Bassingbourn Community Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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16th October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all families for your patience, understanding and support during the unexpected electricity issues earlier this week. We greatly appreciate the flexibility shown by our school community while we worked through the disruption and returned school life to normal as quickly as possible.

We were also delighted to welcome so many prospective families to our Reception 2027 Open Evening this week. It was a wonderful opportunity to showcase our school, and we are incredibly grateful to the staff and governors who gave up their time to support the event. Their enthusiasm, knowledge and commitment helped create a warm and welcoming experience for visiting families. If you were unable to attend, there will be further opportunities to visit us during our Open Evenings in November, and we look forward to welcoming more families to our school.

This week also saw many of our pupils take part in the Cross-Country event at Wimpole. We are incredibly proud of the determination, resilience and sporting skills they demonstrated throughout the competition. Whether striving for personal bests, encouraging teammates or tackling the challenge of the course, our children represented the school brilliantly. A special thank you also goes to the staff who supported and accompanied the event, helping to ensure a positive and enjoyable experience for all involved.

Thank you for your continued support. Together, these moments reflect the strength, spirit and sense of community that make our school such a special place to learn, grow and thrive.

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Celebration Awards

EYFS H Mason
EYFS M Arthur
Y1/2 Alina, Louie, Francesca
Y3/4 Maisie, Albie, Noah R
Y5 Mason, Theo
Y6 Evelyn,Lillia

This Week's Presentation Awards

EYFS H Remi
EYFS M Esme
Y1&2 Neveah, Roman, Connie
Y3/4 Isaac, Jess, Millie
Y5 Amelia, Ellis-James
Y6 Emily R, Emily D

Attendance

Congratulations to the following classes who achieved greater than 96% attendance:

Monet 100%

Hepworth 99.52%

Hockney 99.31%

Wiltshire 98.40%

Baldessari 98.33%

Lichtenstein 98.21%

Turner 98.18%

Whiteread 97.92%

Banksy 96.54%

Super well done to Monet who achieved our Target of 100% attendance

Year 3/4 Weekly News

Our Year 3 and 4 pupils have made an excellent start to the new academic year and have settled wonderfully into their new classes and routines. From the very first day, the children have demonstrated a positive attitude to learning, showing enthusiasm, curiosity and determination in all that they do.

One of our key school values is **'Be Excellent'**, and the children have certainly embraced this. Across all subjects, pupils have been working hard to produce their very best work, taking pride in their presentation and challenging themselves to achieve their full potential. It has been fantastic to see so many children eager to contribute ideas, ask thoughtful questions and strive for success.

The value of **'Be Resilient'** has also been shining through in classrooms every day. Whether tackling tricky maths problems, developing new writing skills or learning new routines, children have shown perseverance and a willingness to keep trying when faced with challenges. Their determination and positive mindset have helped them make a strong start to the year.

Equally important is our value of **'Be Caring'**, and we have been delighted to see so many examples of kindness, friendship and teamwork. The children have been supporting one another in their learning, welcoming new classmates and showing respect to everyone in our school community. These caring attitudes help to create a happy and inclusive environment where everyone can thrive.

We are also excited to share that next half term Year 3 and 4 will be visiting Wimpole Estate as part of our outdoor learning experiences. During the visit, the children will have the opportunity to help plant trees, contributing to the local environment and learning more about conservation and sustainability. We know this will be a memorable experience and a wonderful chance for the children to put our school values into action by working together, caring for nature and showing resilience as they take part in this important project. More details about this exciting experience will be shared soon.

Next Monday **(19th October)** is the deadline for the first homework presentation and all children will be able to share their presentation during the week. We are really looking forward to seeing and hearing everyone sharing their creativity and knowledge.

We are incredibly proud of the way Year 3 and 4 have started the year and look forward to seeing all that they will achieve in the months ahead. Well, done, Year 3 and 4!



Dates For Your Diary

Half term

- Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October (Back to school Monday 2nd Nov)

November

- Friday 20th November – Christmas Fayre (FOBS)
- Thursday 19th November – Open evening for Early Years – 4pm-5:30pm
- Monday 23rd November – Open evening for years 1-6 – 5pm-7pm

Inset days 2026/27

- Tuesday 1st September & Wednesday 2nd September 2026
- Monday 4th January 2027
- Friday 12th February 2027
- Monday 7th June 2027

Parental consultation evenings 2026/27

- Week beginning: 2nd November 2026
- Week beginning: 22nd February 2027

FOBS NEWS & EVENTS

Thank You for Supporting FOBS!
A huge thank you to everyone who attended our AGM. It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces and some new ones too. We are incredibly grateful for the continued support from our school community.

Meet Your 2026/27 FOBS Committee

- **Chair:** Faye Jeray
- **Co-Chair:** Gemma Windsor
- **Treasurer:** Kaz James
- **Co-Treasurer:** Michaela Johnson
- **Secretary:** Tracey Packer-Smith

Our Goal This Year

Raise £6,000 towards completing the air conditioning project in the main hall, benefiting the whole school community.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Planning is already underway, with around **10 external stalls** booked!
Delicious refreshments will include:

- Jacket Potatoes
- Mac & Cheese
- Hot Dogs
- Homemade Cakes
- Volunteers needed!

If you can help on **20th November**, we'd love to hear from you. Every helping hand makes a difference.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Draw Date: **10th December**
Tickets will be available:

- At the Christmas Fayre
- In raffle booklets sent home towards the end of November

NEXT FOBS MEETING

Wednesday 3rd February 2027
All are welcome to come along and get involved in supporting our school community.

Thank you for your continued support. Together we can create fantastic opportunities for our children and the wider school community.
From all the FOBS Team

FOBS School Discos – Important Information!

FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER

We hope all the children coming along to the school discos today have a fantastic time! Our FOBS team are busy setting everything up, and the registers are ready to go.

EYFS, KS1 - **4pm - 4:45pm**

Year 3 & 4 - **5pm - 5:45pm**

Year 5 & 6 - **6pm - 6:45pm**

Drop-off & Collection

- **Drop-off:** Please bring the children to their session and drop them off at the KS2 exit, at the back of preschool.
- **Collection:** Please collect the children from the main reception area.
- **Parking:** Please do not park in the staff car park.

What Can They Wear?
Children can come in fancy dress, party clothes or their football kit (please leave the football boots at home!).

What's Included?
Each ticket includes:

- A drink
- A mini bag of Haribo
- A glow stick

There will also be snacks to buy and games to play, all for just **50p each!**

Recommended spending money: **£1-£5**

A Little Reminder: If possible, please send your child with a small bag to keep their money and treats safe.

Lost Property: Any lost property will be left with the school office for collection on Monday.

A huge thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who have stepped in to help make these discos happen. We really appreciate your time and support in ensuring all the children have the best time!

We hope everyone has a brilliant time dancing, playing and having fun!

Best wishes,
The FOBS Team

Halloween Special

17th, 18th, 24th October – 1st November

This autumn we're hosting the most spook-tacular Halloween Special!

Join us for a not-so-scary adventure with a magical train ride, potion making, pumpkins, marshmallow toasting, mini golf and more!

Book your autumn adventure here
audley-end-railway.co.uk



Steeple Morden
Church of England Primary School

Steeple Morden FIREWORKS

Steeple Morden Village Green Meadow

Saturday the 7th November 2026

Gates open: 5:00pm
Pre-ordered food available from: 5:00pm
DJ: 5:30pm
Bonfire lighting: 6:00pm
Fireworks display: 6:30pm

Advance tickets:
Family ticket (2 adults + 2 kids) £20
Adult £8
Child £5

On the gate:
Adult £12
Child £7

Sweets and Treats
Hot Chocolate and Mulled Wine
Hot dogs £3 pre-ordered or £4 on the day
4 Hot dogs for £10 (only available if pre-ordered)

Book here

https://steeple-morden-pta.sumupstore.com

No personal fireworks or sparklers allowed.

Only professional pyrotechnicians or a permit holder to use fireworks.

As we are a charity, in the event of a cancellation, we will only be able to refund on request.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH MELDRETH

Christmas Tree Festival

28 NOVEMBER

29 NOVEMBER

11am–5pm Saturday

11am–4:30pm Sunday

Noah the Donkey 11am–3:30pm

REFRESHMENTS

SEASONAL CRAFT & PRODUCE STALL

FREE PARKING & ENTRY

ADVENT SERVICE

29 NOVEMBER 5:30PM

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