Bassingbourn Community Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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6th November 2026

Dear parents and carers,

A very warm welcome back to all our children, families and staff after the October half-term break. We hope you enjoyed a restful week and had the opportunity to spend quality time together with family and friends.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to the many parents and carers who attended our recent parent consultation meetings. We greatly value the strong partnership between home and school, and it was wonderful to see so many families taking the opportunity to discuss their children's learning, progress and achievements with their teachers.

We have also been delighted by the overwhelmingly positive feedback received through our parent questionnaire. Your comments reflected a strong sense of trust and confidence in the school, recognition that children feel safe, happy and well supported, and appreciation for the enthusiasm and enjoyment they show towards their learning. Many of you also took the time to acknowledge the dedication, care and commitment of our staff team. These comments are truly heartwarming and greatly appreciated. I know the staff will be immensely proud that their hard work and commitment to providing the very best for every child has been recognised by our school community.

Today is also the final day for Mrs Farragher, our Teaching Assistant. We would like to thank her for her dedication and support of our children during her time at Bassingbourn Primary School. We wish her every success and happiness for the future.

Reception 2027 Open Evening

We are looking forward to welcoming prospective families for our **Reception 2027 Open Evening** on **Thursday 19th November, from 4.00pm to 5.30pm**. This event is open to all parents and carers who are considering a school place for their child next September and provides an excellent opportunity to meet staff, visit our learning environments and find out more about life at our school.

Whole School Open Evening

We will also be holding our **Whole School Open Evening** on **Monday 23rd November, from 5.00pm to 7.00pm**. This event is open to both existing and prospective parents and carers across all year groups. Families will have the opportunity to explore classrooms, celebrate children's learning and speak with staff about the exciting opportunities available throughout the school.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to another successful half term filled with learning, achievement and memorable experiences for all our children.

Amy Luu
Headteacher



Celebration Awards

EYFS H Ferne
EYFS M Nuhang
Y1/2 Flossy, Carter, Roman
Y3/4 Rishen, Benny, Theo
Y5 Elizabeth, Sapphira
Y6 Betty, Max

This Week's Presentation Awards

EYFS H Toni
EYFS M Evelyn
Y1&2 Albie, Victor, Sienna
Y3/4 Aaron, William, Archie
Y5 Olive, Sanjev
Y6 Noah, Sid

Attendance

Congratulations to the below classes who achieved greater than 96% attendance

Banksy 98.46%

Hepworth 98.10%

Van Gogh 97.78%

Cassatt 96.79%

Spotlight on inclusion

At Bassingbourn, inclusion starts in the classroom, with warm relationships and high-quality teaching from the adults who know each child best. Our class teachers are at the heart of this, adapting their teaching so every child can learn well and grow well. Alongside them, our fantastic team of teaching assistants provide targeted support across the school, working with children wherever it will make the biggest difference.

Meet our inclusion team

Our inclusion team works closely with teachers and teaching assistants to plan and co-ordinate extra support when a child needs it.

- **Mr Mikelson**, Inclusion and Operations Manager
- **Miss Kelly**, Inclusion Co-ordinator
- **Miss Gregson**, Assistant Headteacher and SENDCo
- **Miss Richardson**, Hub Lead
- **Mrs Titchmarsh**, HR and School Services Manager and our Family Support point of contact

Mr Mikelson leads and oversees the day-to-day running of our inclusion provision. Together with Miss Kelly, he makes sure that provision is of a high quality and runs smoothly every day. Miss Gregson is our named SENDCo. She advises the team on statutory matters, quality assures our provision and spends much of her time in classrooms working alongside teachers, because that is where inclusion matters most.

The team meets regularly to talk about how children are getting on. Together, they support children across six areas: SEND, attendance, medical needs, behaviour, English as an additional language and Pupil Premium, which includes service children and children who are or have been in care.

How support works

Some children need a little extra help for a while, and a few need more over a longer time. Support builds in layers, so it can grow or reduce as a child's needs change, and parents and carers are part of every step.

Who to talk to

If you have a question or a worry about your child, please speak to their class teacher first. They know your child well and will involve the inclusion team whenever that would help.

To contact the inclusion team directly, please email inclusion@bassingbourn.cambs.sch.uk. Miss Kelly manages this inbox and will make sure your message reaches the right person.

In our pupils' words

Our pupils talk confidently about difference, fairness and the different ways our brains work. We celebrate neurodivergent children, including those who are autistic or have ADHD, for the strengths, interests and ways of seeing the world they bring, alongside any support they may need.

> "Equality is where everyone gets the same; equity is where everyone gets what they need. This is fair because some people need more help than others." *Year 6*
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> "Diversity means everyone is different, but everyone is equal." *Year 3*
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> "Loads of kids want to include me and kind teachers help me." *Year 6*
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> "If we're struggling with work, we always know that we can get help." *Year 5*
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> "I like how our school accepts everyone, especially people who are neurodivergent." *Year 6*
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> "We like that the teachers talk about different brains. It helps us to understand how to put ourselves in someone else's shoes. It helps us all to feel like we belong here." *Year 6*

To find out more, visit the Inclusion page on our website.



Dates For Your Diary

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
- Friday 27th November – EYFS and KS1 Parent Phonics Virtual Workshop 1:30pm-2:15pm

December

- Friday 11th December – FOBS Panto

Christmas Holidays

- Monday 21st December 2026 – Friday 1st January 2027

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

HELP US MAKE OUR CHRISTMAS FAYRE A HUGE SUCCESS!

We'd love your help in spreading the word! Please share our Christmas Fayre with your friends, family and neighbours. Everyone is welcome — it's not just for Bassingbourn Primary School children, so the more the merrier!

DONATIONS NEEDED!
We rely on your incredibly kind donations to keep our games and stalls going throughout the evening. If you're able to donate, we'd be very grateful for:

- **Bottles of alcohol**
- **Bottles of water**
- **Shower gel/bubble bath bottles**
- **Teddies for our Teddy Tombola**

And now for a slightly unusual request…

WE NEED TO MAKE THE FRONT OF SCHOOL FEEL CHRISTMASSY!

Faye has a vision… and we LOVE it! She would absolutely love to have a traditional red truck with a Christmas tree on the back outside the front of school. You know the sort — because surely all the best traditional Christmas films have one!

So, if you know someone who has a red truck, or perhaps has access to one and would be willing to help us create a little Christmas magic, please get in touch!

We know we ask a lot, but we genuinely appreciate every single bit of support you give us. Together, we've already achieved so much for our children — from the outdoor gym equipment and climbing wall, to the outdoor classroom and extra shade in the playground.

We're determined to keep making things happen and giving our children the very best opportunities and facilities we can.

We are keen to succeed — and with your amazing support, we know we can!
Thank you, as always, for being such a fantastic community.

Please share, donate, spread the word and help us make this Christmas Fayre one to remember!

Friday 20th November
4:30 -7pm
Best Wishes all the FOBS team


Christmas Fayre
at Bassingbourn Primary School
BCPS
Friday 20th November
4:30pm – 7:00pm
A magical evening for all the family!
Christmas Games
Fun for all ages!
External Stalls
Great gifts and more!
SHOP LOCAL
Refreshments Available
Hot drinks, treats and more!
COME ALONG AND JOIN THE FUN!
Please get behind
FRIENDS OF BCPS
We are fundraising for
AIR CONDITIONING UNITS
in our main hall

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.

TEDDY AMNESTY!

Got any clean, unwanted teddies looking for a new home?

Donate them for our Christmas Fayre – Friday 20th November!

Teddy Amnesty Bin:
by Lost Property,
behind BOSC
(under the bricked bike shed)

From 5th November

Your teddies will help create a fun Fayre game
while raising much-needed funds for our
air conditioning project!

RECYCLE • REUSE • RAISE FUNDS



Thank you for your support!

Cake Donations Needed!



FOBS will be supporting the BrainTrust event on

Sunday 29th November,

and we'll be running a pop-up cake stall!

We'd be so grateful for any donations of cakes, cupcakes or other sweet treats to help make the stall a success

(please ensure all donations are nut-free).



If you're able to bake or donate anything, please do get in touch or drop your donations off at the school office on

Friday 27th November,

ready for us to sell at the pop-up stall.

Thank you so much for your support! ♡

Funds raised will go towards Katy trail.



SEA MONSTERS
WITH NIGEL MARVEN



SATURDAY 14TH NOVEMBER

Prehistoric adventure with TV presenter Nigel Marven, Discover Sea Monsters and a Skeleton of a small Ceratopsian Face painting, Music, Jurassic Park Jeeps plus lots more family fun .

£5 per ticket
BOOK NOW

- Sea Monster Display's
- Star display of Psittacosaurus Skeleton
- Meet & Greet with Nigel Marven

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Nene Park Trust

JOIN OUR U10 RUGBY TEAM!



ROYSTON RUGBY CLUB

SCHOOL YEAR 5 • BOYS & GIRLS WELCOME

NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED — JUST BRING YOUR ENERGY!

Whether you're brand new or already love the game,
there's a place for you on the team.

TRAINING TIMES

SUNDAYS
09:30 - 11:00

WHY PLAY RUGBY?

- Build confidence and self-esteem
- Make new friends and be part of a team
- Have fun while getting fit & staying active
- Learn respect, discipline, and teamwork

COME GIVE IT A TRY! FIRST THREE SESSIONS ARE FREE!

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Teamwork | Respect | Enjoyment | Discipline | Sportsmanship