



Bassingbourn Community Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Reminder: Parental Conduct & Communication Channels

As always, we deeply value the partnership between home and school in supporting every child's learning and wellbeing. We kindly remind all parents and carers to conduct themselves respectfully when on school premises or interacting with staff, pupils, other parents and community members. Our team is committed to helping and maintaining a positive atmosphere so that everyone, especially the children, feels safe and supported.

If you have a concern or a query, please follow the appropriate communication channels so we can respond effectively. In most cases, this begins with speaking to your child's class teacher. If further support is needed, concerns can then be escalated appropriately.

As Headteacher, I am supported by a dedicated staff team. I will delegate the relevant staff team to address your concern with my guidance and on my behalf. Thank you for helping us keep communication constructive and purposeful.

Increase in Illnesses – Hand Hygiene Reminder

We have seen a recent rise in common seasonal illnesses across the school. To help minimise the spread, we are encouraging children to practise good hand hygiene, including:

- Regular handwashing with soap and water
- Using hand sanitiser when appropriate
- Covering coughs and sneezes
- Staying home if unwell

Your support in reinforcing these habits at home makes a significant difference in keeping our school community healthy.

Ms Luu
Headteacher

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This Week's Celebration Awards



Edward, Natalia, Kiara, Harry, Caitlin, Lewis, Olive,
Amelia, Franklin, Josh, George, Poppy, Kataleya

This Week's Presentation Awards

Louis, Cassie, Albie-Paul, Imogen, Sayuna, Maisie, Annabelle,
Olive, Logan, Xavier, Sophie, Alfie, Perri



Parent Workshops

POSTPONED - Being Safe in the Community

Wednesday 18th March, 9am - Education Inclusion Family Advisor Presentation

Tuesday 5th May, 2:30pm - Online Safety

Wednesday 8th July, 9am - Preparing Your Child for Transition



ATTENDANCE

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

Week Commencing: 2nd February 2026

Monet: 98.41%

Banksy: 98.15%

Van Gogh: 97.60%

Hepworth: 97.57%

Cassatt: 96.58%

Attendance has a significant impact on children's mental wellbeing. When a child begins to fall behind their classmates, they often become aware of the gap, which can gradually erode their confidence and self-belief.

We don't need research to recognise that poor attendance can have deeply negative consequences.

Special Message from Mr Mikelson

Dear Parents and Carers,

At our school, we are very keen to ensure that pupils are introduced to a wide variety of experiences related to different career pathways. We believe it is important for children to explore the world of work in a broad and engaging way, helping them to understand the many possibilities open to them as they grow.

We are also committed to supporting pupils who already show a strong interest in a particular subject and helping them to see how this passion could potentially develop into a future career. We believe that a love for learning and individual interests is never too early to be developed, and we want to nurture and build upon the perspectives, experiences, and aspirations of our children.

Below is a short survey for parents and carers. The information gathered will be used to help inform future school events and partnerships, including talks, workshops, and other opportunities that support pupils' understanding of different career pathways.

Thank you for taking the time to support this important work.

Kind regards,

Mr Mikelson

[Future Career Survey – Fill in form](#)

Year 6 News

The year 6 pupils have been thoroughly enjoying our current writing unit about Ernest Shackleton, creating high-quality journals about his expedition on Endurance. The pupils have also enjoyed creating their own clay sculptures, designed and created to represent something about their personalities.

The Year 6 Team (Whiteread and Wiltshire classes)

PE Roundup

League Round 4 Match Report

Haslingfield 2 – 3 Bassingbourn

Round 4 of the football league saw the unbeaten Bassingbourn side travel to Haslingfield Primary School for a tough away fixture.

The game started slowly, with Bassingbourn struggling to get out of their own half. Sustained pressure from Haslingfield tested the defence early on, but some incredible saves from

goalkeeper Anamol kept the score at 0–0. At the back, Jacob, Lucy, and Max battled relentlessly, producing clearance after clearance to keep Bassingbourn in the contest.

Despite the defensive resilience, Bassingbourn eventually fell behind when a strong initial save was followed up and put away, making it 1–0 to Haslingfield. In the same moment, the goalkeeper was injured, forcing Teddy to step in between the sticks for the final minutes of the half.

That substitution proved crucial. Teddy's very first touch was a vital one, launching a goal kick all the way up the pitch to Harry, who finished brilliantly to level the score at 1–1 right on the stroke of half time.

It was one of the first occasions Bassingbourn had found themselves level after trailing at the break, but the team pulled together and motivated one another ahead of the second half. With Anamol unable to continue, Andre raised his hand to take on the demanding goalkeeper role — a special moment and a true demonstration of natural leadership.

The second half began at pace, with substitutes Joseph, Finley, and Chase immediately involved, making important tackles and early touches. A well-worked Haslingfield move soon followed, restoring their lead at 2–1.

The next three minutes proved to be the turning point. Constant motivational words from Max pushed Bassingbourn to raise their intensity and belief. The response was immediate, and with around eight minutes to go, Harry struck to make it 2–2.

The match continued end-to-end, with Jake and Ralph producing big tackles at key moments and Andre making several outstanding saves to keep Bassingbourn in the game. Then came the decisive moment: an excellent corner from Jacob found Harry in the box, who completed his hat-trick to give Bassingbourn a deserved 3–2 lead.

All that remained was to defend the advantage — and the team did so superbly. When the full-time whistle blew, players from both sides shook hands in clear acknowledgment of the effort, resilience, and respect shown throughout the match.

Bassingbourn now look forward to their next fixture after half term.

A special thank you goes to the wonderful Mrs Barnett for fuelling the team with biscuits and ensuring all injuries were handled superbly — the Manchester City physio team would be lucky to have her.

Mr Mikelson

FOBS Update

We just wanted to say a **HUGE THANK YOU** to each and every one of you for supporting and joining in with our fundraising events.

Thanks to your support, in six months we have managed to raise an incredible amount, which has meant we have invested £7,867 into the first phase of outdoor gym equipment project. In the next few weeks we should have an update from Tesco, following the blue coin voting.

We have quite a few fundraiser events coming up - School Disco on Friday 20th March and the Smarties Challenge during the Easter break.

These fundraiser events along with the Tesco voting, will go towards the second phase of the Outdoor Gym project- climbing wall.

We did it!

From all the FOBS team

WOW—WHAT AN ACHIEVEMENT! 

We set this **goal** back in **Summer 2025**, and we now have the **Outdoor Gym Equipment—Phase One** installed much sooner than expected.



A HUGE THANK YOU to our **incredible** school community for all the support — **£7,867 well spent**, we hope you all agree!

WE ABSOLUTELY NAILED IT!! 

School Disco!

Bassingbourn Primary School
Friday 20th March

Disco Sessions:

KS1: 4:00 - 5:00pm

KS2: 5:15 - 6:15pm

Tickets: £5 per child

Includes drink, Haribo & glow stick!



Funds raised go towards the new climbing wall!

Payment details coming soon!

A Special Message from Dr Adam Bostanci

Dear BCPS Community

In December, I led an assembly about our community campaign to open up the route over Ivy Farm Bridge as a walking and cycling route between Bassingbourn and Royston. This was a real highlight of my year!

The children were so well-behaved, and they immediately understood the benefits of this active travel route for their future independence, leisure opportunities, education and sustainability. I'll never forget how they all burst into laughter when I showed them my picture of the sheep on the solar farm along the way!

In the letters, the children also showed incredible consideration to the interests of the landowner if public right of way to access the bridge, which is owned by Hertfordshire County Council, can be created.

The letters, along with those from people of all ages in the wider community as well as from Bassingbourn Village College, Icknield Way First School, and the Parish Council, have now been posted to the owner of the Cokenach Estate. We will keep the BCPS community posted about any progress with this community cause.

Dr Adam Bostanci

County Councillor for Melbourn & Bassingbourn

