

**SEPTEMBER**

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| Mon 6  | 9.00am ADC, Junior & Pre Prep Department meetings<br>11.00am – 12 noon HoDs meeting<br>1.00pm – 2.15m Chairman of Governors & Full Staff meeting<br>2.30pm – 4.00pm INSET: Rugby & Hockey coaching<br>4.30pm New Parent & Child induction with Form Teachers in Junior & Senior Dept in Saloon<br>4.30pm – 6.30pm 2nd Hand Uniform Shop open | <b>1</b> |
| Tue 7  | 9.00am - 4.00pm Staff INSET: First Aid in Saloon, Library & Performance Studio<br>4.30 pm Boarding Meeting in Library  |          |
| Wed 8  | <b>TERM STARTS</b><br>Boarding & Evening Activities programme starts   |          |
| Fri 10 | 4.45pm House Feast: For Junior and Senior Department   |          |
| Sat 11 | 10.30 -11.45am Clay Shooting   |          |
| Tue 14 | 10.15am House Treat: For Pre-Prep Department<br>8.00pm Parents' Committee meeting in the Parents' Room   | <b>2</b> |
| Wed 15 | <b>Rugby v Bruern Abbey - 1st XV (A)</b>   |          |
| Thu 16 | 8.00am – 5.00pm Forms II trip to Think-Tank, Birmingham<br>3.30pm Leadership Training for Forms IV   |          |
| Mon 20 | 3.20pm Launch of Talkingbooks*<br>Pre-Prep II Parent & Child Book club in the Parents' Room.<br>5.15 – 5.50pm Bookmarks*<br>Form VI Parent & Child Book club:<br>CE 13+ novels in the Library.   | <b>3</b> |
| Tue 21 | 8.15am Parents' Coffee Morning<br>Tempest photography - Individual and family photographs<br>3.20pm Launch of Chatterbooks* for Pre-Prep III and Transition Parent & Child Book club in the Saloon<br>5.15 - 5.50pm Bookheads * Form V Parent & Child Book Club in Library Novel: 'The Iron Woman' by Ted Hughes                             |          |

7.00 – 8.15pm Book Circle\* in Parents' Room 'Birdsong' by Sebastian Faulks or another novel based on WWI

Wed 22 **Rugby v The Grove** Colts A XII, Colts B XII, U 9 A IX (A)

**Girls Hockey v Swanbourne and The Grove**  
Middle A VII, Middle B VII (H)

**Girls Hockey v The Grove** U9A VII (H)

Thu 23 3.30 - 6.00pm Scholars' Club  
Visit to Waddesdon Manor Aviary

Fri 24 8.20am Main School Harvest Festival Assembly led by  
Rev Tina Sterling

10.35am Pre-Prep Dept. Harvest Festival Assembly led by  
Rev. Tina Sterling

3.30pm Leadership Training for Forms IV

Sat 25 10.30 - 11.45am Clay Shooting

Mon 27 5.30 - 6.00 pm Reading Zone\* Form III Parent &  
Child Book club in the Library

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Wed 29 Form VI Geog Field Trip to Lyme Regis leave 12.30pm

**Rugby v Chesham** Colts A XII, Colts B XII (H)

6.00pm Next Schools Forum for Forms I, II, III & IV Parents\* . –  
Speaker: Mr David Fletcher, Registrar, Stowe School &  
Mrs Mary Henderson, Headmistress, Westonbirt School

Thu 30 1st Credit Count Up  
Form VI Geog Field Trip at Lyme Regis

LEA 11+ Grammar School Exams

3.30pm Leadership Training for Form IV Team

## OCTOBER

Fri 1 Form VI Geog Field Trip to Lyme Regis

Jeans for Genes Day - Non Uniform Day

3.30 – 7.15pm MCS Prep Schools' Quiz.

8.00 - 9.30pm Drinks Party for New Parents in the Saloon\*

Sat 2 1.00pm Form VI Geog Field Trip return

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| Mon 4  | Week of House Poetry  | <b>5</b> |
| Tue 5  | Michael Blyth portrait photograph<br>Leadership Challenge Day – Practice then leave 10.00am to Cheltenham College – return approx. 7.00pm (Form IV team)<br>Visiting Poet: James Carter to work throughout the school.                        |          |
| Wed 6  | Michael Blyth portrait photograph<br>LEA 11+ Grammar School Exams<br><b>Rugby v Great Houghton</b><br>1st XV, Colts A XII (A) Colts B XII, U 9 A IX (H)<br><b>Girls Hockey v Bloxham</b> 4.00pm Senior VII (A)                                |          |
| Thu 7  | Michael Blyth portrait photograph<br>National Poetry Day - Theme: Home  |          |
| Fri 8  | Michael Blyth portrait photograph<br>8.30am – 3.30pm Transitions visit to the Steam Museum of the Great Western Railway in Swindon for our WWII day.<br>2.10pm House Poetry Competition Finals in Church<br>4.35pm Period Order Staff Meeting |          |
| Sat 9  | 10.30 - 11.45am Clay Shooting   |          |
| Sun 10 | 2.00pm Parents' Committee event* Ashfold Fun Walk   |          |
| Mon 11 | First Period Order<br>Week of Form I & II Tutor Meetings<br>Radley Wind Day   | <b>6</b> |
| Tue 12 | Form I Trip to Verulamium <i>Timings tbc</i>  |          |
| Wed 13 | <b>Rugby v Beachborough</b><br>1st XV, 2nd IX, U9A IX, U9B IX (A)<br>Colts B XII v (Beachborough Colts A XII)<br>Colts C XII v (Beachborough Colts B XII)<br>U8A IX, U8B IX (H)   |          |

- Wed 13 **Girls Hockey v Beachborough**  
Senior VII, U9 A VII, U9 B VII (H)  
**Girls Hockey v Broughton Manor**  
Middle B VII (A)  
4.30pm Meeting for Parents of Forms I, II, III & IV Girls with the Headmaster: 'Next Schools & Age of Transfer'
- Thu 14 9.00 -3.15pm Pre-Prep III visit to the Ashmolean Museum and Oxford University Botanic Gardens  
5.00 - 6.0pm Forms V & VI Informal Concert
- Fri 15 Pre-Prep II's Trip : *venue tbc*
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- Mon 18 7.00-8.00pm Scholars' Club **7**  
Speaker : Mrs Crampton-Smith
- Tue 19 Forms III Trip to Warwick Castle  
3.20pm -3.45pm Chatterbooks\* Pre-Prep III & Trans.  
Parent & Child Book club in the Saloon  
3.20pm-3.40pm Talkingbooks\* Pre-Prep II Parent & Child  
Book club in the Parents' room  
6.30 – 8.30pm Forms IV & V Parents' Meeting in the Sports Hall
- Wed 20 **Girls Hockey v Beachborough**  
Middle A VII, Middle B VII, Middle C VII (H)  
Pre-Prep Parents' Evening\* 5.30-8.00pm in the Sports Hall
- Thu 21 2nd Credit Count Up
- Fri 22 5.15 – 6.00pm Evensong\*. Speaker: Mr Pete Last BA  
Housemaster, Stowe School
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- Mon 25 HALF TERM **8**

## NOVEMBER

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- Mon 1 Term Resumes **9**
- Tue 2 Forms IV Trip to Sulgrave Manor - (*timings tbc*)
- Wed 3 **Rugby v St Hugh's**  
1st XV, 2nd IX (v St Hugh's 3rd IX), Colts A XII,  
Under 8 A, Under 8 B (H), Colts B XII, Colts C IX (A)

- Rugby v St Hugh's and Prior Park**  
Under 9 A IX, Under 9 B IX (Away at St Hugh's)
- Wed 3 **Girls Hockey v St Hugh's and Prior Park**  
Senior VII (Away at St Hugh's)
- Thu 4 6.30 - 8.30pm Forms III Parents' Meeting\* in the Sports Hall
- Fri 5 6.15pm Parents' Committee event\*: Bonfire & Fireworks Night
- Sun 7 *Stowe Choral Concert TBC*
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- Tue 9 Headmaster to IAPS District Meeting at Marlborough **10**
- Wed 10 **Rugby v Swanbourne**  
1st XV, 2nd IX ( v Swanbourne 3rd IX), Under 8 A , Under 8 B (H)  
Colts B XII, Colts C XII, U 9 A IX, U 9 B IX (A)
- The Grove Rugby Tournament**  
Colts A (Away)
- Girls Hockey v Chesham**  
Senior VII, Middle A VII (A), Middle B VII (v Chesham C VII),  
Middle C VII (v Chesham D VII) (H)
- Girls Hockey v Akeley Wood**  
Under 9 A VII, Under 9 B VII (H)
- Thu 11 10.50am Armistice Day Flagpole Service  
5.15 - 5.50pm: Bookheads \*: Form V Parent & Child  
Book club in Library *novel tbc*  
6.30 - 8.00pm Scholars' Club Visit to Aylesbury Astronomical  
Society's Observatory
- Sat 13 10.00am -12 noon School Open Morning - all Senior Dept  
children on duty & Clay Shooting
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- Mon 15 **Forms IV & V School examinations (incl Mock 11+ CE)** **11**  
Junior Department Assessments
- Tue 16 8.30am Finance Committee Meeting of Governors  
**Forms IV & V School examinations (incl Mock 11+ CE)**  
Junior Department Assessments

Wed 17 **Forms IV & V School examinations (incl Mock 11+ CE)**

**Rugby v Pinewood**

1st XV, Colts A XII, Under 9 A IX, Under 9 B IX (A)  
2nd IX, Colts B XII, Under 8 A, Under 8 B (H)

**Girls Hockey v Pinewood**

Senior VII ( v Pinewood U 13 B) (A)

Middle A VII, Middle B VII (H)

**Girls Hockey v Broughton Manor**

Under 9 B VII (H)

Thu 18 3rd Credit Count Up

7.00pm Internet Safety Talk for Parents\*

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Mon 22 5.15-5.50pm Bookmarks\* Form VI Parent & Child  
Book club: in the Library - (CE 13+ revision)

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Wed 24 8.15am Parents' Coffee Morning

**Pinewood 7s Tournament** 1st VII (A)

**Rugby v Akeley Wood** U 9 A IX, U8 A, U 8 B (H)

**Girls Hockey v Swanbourne** Senior VII (H)

U 9 A VII, U 9 B VII (A)

**Girls Hockey Under 11 IAPS Qualifying Tournament**

Middle A VII (at Queenswood School)

Thu 25 Form II Ancient Egypt History Museum in the Saloon. Parents  
invited 2.30 - 3.15pm\*

Fri 26 4.35pm Period Order Staff Meeting

Sat 28 2.30 - 3.45pm Clay Shooting

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Mon 29 Second Period Order

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Pre-Prep Rehearsals All Week in the Saloon

5.30 – 6.0p.m. Reading Zone\* Form III Parent & Child  
Book club in the Library

Week of Forms VI Tutor Meetings

- Tue 30 Week of Scholastic Book Fair (Tuesday – Friday)
- 3.20 - 3.45pm Chatterbooks\* Pre-Prep III & Trans. Parent & Child Book club in the Saloon
- 3.20 – 3.40pm Talkingbooks\* Pre-Prep II Parent & Child Book club in the Parents' room.
- 5.00 - 6.00pm Scholars' Club Christmas Food:  
Mrs Chantler/Mrs Nixon
- 7.00 - 8.15pm Book Circle\*: in Parents' Room - A Ghost Story for Christmas and Christmas Readings, accompanied by mulled wine and mince pies

## DECEMBER

- Wed 1 **Girls Hockey v Dragon**  
Senior VII ( v Dragon U 13 C), Middle A VII, Middle B VII ( v Dragon U 11 C) (H)
- 5.00pm Full Governors' Meeting
- Fri 3 9.00am - 12 noon Pre-Prep Dress Rehearsal All Day
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- Mon 6 2.00pm First performance: **14**  
Pre-School & Pre-Prep I Christmas Play\*
- 2.30pm First performance : Pre-Prep II & III Christmas Play for Parents of Pre-Prep II G & Pre-Prep III V\*
- 3.30pm Transition Christmas Concert
- 7 00pm Choir to Chilton House
- Tue 7 Final Credit Count up
- 2.00pm Final performance: Pre-School & Pre-Prep I Christmas Play\*
- 2.30pm Final performance : Pre-Prep II & Pre-Prep III Christmas Play for Parents of Pre-Prep II C & Pre-Prep III W\*
- Wed 8 9.00 - 10.00am Father Christmas visits Pre-Prep
- 11.00 - 11.45 Pre-Prep II & III Party Games in the Saloon
- 11.45am - 12.45pm Pre Prep Christmas Lunches
- 2.00pm All Pre-Prep children to be collected from classrooms either to go home, or attend Fayre with parents.

2.00pm Parents' Committee Christmas Fayre in Sports Hall\*

4.00pm End of Term Staff Meeting

All children to go home – NO Crèche, EAP or Boarding available

Thu 9 Pre-Prep normal day

Junior Dept to Thame Church at 2.30pm

4.00pm Junior Dept children to be collected by Parents from St. Mary's Church, Thame.

5.00pm House Quiz

6.00 - 8.30pm Senior Christmas Dinner & Entertainment

Fri 10 10.35am Pre-Prep End of Term Assembly and Prize Giving

Pre-Prep Term ends at 12 noon

1.45pm Prize Giving

2.30pm Parents collect children and take Forms I - VI to the Carol Service\*.

3.30pm School Carol Service at St. Mary's Church, Thame for Forms I - VI\*

Term ends after the service approx 4.30pm

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