

# Bassingbourn Community Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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#### Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the second part of the Autumn term! I hope that you have had a relaxing break. Pupils have returned to school this week recharged and ready for more learning. Mrs Okai, our Deputy Head, hosted Mrs Thompson, who is working with Bassingbourn as part of the DfE RISE project, this week. Both Mrs Okai and Mrs Thompson observe a high level of learning engagement and positive behaviour in class. Additionally, the Year 6 pupils started the term with an exciting visit to Duxford. They are excited to be learning about World War 2 this term. A great thanks to the team for organising a successful trip!

It was lovely to see so many parents and carers attending parental consultations this week. Thank you for your engagement and willingness to work in partnership to support your child's progress. Our staff team have felt your support during these discussions and appreciated your trust in our professional knowledge and experience.

I know we have been raising the importance of regular school attendance, but we need your help to ensure pupils come to school every day. Recent statistics have shown that we have recovered from COVID-related absences. However, sporadic absences where pupils miss a day here and there, are increasing nationally. As a result, pupils return to school with a continued need to catch up on learning. This significantly impinges their progress overall. A minor cough or cold should not be the reason for keeping your child at home.

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### **This Week's Celebration Awards**

April, Emerald-Rose, Fred, Imogen, Archer, Keyondre, Gracie, Eleanor, Ollie, Noah, Evelyn, Olivia, Oscar



# **This Week's Presentation Awards**



Harry, Max, Grayson, Esa, Josh, Keira, Effie, Kayana, Theo, Lois, Andre, Zoya, Jake

# **ATTENDANCE**

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

Week Commencing: 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025

Baldessari 98.77% Hepworth 97.6% Turner 97.01% Hockney 96%

# **Dates For Your Diary**

 $26^{th}$  November – EYFS Trip to Audley End

28<sup>th</sup> November – FOBS Christmas Fayre

17<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Dinner



#### **PE ROUNDUP**

We are delighted to announce the launch of a brand-new Athletics Club at Bassingbourn Community Primary School, starting after half term. The club will be run by Royston Athletics Club and is open to pupils in Years 1–6. This exciting opportunity has been developed in response to feedback from our recent parent survey, and we thank you for your continued support.

If you experience any difficulties regarding payment for a place, please contact the school office. As a school, we will always try to support families within our remit, with any assistance allocated on a case-by-case basis where appropriate.

Please use the link below to sign up and secure a place for your child.

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

Mr. Mikelson

### **Year 5 News**

Year 5 have had a busy week after returning from the half-term break!

On Tuesday, the children took part in an inspiring art lesson where they explored the technique of continuous line drawing to create expressive portraits. They experimented with varying the size, shape, and position of words to add visual interest, and investigated how different backgrounds could transform the effect of their work. To complete their pieces, the children added words from a poem or descriptive words about themselves around the outside of their portraits, creating thoughtful and personal artworks that celebrated both creativity and self-expression.

Then, on Friday, Year 5 took part in the exciting Road to RIAT programme — an initiative with aviation and sustainability at its heart. The event started with a hands-on STEM session where pupils designed and built their own gliders and launched rockets into the sky. This project links perfectly with their Autumn Term science topic, Earth and Space, helping pupils to deepen their understanding of flight, forces, and the wider world of aerospace. Throughout the day, they demonstrated fantastic teamwork, creativity, and curiosity — seeing their ideas quite literally take off!







The Year 5 Team, Baldessari and Banksy Classes

# **FOBS Update**

We hope you all had a wonderful half-term break!

FOBS are busy behind the scenes getting ready for our Christmas Fayre on Friday 28th November, 4:30–7:00pm. We are still in need of a few volunteers, particularly for the 4:30–5:00pm and 6:00–7:00pm slots. If you are able to help, please speak to us in person or email us at friends\_bcps@outlook.com — we would be incredibly grateful.

Thank you so much for all the fantastic colourthemed donations! Our Spin the Wheel game is full of brilliant prizes thanks to your kindness.

We know it's a busy time of year (sorry — Christmas is coming fast!), but we are now kindly asking for bottle donations (wine, beer, spirits, shampoo, etc.) and clean, good-condition teddies. These will be used for games at the Fayre.

We are very close to reaching our fundraising target of £5,500 plus installation for the new gym equipment, with £4,100 raised so far — thank you for your amazing support!



Please also keep an eye on your children's book bags for the blue envelopes containing raffle tickets.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

The FOBS Team







# Free Girls only sessions available

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Join us at:

King James Academy Royston

Session dates:

Sundays from 9th November to 14th December Session timings:

10.30 to 11.30 am

Contact

David May drmroystoncricket@outlook.com or 07801235814

To book your free sessions please register via the QR code



Details of how to get your free place are included in the registration details