October – students finish early at 12.45pm (See Comm's)
 Thur 8 October – Open Evening (4.30 – 7.00pm)
Fri 9 October – students start late at 9.45am (See Comm's)
 Mon 12 / Tue 13 October – Open Morning tours
 Tue 13 – Tue 20 October – Scholastic Book Fair
 Thur 15 October – Post 16 evening

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House points league table

1 st	Turing	17,403
2 nd	Attenborough	15,730
3 rd	Seacole	14,850

Attendance:

West Berks Foodbank Harvest Appeal

As part of a JOG house competition, we are supporting the West Berks Foodbank Harvest Appeal. Click the logo for details of items that can be brought into school to make up our donations for the appeal. The deadline for donations is Friday 16th October. Thank you.



News and updates:

Reading at JOG in the 'Year of Reading'

We have a real focus on the importance of regular reading to support fluency, vocabulary, comprehension and wellbeing. Parental Reading Support Evenings have been well attended and there is a real sense of a team effort to get our school community seeing the benefits and importance of reading. Thanks to ALL parents and students who are fully invested in this – there is a real buzz about it.

In direct response to parental requests at these meetings, English have now launched the new JOG Reading Log approach where students can read for 20 minutes per day (out loud TO a parent if on a red or amber reading report), get it signed by a parent and receive CC points by giving it in to their English teacher! This should give parents the leverage to ensure their child is reading; and beyond anything else we are hoping it also gives you a real impetus to spend some quality time with your son or daughter.

Key dates: Monday 5th October is Year 7 Parents 'Reading Support Evening' (please see the LINK to attend here: [Year 7 Reading Support Evening - JOG 2026-27 – Fill in form](#))
Students should NOT attend if possible.

National Poetry Day 2026

This year's theme is 'Wonder' and yesterday we hosted events in the Library at lunchtime as well as throughout the day in English and through other subjects.

First place in Hungerford in Bloom:

We were delighted to receive first prize for the second year running, recognising the fantastic work of our Garden & Grow students.



News and updates:

Scholastic Book Fair is coming to John O'Gaunt 13/10/26 - 20/10/26.

The range this Autumn will include great new titles such as: Hunger Games Trilogy, The House In The Woods, Marcus Rashford World of Football, Light Up My Life, The Escape Room, Thornbird, Heartstopper Vol 6, The Summer I Turned Pretty PLUS many more new and popular titles. More details to follow.

Student Leadership Opportunities

We are currently looking for:

- Support at Open Evening – KS3 supporting subjects; KS4 Tour Guides. Students will need to support from 4pm to 7pm.
- Peer Mentors for Year 7 Readers (Year 9 and 10) – Launching Term 2. Students will be fully trained by Mrs Morgan.
- TG and House Representatives to sit out on our Student Leadership Group. This process will happen via tutor time.

Please do encourage your child to be ambitious and courageous by putting themselves forward for these roles.

Safeguarding and Wellbeing:

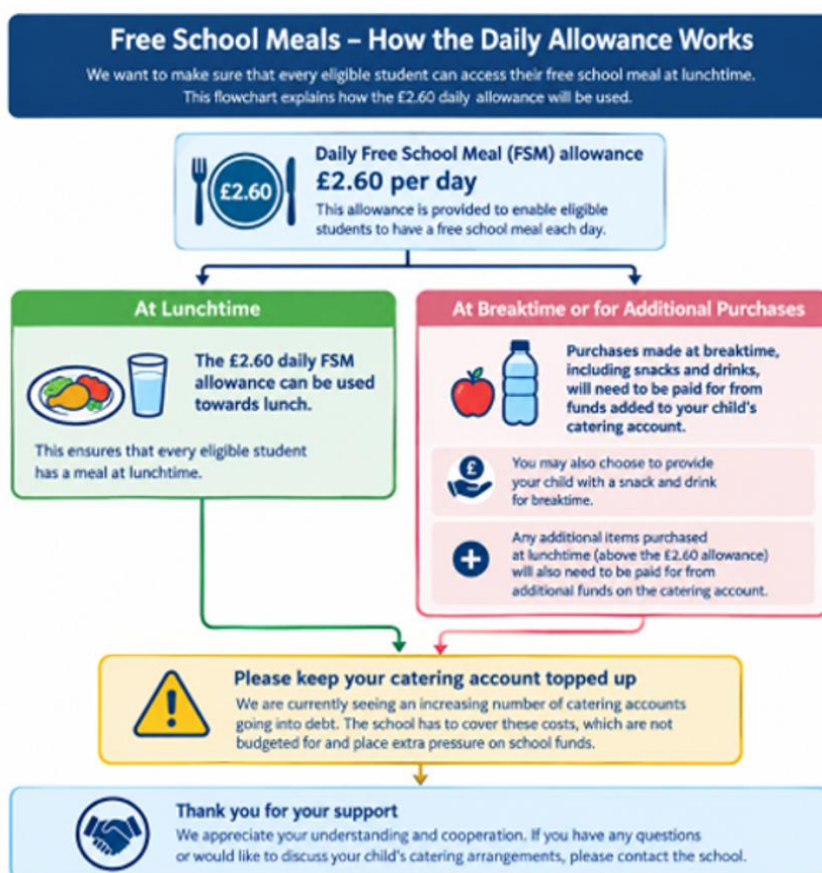
Your child's safety is our priority. If you have concerns, please contact our Designated Safeguarding Lead, [Mr Smith](#).

Many teenagers experience periods of stress, worry or low mood. Encouraging regular routines, open conversations and time away from screens can support positive wellbeing. If you are concerned about your child's emotional health, please seek advice early. Further support and guidance for parents can be found at [YoungMinds](#).

Digital devices can significantly impact sleep and wellbeing. Student voice in school shows that poor sleep and disrupted morning routines are key barriers to attendance and readiness to learn. Support your child by limiting screen time before bed, keeping devices out of bedrooms overnight, and establishing consistent bedtime and morning routines. A calm wind-down period each evening can also improve sleep quality. These small changes can have a positive impact on your child's wellbeing, attendance, and success in school.

Free School Meals:

If you haven't yet applied or reapplied for 2026/27 please do so [HERE](#). From September 2026, free school meals in England have expanded so that all children in households receiving Universal Credit qualify, regardless of household earnings. Below is an explanation of what is covered by the Free School Meals daily allowance.



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