



Bassingbourn
Community Primary School

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13th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Celebrating a Wonderful Week of Learning

It has been a joyful and productive week across the school, with children showing real enthusiasm, curiosity and pride in their learning. Classrooms have been buzzing with focused effort, teamwork and plenty of creative thinking - well done to all our pupils for their hard work and positive attitudes.

A special congratulations to our whole school community. This week's attendance is the highest we've had all term! Thank you to families for your continued support in helping children arrive ready to learn each day. Good attendance makes a real difference to progress and wellbeing, and it's fantastic to see such a strong commitment from everyone.

Morning Drop-Off Reminder

To help us keep every child safe during the busy start of the day, especially during the **morning bus transition**, we kindly ask parents and carers to follow the following exit route after drop-off:

- Please use the main Key Stage 1 gates to exit the site in the morning.
- **Do not use the wooden gate by Reception to exit, particularly when the bus children are lining up in that area.**

Using the correct gate ensures that staff can safely support children arriving by bus and prevents congestion in a space where younger pupils are moving.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us maintain a safe and smooth start to the school day.

Ms Luu
Headteacher

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This Week's Celebration Awards



Silas, Myles, Fraser, Cara, Oattie, Vinnie, Ted, Sapphira,
Chloe, Phoebe, Skyla, Tianna and Izzy

This Week's Presentation Awards

Albie, Riley, Joseph, Isaac, Leo, Lewis, Ava, Iyla, Elliot, Xavier, Abishka, Leo and Lucy



Dates For Your Diary

Friday 20th March – Red Nose Day

Friday 20th March – School Disco (please see poster below)

**Wednesday 25th March, 10am-10:30am – Year 4 Group Assembly –
Parents welcome**

Friday 27th March – Fundraising Bake Sale



Wednesday 22nd April, 10am-10:30am – Year 3 Group Assembly – Parents welcome

Wednesday 6th May, 10am-10:30am – Year 5 Group Assembly – Parents welcome

Wednesday 3rd June, 10am-10:30am – Year 1 / 2 Van Gogh Group Assembly - Parents welcome

**Wednesday 10th June, 10am-10:30am - Year 1 / 2 Hepworth Group Assembly - Parents
welcome**

Wednesday 17th June, 10am-10:30am - Year 1 / 2 Matisse Group Assembly - Parents welcome

Parent Workshops

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



Special Message

Thank you to Mrs Dworzak for making us some lovely ice-pack covers this week. The bright colours make a small bump feel better straight away!

ATTENDANCE

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

Week Commencing: 9th March 2026

Monet: 100%

Hokusai: 98.29%

Baldessari: 98.29%

Hepworth: 98.03%

Banksy: 96.76%

Van Gogh: 96.76%

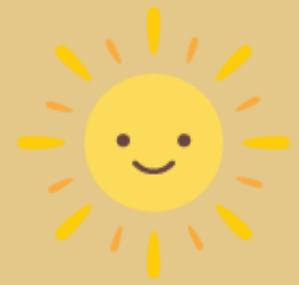
Lichtenstein: 96.15%

Cassatt: 96.15%

Congratulations to the whole school. Last week was our most attended week this academic year. Well done everyone, let's see if we can beat it!



Spring



Year 1/2

English



This half term in English, KS1 have been enjoying the story Beegu. The children were very excited when Beegu crash-landed in our school playground at the start of the half term! Since then, we have been learning all about her adventures on Earth. The children have been busy writing about Beegu and imagining what her time here might be like. We have even discovered CCTV images of Beegu and received a mysterious letter from her that we had to decode together. The children have also been describing what Beegu might see, hear and feel on Earth and providing her with information about everyday objects she might not recognise. We are now working towards writing our own creative stories about a creature going on an adventure.

MATH

In Maths, we have been working hard on arrays while exploring grouping and sharing. The children have also been practising doubling and halving numbers. They have shown fantastic determination and enthusiasm and have been confidently using mathematical vocabulary such as commutative. Commutativity means that when we add or multiply numbers, we can change the order of the numbers and still get the same answer. For example, $3 + 5$ is the same as $5 + 3$, and 2×4 is the same as 4×2 . Next, we will begin learning about fractions.



SCIENCE

In Science, we have been exploring materials and their properties. The children have been investigating different materials and thinking about why certain materials are used to make particular objects. They have been learning that objects with the same use can be made from different materials, and that the same material can be used for different purposes. We have also explored how some solid objects can change shape when they are stretched, twisted, bent or squashed. When working scientifically, the children have been measuring using non-standard units, recording results in tables, and beginning to use their data to answer simple questions. They have also been learning how to represent results in block graphs.



ART



In Art, we have been exploring weaving techniques and learning about the work of artist Cecilia Vicuña. The children have experimented with different materials, learning how to weave paper strips and wool to create patterns. They have been selecting colours thoughtfully, choosing materials based on their thickness and flexibility, and learning how to attach materials securely to their box looms. The children have also shown fantastic resilience when their weaving did not work the first time and have enjoyed discussing their creative choices and comparing their work to Vicuña's artwork. Thank you very much for your donations of boxes and cardboard which have helped ensure every child had the opportunity to explore these skills.

In PSHE, we have been learning about keeping safe and understanding our bodies. The children have been learning the correct names for different parts of the body, including private parts, and understanding that their body belongs to them. We have also talked about trusted adults and made sure the children know there are adults around them that they can go to if they ever feel worried, uncomfortable, or unsafe. The children have discussed who they feel confident speaking to and practised how to seek help if they need it. We have also explored the difference between a secret and a surprise, discussed safe and unsafe physical contact, and learned about people in our community whose jobs help keep us safe. In addition, we have been learning about road safety, how to stay safe around substances that go into or onto the body, and how to contact the emergency services, including knowing their own address.

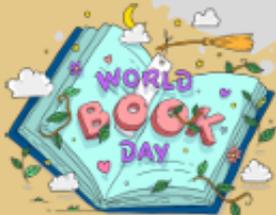


GEOGRAPHY

In Geography, the children have been learning about the United Kingdom. They have been naming and locating the four countries on a map and identifying which country they live in. We have also been exploring the four seasons, discussing seasonal changes and appropriate clothing for different weather. The children have been introduced to compass directions and have learned that the arrow on a compass always points north. They have begun using compass directions to describe locations and have been observing daily weather patterns.



We also had a wonderful time celebrating World Book Day on 5th March. It was fantastic to see the children dressed as characters they love and proudly sharing their costumes with friends. We enjoyed special shared reading time with children from older year groups, who came to read with us. The day ended with a costume parade on the KS1 playground where we were joined by Early Years. The children were thrilled to see everyone's fantastic costumes and celebrate their love of books together.



Reminders



- We are a nut-free school.
- KS1 PE day is Tuesday – please ensure that your child has a water bottle with them.
- Red spelling books should come into school on Thursday and will return home on Friday with new spellings. If a spelling book has not been provided, children will still receive a new spelling list, so please check their bags.
- Reading books should be in school every day and must be in school on Thursdays so they can be changed.

Thank you for your continued support. The children have been working incredibly hard and we are very proud of their enthusiasm and effort. 😊



PE Roundup

Netball Competition Report – 9th March 2026

It was a challenging start to the afternoon as we faced Thriplow in our opening match. Despite a determined performance, Thriplow edged ahead to take a 1–0 win. Letty and Declan formed a solid defensive partnership, working tirelessly to protect our goal. Caitlin led the team brilliantly at centre, moving the ball swiftly up and down the court and keeping the play flowing. In attack, Hazel and Ayla showed great determination in the shooting circle, creating several opportunities, though the final result didn't quite fall in our favour.

Our second game was against a very capable Melbourn side. Max took on the centre position and set an excellent tempo for the game, distributing the ball quickly and putting pressure on the opposition. Maisie and Ayla worked hard together in defence, doing their best to limit Melbourn's chances. In attack, Caitlin and Lucy combined well in the shooting circle, linking up nicely and creating scoring opportunities. Although the result didn't go our way, the team showed fantastic effort and resilience, making it a competitive contest throughout.



The final match against Foxton brought an exciting turnaround. Hazel, Letty and Max — quickly earning the nickname the three amigos — burst into action and scored three goals in just two minutes, giving the team a brilliant start. Lucy and Declan were outstanding in defence, allowing only one goal past them with their determined play. A final push saw Max score once more, securing a fantastic 4–1 victory to end the afternoon on a high.

The team showed great teamwork, determination and sportsmanship across all three matches.

Well done to everyone involved!

Mr Mikelson

Vacancies

Midday Supervisors

We are looking to recruit a midday supervisor to join our friendly and enthusiastic team!

To apply or for more information, please [click here](#)

FOBS News

School Disco – Friday 20th March

We are looking forward to our upcoming school disco! Please note that we are unable to add anymore tickets, as we are limited to 100 pupils per session.

Unfortunately, we have now sold out of KS2 tickets!

Drop-off and Collection

- Drop-off: KS2 exit gate (at the back of the preschool)
- Collection: Main reception

Please be patient during collection while we safely release the children.

What the ticket includes

- A drink
- A mini bag of Haribo
- A glow stick

During the disco, children will also have the opportunity to buy snacks and play games.

- Games: 50p each
- Snacks: 50p each



If possible, please send your child with small change, as this will help keep queues moving quickly.

We hope the children have a fantastic time! Thank you for supporting Friends of Bassingbourn Primary School (FOBs) during this event. Please remember that we are all volunteers doing our very best for the children.

Smarties Challenge – Week Beginning 23rd March

Children will receive Smarties tubes as part of our upcoming Smarties Challenge.

If you would prefer your child **not to** receive Smarties (for example due to allergies or personal preference), please email the school office.

Opt-out deadline: Monday 16th March

This allows us time to purchase suitable alternatives (such as free-from chocolate buttons from Tesco) where needed.

Thank you for your support and understanding as we organise these events alongside our other commitments.

Have a great weekend,

From

Friends of Bassingbourn Primary School



School DISCO

Information Friday 20th March

Drop Off: Please bring your children to the
KS2 Exit Gate (Back of Preschool) →



Collection: Pick up from the Main Reception

Included with Ticket:

Three items are shown in a decorative frame: a drink in a cup with a straw, a mini bag of Haribo gummies, and a colorful glow stick.

Drink

Mini Bag

Glow Stick

Snacks & Games 50p Each
Please bring small change!

We hope the children have a fantastic time!

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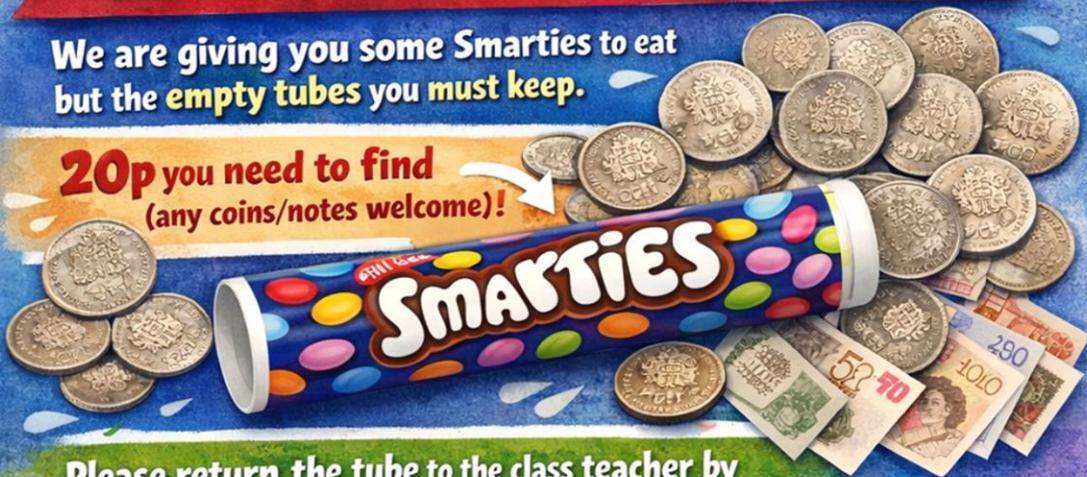
SMARTIES[®] Challenge!

Smarties 20p Challenge

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

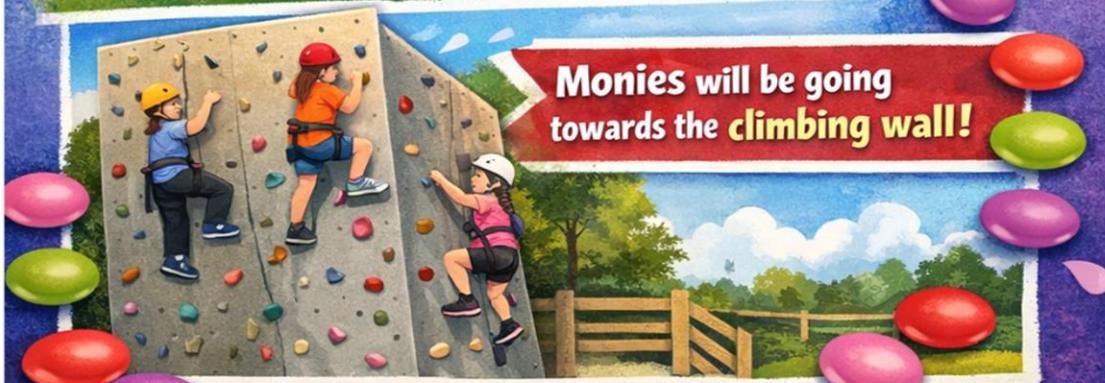
We are giving you some Smarties to eat but the **empty tubes** you must keep.

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)