Bassingbourn Community Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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23rd October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another busy and successful half term, I would like to thank all of our children, families and staff for their continued hard work, support and commitment. We wish everyone a restful, enjoyable and well-deserved half term break and look forward to welcoming the children back refreshed and ready for the next exciting part of the school year.

This week, we were delighted to celebrate our Headteacher's Award recipients. These pupils have demonstrated exceptional perseverance, determination and commitment to improving their writing. Their consistent effort, positive attitude and dedication to producing their best work have led to impressive progress. We are incredibly proud of their achievements and the example they set for others. Well, done to all our award winners.

We would also like to recognise the fantastic achievement of the many children who have maintained 100% attendance throughout the term. Attending school every day gives children the very best opportunity to learn, make progress and fully participate in school life. We are delighted that so many pupils have achieved this milestone and would like to say a huge congratulations to each of them. Thank you also to parents and carers for your support in helping children attend school regularly.

Looking ahead, we are also looking forward to welcoming parents and carers back into school for our Parent Consultation meetings after half term. These meetings provide a valuable opportunity to celebrate children's successes, discuss their progress and strengthen the partnership between home and school. We look forward to seeing you there.

Amy Luu



Head Teacher Awards

Hokusai Delilah-Blu B
Monet Alex H
Hepworth Kiara S
Turner Anna M
Van Gogh Boden W
Cassatt Olive C
Hockney Edith C
Lichtenstein Preston G
Banksy Mason W
Baldesarri Francesca W
Whiteread Betty C
Wiltshire Henry E

Attendance Awards

Huge congratulations to the following students for their attendance:
Most improved Nischal P
Consistently High Ivar S

Attendance

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

Hockney 100%

Turner 99.09%

Banksy 98.46%

Hepworth 98.10%

Baldessari 97.08%

Whiteread 98.21%

Lichtenstein 96.07%

Wiltshire 96%

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

Year 1/2 Weekly News

English

In English, we are focusing on writing a story inspired by Troll Swap. The children have really enjoyed making predictions about what might happen in the book and creating setting and character descriptions. We have been learning about using adjectives to describe with the year 2s have been challenged to write expanded noun phrases. This week the children have written their own version of the story with characters and settings they have chosen.



Maths

In maths, we have been learning about addition and subtraction. The Year 1 children have been learning about addition and subtraction within 20, doubling and halving as well as number bonds. The Year 2 children have been using the strategies they have learnt to solve problems. Across the key stage, we have found that the children are much stronger with their addition than subtraction, please practice some take-away problems with your children.



Geography

For our geography lessons this half term, we have been exploring maps, aerial photographs, the features of the school grounds.



Science

In science we have been learning plants. We have labelled parts of a plant. We have experimented on growing bean plants with and without water. We have also looked at different types of leaves and plants categorising plants.



Art

In art we have been looking at lines and shapes. The children have been experimenting with lines and shape to create their portraits inspired by Paul Klee. We have looked at regular and organic shapes as well as choosing colour and shade.

Best wishes,
The Key Stage 1 Team (Van Gogh, Turner and Hepworth classes)

A huge thank you from FOBS!

A massive thank you to everyone who helped make our Halloween Disco such a success! From setting up, helping during the evening, serving refreshments and, of course, the mammoth job of tidying everything away afterwards — we really couldn't do it without our wonderful volunteers.

We're delighted to have raised an amazing **£1,171**, which means we're getting ever closer to our **air-conditioning project**! We now have just **£4,900 left to raise** — so thank you for helping us get there!

Next up… our Christmas Fayre!

Save the date: **Friday 20th November, 4:30–7pm**.

Over half term, if you're having a bit of a clear-out (or detox!), we'd be incredibly grateful for donations of **wine, spirits, shower gel, ketchup and other bottles** to help us create our ever-popular *Wine or Water* game.

We're also on the lookout for **teddies** for the Christmas Fayre. Our **Amnesty Bin** will be out by the Lost Property from **5th November**, so please pop any unwanted teddies and bottles in there. Alternatively, you can hand them to any member of the FOBS committee.

And finally, a huge thank you to everyone who has supported our **Christmas card fundraiser**. We're so grateful for every purchase and for your continued support of FOBS and the school.

Thank you, as always, for helping us make these events happen — we couldn't do it without you!

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

The FOBS Team


HALLOWEEN
DISCO
A huge thank you to all our amazing volunteers — we honestly couldn't do it without you!
WE RAISED
£1,171.54
Our feet are hurting, but our smiles are going strong!
Thanks FOBS team!

FOBS

(FRIENDS OF BASSINGBOURN PRIMARY SCHOOL)

NEED YOUR HELP!





WE ARE NEEDING DONATIONS OF

WINE/BEER/SPIRITS/
SHOWER GEL/BUBBLE BATH
BOTTLES





FOR OUR CHRISTMAS FAYRE (20TH NOVEMBER)
FOR OUR REALLY POPULAR WINE OR WATER GAME.



OUR BLACK AMNESTY BIN WILL BE OUT BY THE LOST PROPERTY FROM THE

5TH NOVEMBER

READY FOR YOUR KIND DONATIONS!

LAST YEAR OUR WINE OR WATER GAME RAISED £300...
THIS YEAR WE ARE FUNDRAISING FOR
AIR CONDITIONING UNITS IN OUR MAIN HALL.

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

Current vacancies

We currently have 1 vacancy at school

Unqualified Teacher-PPA Cover

Please visit our website for more information and to apply

Extracurricular Achievements

Celebrating Our Summer Reading Champions!

A huge congratulations to **Sienna B, Caitlin B, Joseph S, Annabelle B, Marley C, Jessica S, Sanjev S, Alfred S and Xavier R** who successfully completed the **Read to the Beat Summer Challenge** during the summer holidays.

Their dedication, enthusiasm and commitment to reading throughout the break is a fantastic achievement. By taking part in the challenge, they explored new stories, developed their reading skills and demonstrated a real love of books.

We were delighted to present each child with their **Read to the Beat certificate and medal** in recognition of their hard work and perseverance. They should all be incredibly proud of themselves!

Reading regularly helps to build confidence, imagination and a lifelong love of learning, and these pupils have set a brilliant example for others to follow.

Well, done to all nine children on this fantastic achievement. We are very proud of you! 🎉📚🏅

Keep turning those pages and enjoying the wonderful world of reading! 📖✨

A Swimming Superstar!

A huge congratulations to Ailbhe, who has progressed to Stage 8 in swimming!
Stage 8 is an exciting milestone, marking the beginning of the Aquatic Skills Framework. It takes swimmers beyond the core Stages 1–7 and introduces more sport-specific skills, including those used in competitive swimming.
Ailbhe gives her all every week, showing wonderful commitment, determination and enthusiasm. We could not be prouder of her fantastic achievement—well done, Ailbhe!

South Cambs 7-a-Side Football Cup 2026

Congratulations to Our Year 5 and 6 Football Team!
We are incredibly proud of our Year 5 and 6 pupils who represented the school at the **South Cambs 7-a-Side Football Cup 2026**. Throughout the competition, the team demonstrated outstanding teamwork, determination, sportsmanship and resilience.
Every player gave their best effort, showing great skill and enthusiasm on the pitch. They supported one another, worked together as a team and represented our school with pride. Their positive attitude and commitment were a credit to themselves, their families and our school community.
Whether celebrating victories, overcoming challenges or encouraging teammates, the children showed the true values of school sport. Taking part in such a competitive tournament is a fantastic achievement, and the experience will help them continue to grow both as footballers and as individuals.
Well, done to all our Year 5 and 6 players for their hard work, dedication and excellent behaviour throughout the event. We are extremely proud of everything you achieved and thank you for being such wonderful ambassadors for our school.

Congratulations to the entire team on a fantastic South Cambs 7-a-Side Football Cup 2026 ⚽🏆👏

ROYSTON TOWN FC

COMMUNITY PROGRAMME

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS!





Bassingbourn Primary School

Multi-Sports

(DAYS)	(TIMES)	(VENUE)
Fridays	15:15 - 16:15	Bassingbourn Primary School

(YEAR GROUPS)	(DATES)
YEAR 1-6	06.11.26 - 11.12.26

BOOK NOW: https://roystontownfc.ktckts.com/brand/after-school

CONTACT: SAM@ROYSTONTOWNFC.CO.UK

WAY 2 GO

Making Every Journey Count This Autumn and Winter

Be safe. Be seen

As autumn arrives and winter approaches, schools across Cambridgeshire are continuing to inspire pupils to travel safely, stay healthy and make positive choices on their journeys to and from school. While darker mornings, wet weather and busy roads can make travelling more challenging, they also provide opportunities to build important road safety skills and healthy habits that last a lifetime.

In this edition, we're celebrating some fantastic achievements from schools, highlighting new resources and sharing ideas to help keep pupils engaged in road safety and sustainable travel throughout the colder months. From Modeshift STARS success stories and Junior Travel Ambassador activities to exciting new projects promoting cleaner air and healthier journeys, there is plenty to be proud of.

Thank you for everything you do to support road safety, sustainable travel and pupil wellbeing. Your enthusiasm and commitment continue to make a real difference to children, families and communities across Cambridgeshire.

Together, let's keep making every journey count this autumn and winter.



BE SAFE. BE SEEN.
Darker mornings. Darker evenings. As daylight hours reduce, making sure children can be seen is more important than ever.
Bright colours, reflective accessories and cycle lights can help road users see you sooner.

Top Tips for Staying Visible

- ☑ Bright or light-coloured clothing
- ☑ Reflective tags, strips or stickers
- ☑ Lights for cycles and scooters
- ☑ Keep hoods down when crossing roads

Every journey matters. Every child deserves to be seen.



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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