



Bassingbourn Community Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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16th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Celebrating Another Brilliant Week of Learning!

We've enjoyed another positive week here in school, filled with purposeful learning and a real sense of momentum as we continue our school development journey - something I remain deeply committed to leading for a foreseeable future. My focus continues to be on securing high-quality provision, strengthening our curriculum, and ensuring sustained, effective practice across the school.

It was a pleasure to welcome Lisa Coe, our Mathematics Mastery Advisor, and Malcolm Watson from the Cambridge Maths Hub, who visited to see maths teaching across the school. Great thanks to Mr Witchell, our Maths Lead, for leading the discussion during the visit. Both visitors noted the growing consistency in our maths curriculum and were especially impressed by the high level of pupil engagement, with children showing increasing confidence in explaining their thinking and tackling challenging problems. This reflects the hard work of our staff and pupils—well done, everyone!

Attendance Success!

A huge celebration this week goes to Thursday 15th January, when only four pupils were absent—our best attendance day yet! This is a fantastic achievement and shows the real value our families place on education. As always, strong attendance is key to children's progress, confidence and wellbeing. Thank you for your continued support in making everyday count.

Keeping Healthy This Winter

As we continue through the winter months, we kindly remind families of the importance of good hand hygiene. Please encourage your child at home to wash their hands regularly—especially before eating and after using the toilet—as this simple habit plays a big role in preventing the spread of winter viruses and keeping our school community healthy.

Wishing all our families an enjoyable weekend!

Ms Luu
Headteacher

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This Week's Celebration Awards



Nero, Henry, Jeff, Linda, Bradley, Lydia,
Ivy, Aaron, Theo, Joseph, Scarlet, Tianna, Finley

This Week's Presentation Awards

Boden, Robert, Halida, Roman, Ottie, Harrison,
Teddy, Holly, Grace, Alex, Louie, Theo, Edward



Bronze Certificates for 50 House Points



Josh, Sophie, Phoebe and Betty

Parent Workshops

Thursday 12th Feb, 2:30pm - 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: 12th January 2026

Van Gogh: 99.31%
Matisse: 98.62%
Hokusai: 98.61%
Banksy: 98.15%
Wiltshire: 97.70%
Hepworth: 97.60%
Turner: 96.30%

There is a strong link between academic attainment and attendance, even a few missed days can significantly impact a child's learning. Over the coming weeks I will share some statistics and research on why attendance is so important.

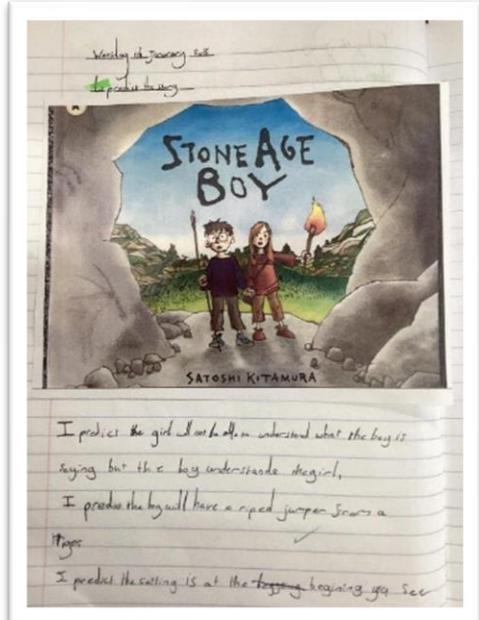
All the best,

Mrs Titchmarsh
Attendance Lead

Year 3 News

English

In English, we are focusing on writing a narrative story inspired by *Stone Age Boy*. The children are using their historical knowledge from our Autumn Term 1 history work to help them include accurate settings, characters, and events in their writing.



Maths

In maths, we are learning about multiplication and division. The children are using their times table knowledge to support their understanding and to solve a range of problems with increasing confidence.

Science

In science, we have started our unit on rocks and soils. The children carried out a science experiment to test the absorbency of different rocks and to see whether they would react to "acid rain" (using white vinegar). We have also used a rock classification sheet to help identify and compare the different rocks we have been studying.



Art

In art, we have begun exploring sculpture. The children are using cardboard to transform 2D shapes into 3D sculptures, experimenting with joining techniques and creating a range of different forms and structures.



Enrichment

Last week, we had the pleasure of taking part in a scootering workshop. The children thoroughly enjoyed the session, and it was lovely to have Ms Luu joining in and supporting the workshop as well.



This has been a busy and exciting week of learning across the curriculum.

Best wishes, The Year 3 Team (Cassatt and Turner Classes)

PE Roundup

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please may we ask if your child has attended a school fixture - ie, football, netball etc. - and they wore a school sports strip, that this is returned to the school asap. We have quite a few outstanding and we also have some sports fixtures coming up in which we will need to have enough to give to each child participating.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Kind regards

Mr Mikelson

FOBS Update

We hope you can join us for our next meeting, which will take place at school or via Microsoft Teams on Wednesday 28th January.

We would really value your ideas on how we can help top up our bank balance after spending £7,867 on the first phase of the Outdoor Gym Equipment Project.

We now need to raise additional funds for:

- The climbing wall
- Year 6 leavers' treats, including calculators and an ice cream treat

Thank you so much for all your continued support — attending events, buying raffle tickets, and bringing in bottles and cakes. Every contribution makes a difference, and we truly couldn't do this without you all!

We hope to see you there,

From all the FOBS team.

Join Us for Our Next MEETING!

Wednesday 28th January

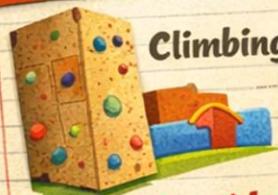
7:30 – 9:00 PM

At School or Via Microsoft Teams!

Help Us Raise Funds!

After spending **£7,867** on the
Outdoor Gym Project

Funds Needed For:



Climbing Wall

— Year 6 Leavers' Treats

Year 6 Leavers' Treats ---



Thank You for Your Support!

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We hope to see you there!



Make a Difference in 2026 Volunteer with Home-Start!

Want to change lives in your community?

We're looking for passionate people to join us in three vital roles:

- **Family Support Volunteers**

Offer a helping hand and a listening ear to local families.

- **Fundraising Volunteers**

Help us raise the funds that keep families thriving.

- **Trustee Volunteers**

Shape the future of Home-Start with your skills and experience.

Our next Family Support Volunteer training begins this February – your chance to make a real difference!

Be the support a family needs to thrive, and discover how helping others can transform your own life too.

To find out more or to sign up to our course you can visit our website:

<https://www.hsrsc.org.uk/home-start-volunteer/>

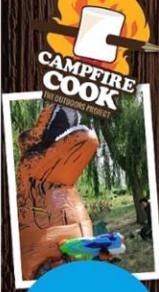
Alternatively feel free to email: admin@hsrsc.org.uk or call: 01763 262262

We would love to hear from you!



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FEBRUARY HALF TERM CLUBS

"Childcare during the holidays they want to go to"
Fresh air. Fresh activities. Fresh attitude.

STUDLANDS RISE FIRST SCHOOL, ROYSTON

MONDAY 16 FEB
TRIBAL ADVENTURE: BUILD, CRAFT & SURVIVE!

Join your tribe for a day of wild adventure! Work together to build your tribal woodland camp & get creative with tribal crafts. Take on castaway style team challenges & games as you learn how tribes across the world live & survive in the wild!

TUESDAY 17 FEB
CAMPFIRE COOKOUT PANCAKE DAY SPECIAL & BUSHCRAFT

Join us for the perfect winter campfire cookout! Make s'mores & Pancakes over the flames, learn different bushcraft fire lighting methods & enjoy a mix of classic outdoor games. A cosy & relaxed day filled with creativity, camp vibes, tasty treats and skills to take home and share with your family!

WEDNESDAY 18 FEB
NERF: WILD WEST SHOWDOWN

Let's go back in time and ride into a Wild West world of heists and outlaws! Grab your blasters, team up, and join stagecoach standoffs, bank robbery missions, and cattle corrals in a full day of action-packed Nerf games. A fast-paced, high-adventure Nerf experience! (Age 6+ recommended)

THURSDAY 19 FEB
BUSHCRAFT VS MINECRAFT

Minecraft comes to life outdoors! Team up to build your village using real bushcraft skills, earn reward pixels for completing survival challenges, & search for hidden resources to craft your tools. Take on Creeper & Lava Chicken games, protect your base, and experience Minecraft like never before! (knowledge of Minecraft is not required!)

FRIDAY 20 FEB
WE'RE GOING ON A YETI HUNT!

Become an explorer for the day and step into a world of mystery & adventure! Track the legendary Yeti through the wild as you follow hidden clues, build clever traps, & craft your own Yeti footprints as proof of your discovery. Work together to uncover the forest's secrets, outsmart the wild's most mysterious creature, and maybe even meet the Yeti itself!




For more info on dates, locations and how the clubs run & to book: www.theoutdoorsproject.co.uk







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"THIS IS A WONDERFUL
HOLIDAY CLUB, FULL OF
FUN & FRESH AIR"

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"I LOVE THAT IT'S PHYSICAL
ACTIVITY NOT BASED ON
TRADITIONAL SPORTS"



★★★★★
"THAT WAS SO MUCH
FUN. CAN I GO AGAIN
TOMORROW?"
★★★★★
"LOTS OF GOOD
OLD FASHIONED
GET DIRTY PLAY!"

BOOK
NOW

FEBRUARY HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUBS

TRIBAL ADVENTURE BUILD, CRAFT & SURVIVE!

AMAZING ACTIVITIES RUNNING AROUND TEAMWORK

BUSHCRAFT CLASSIC CHILDHOOD FUN
VS MINECRAFT **NERF**
SUPERHERO STAFF WILD WEST SHOWDOWN
FRESH AIR GOOD TIMES
ADVENTURE **NO SCREENS**
MAKING FRIENDS **CAMPFIRE**
ROSY CHEEKS **COOKOUT**
CHILDHOOD MEMORIES & **BUSHCRAFT SKILLS**

LOCATION

STUDLANDS RISE FIRST SCHOOL, ROYSTON

DATES

MONDAY 16TH – FRIDAY 20TH FEB

TIME

9 AM - 3 PM

AGE RANGE

SCHOOL YEARS 1-6

PRICE

£39.50 A DAY

"BEST
HOLIDAY
CLUB
AROUND"
★★★★★



- 100% OUTDOORS
- MAKING FRIENDS
- PHYSICAL ACTIVITY
- BUILDING CONFIDENCE
- ENERGETIC & ENGAGED STAFF
- FLEXIBLE BOOKING
- OFSTED REGISTERED
- CHILD CARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED