



Bassingbourn
Community Primary School

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13th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Safer Internet Day – Learning to Navigate the Online World Safely

This week, our classes took part in thoughtful discussions and activities for Safer Internet Day. Pupils explored what it means to stay safe, kind and responsible online—whether they are chatting with friends, researching for projects, or enjoying their favourite games.

Children reflected on how to recognise trustworthy information, protect their personal details, and speak up if something online makes them feel unsure. It was wonderful to see conversations taking place across the school, with pupils showing real awareness of how to make positive choices online.

Celebrating a Fantastic Half Term

As we reach the end of a busy and joyful half term, we want to celebrate all the learning, creativity and events the children have taken part in. From classroom learning to enrichment activities, it has been a pleasure to see pupils' enthusiasm and confidence continue to flourish.

We wish all our families a restful half term break and look forward to welcoming everyone back to school refreshed and ready for more exciting learning.

Reminder: Parental Consultation Week

A reminder that Parental Consultation Week will take place during the first week back after half term. Booking information has been shared with families, and we look forward to meeting with you to discuss your child's progress and achievements.

Please see the key points shared from the Governing Body:

- i. Governor approval of the 2025/2026 Schools Financial Value Standard (SFVS) checklist helps to provide assurance that the school is meeting the basic standards necessary to achieve a good level of financial health and resource management.
- ii. Governors were pleased to see improved attendance data across the school.

- iii. Governors would like to welcome parents and members of the local community to share career pathways with the children to support their personal development.
- iv. Governors would like to officially welcome new staff and thanked the school team for their continued commitment to the school.
- v. Governors were delighted with the wide range of enrichment activities pupils at the school are accessing which included an external visitor delivering Buddhism talks and an assembly by Susan Van de Ven on the Ivy Bridge campaign.

Ms Luu
Headteacher

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Head Teachers Awards



Robert, Harry, Hanna, Nisum, Anna, Zachary, Izzy, Preston,
Harrison, Eleanor, Max, Evelyn, Ayla, Harry



Attendance Awards



Most Improved Attendance: Esmeralda
Consistently High Attendance: Emily



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 9th February 2026:

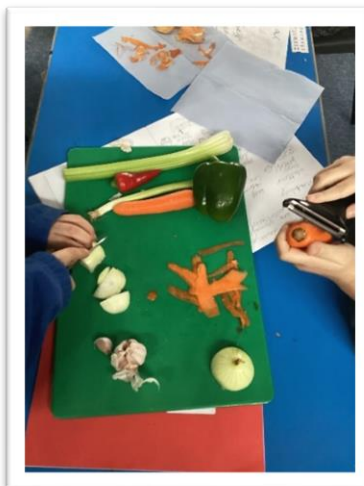
Hokusai: 100%
Baldessari: 97.86%
Hepworth: 97.76%
Turner: 97.10%
Monet: 96.83%
Banksy: 96.76%
Cassatt: 96.15%
Lichtenstein: 96.15%

Well done to those who won the Attendance Awards this time!

Mrs Titchmarsh

Year 5 News

This half term, Year 5 have thoroughly enjoyed developing their practical skills in the kitchen by making a delicious bolognese sauce from scratch. The children carefully chopped onions, garlic and vegetables, learning how to handle equipment safely while improving their dexterity and control. They showed fantastic teamwork, patience and independence as they followed the recipe step by step, building confidence in measuring, mixing and preparing ingredients.



Alongside their cooking achievements, the class have also been busy creating a range of impressive art installations. Using a variety of materials and techniques, the children explored texture, structure and colour to produce thoughtful, creative pieces. It has been a wonderful half term of hands-on learning, creativity and skill-building for everyone involved.



The Year 5 Team (Baldessari and Banksy classes)

PE Roundup

As a school community, we recognise that we all have areas of expertise and areas where we can continue to grow. With this in mind, all teaching staff and several teaching assistants participated in a dynamic workshop led by our county PE advisor, Ian Roberts.

The session was highly engaging — and at times very entertaining — but most importantly it was purposeful and practical. Staff explored:

- Progressive skill development in gymnastics
- Safe and effective use of a range of equipment



- Creating challenge for all abilities
- Building purposeful, structured lessons that promote independence and resilience

As a result of this training, our pupils will now experience high-quality gymnastics lessons filled with challenge, exciting apparatus, and clear learning intentions. We are excited to see the confidence, creativity and physical skills that will develop as a result of this shared professional learning experience.



Mr Mikelson

New After-School Football Club – Expression of Interest

Dear Parents and Carers,

We're exploring the possibility of launching a weekly **after-school football club delivered by SupaStrikersRoyston** at school and would like to see if there's enough interest from families before confirming arrangements.

What is it?

A fun, structured football session designed to build confidence, coordination and teamwork — not just football ability.

- **KS1:** Boys & Girls
- **KS2:** Girls only
- **Session length:** 60 minutes, once per week (term time)
- **Cost:** £35 per month
- Delivered by **qualified, DBS-checked, first-aid trained coaches**

What children gain

Sessions focus on much more than football:

- Confidence & resilience
- Communication & teamwork
- Decision-making skills
- Agility, balance & coordination
- Improved concentration (helps classroom learning)

Children receive **termly progress certificates (Bronze, Silver, Gold)** and a home activity pack so they can practise skills in a fun way outside sessions.

Extra opportunities

- Individual coaching in a relaxed environment (more ball touches & support)
- Nutrition and wellbeing tips for families
- Girls achieving Gold level may be offered a **free trial with an Arsenal development coach**

Please let us know if this is something your child would be interested in by completing the below survey:

[New After-School Football Club – Expression of Interest \(Parents\) – Fill in form](#)

Best Wishes,

Mr Mikelson

Special Message from Mr Mikelson

Following a review of our daily school operations, we identified staff visibility as a key priority in maintaining a purposeful, safe and welcoming environment for everyone in our school community.

We would like to extend a sincere thank you to our two local company sponsors who have generously funded high-visibility jackets for our staff team. Their support is greatly appreciated and demonstrates a strong commitment to our local community.

You may notice staff wearing these hi-vis jackets around the school site at key times of the day, including during drop-off, breaktimes and collection. This initiative forms part of our ongoing safeguarding commitment, ensuring that pupils can clearly and easily identify trusted adults, while also promoting a secure and well-organised environment.

Small changes can make a significant difference, and we are proud to continue strengthening our systems to ensure the very best provision for our pupils.



Mr Mikelson

FOBS Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now in full swing with our fundraising activities!

Our **School Disco** will take place on **Friday 20th March**. Tickets will be available to purchase on **MCAS** in the next few weeks, and we will send out an email as soon as they go live.

In the week before we break up for Easter, all pupils will receive a **tube of Smarties** as part of a fundraising activity. If you would prefer your child not to take part due to allergies or any other reason, please email the school office to let them know. Please see the poster for more information.

We are also gathering quotes for the **new climbing wall**, aiming for a similar look and feel to the one at **Litlington Recreation Ground**.

Have a wonderful half term.

Best wishes,

The FOBS Team



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!

SMARTIES[®]

Challenge!

Smarties 20p Challenge

The Smarties will be handed out to the children by their class teacher, the week beginning **23rd March 2026**.

We are giving you some Smarties to eat but the **empty tubes** you must keep.

20p you need to find
(any coins/notes welcome)!



Please return the tube to the class teacher by
15th April 2026.

Monies will be going
towards the **climbing wall**!



Thanks for all your support!

From Friends of Bassingbourn Primary School (FOBS)

Royston Town FC After School Clubs

To find out more information about the After School Athletics Club or register your child, please click on the following link:

[Royston Town FC After School Clubs](#)