Bassingbourn Community Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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9th October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

A big thank you to Vicar Helen Orr from Bassingbourn Parish Church for visiting us this week and leading our Harvest assembly. The children thoroughly enjoyed hearing about the importance of Harvest, giving thanks and supporting those in our community who may need a helping hand. We are very grateful for the increasing partnership we share with our local community.

We would also like to celebrate the fantastic improvements in attendance we have seen recently. Thank you to all our families for the support you provide in helping children attend school every day and arrive ready to learn. At our school, we believe that every day counts. Learning builds step by step, and even a small amount of time away from school can make it harder for children to keep up with new learning, routines and friendships. Wherever possible, we encourage families to aim for 100% attendance.

A gentle reminder that holidays taken during term time are usually unauthorised and can have a significant impact on children's learning and progress. We also ask that, whenever possible, medical, dental and other routine appointments are arranged outside school hours to minimise disruption to your child's education.

Thank you for working in partnership with us to ensure every child has the very best opportunity to learn, flourish and succeed. Together, we can make every school day count.

Amy Luu



Celebration Awards

EYFS H Matilda
EYFS M Tate
Y1/2 Cass, Rory, Leo P
Y3/4 Olivia, Edith, Kashan
Y5 Jack, Elliot
Y6 Oliver, Sid

This Week's Presentation Awards

EYFS H Flossie
EYFS M Sonny
Y1&2 Emerald, Natalia, Fraser
Y3/4 Dalton, Freya, Katharine
Y5 Logan, Hamish
Y6 Abishka, Alfred

Attendance

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

Whiteread 100%

Banksy 99.62%

Hockney 98.62%

Turner 97.73%

Wiltshire 96.40%

Lichtenstein 96.21%

Hepworth 96.19%

Year 5 Learning

In Geography, Year 5 are exploring the question 'What is life like in the Alps?' As part of this learning, pupils have been researching a range of European countries to develop their understanding of the region. It has been wonderful to see homework projects beginning to arrive in school, and we have already received some excellent work on Switzerland, Italy and other countries. We are excited to see the creativity, research and effort that pupils put into their remaining projects.

In English, the children have been impressing us with their enthusiasm during drama activities linked to our class text. We have progressed from acting out individual scenes to performing sequences of three connected scenes, using both physical expression and spoken dialogue to interpret key moments from the story. These drama activities are directly supporting the children's writing by helping them explore characters' thoughts, feelings and motivations in greater depth, providing rich ideas and experiences that feed into their written work. Pupils have recently been writing newspaper reports and are now beginning to build towards diary entries based on the remarkable story of Annie Edson Taylor, the Queen of the Falls.

In Maths, we have been developing our understanding of large numbers and applying this knowledge to solve increasingly challenging addition and subtraction problems.

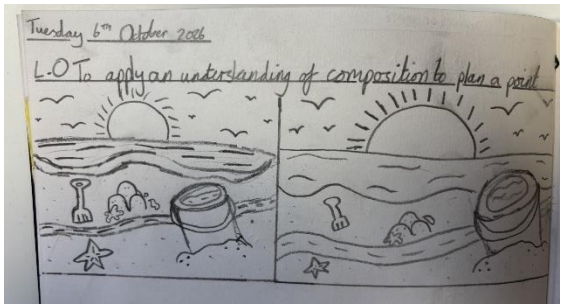
In Art, pupils have been developing their drawing skills through memory drawing techniques, carefully observing objects before recreating them from memory. Please see the below photographs showcasing some of their fantastic work.

We are also delighted to see so many Year 5 pupils taking advantage of our extra-curricular opportunities. Children have been putting in strong performances and showing excellent commitment at Running Club, Netball Club and Countdown Club, both at lunchtimes and after school. It has been fantastic to see their enthusiasm, teamwork and determination on display.

Well, done, Year 5, for another week of hard work, creativity and achievement!







Dates For Your Diary

October

- Thursday 15th October – Open evening for Early Years – 4pm-5:30pm
- Friday 16th October - Spooky Disco (FOBS)

Half term

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

November

- Thursday 19th November – Open evening for Early Years – 4pm-5:30pm
- Friday 20th November – Christmas Fayre (FOBS)
- 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.

SPOOKY DISCO

Friday 16th October
Ticket Sales Extended Until Monday 12th October
Drop-off: KS2 Exit Gate (behind the preschool)
Children are welcome to wear:

- Fancy dress
- Party clothes
- Jeans or joggers
- Football kits
- Anything they feel comfortable in!

Snacks and games available for **30p-50p each**
Recommended spending money: **£1-£5**

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




Steeple Morden
Church of England Primary School
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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.