



Bassingbourn Community Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

A Wonderful Week of Learning

We've enjoyed another fantastic week of learning across the school. Classrooms have been buzzing with curiosity, creativity and enthusiasm—it's been wonderful to see our pupils continuing to grow in confidence and independence.

A huge thank you to our Reception families who joined us for the International Food event on Thursday. Your generosity in sharing food, culture and time with our children made the afternoon truly special. The children loved tasting different dishes and learning more about the world around them.

Attendance Matters

A gentle reminder that good attendance is essential for children to thrive academically and socially. Every day in school makes a difference. Thank you for your ongoing support in ensuring children arrive on time and ready for learning.

Road Safety & Conduct Outside School

As more of our KS2 pupils travel to and from school independently, please take a moment to speak with your child about road safety, safe crossing points and being aware of their surroundings. We also ask families to help us reinforce positive behaviour choices in the community, ensuring pupils represent our school well before and after the school day.

Your partnership makes a huge difference, and we really appreciate your support in keeping all children safe.

Wishing everyone a wonderful and restful weekend!

Ms Luu
Headteacher

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This Week's Celebration Awards



Fraser, Olivia, Bethany, Marcel, Clay, Isabelle, Elijah,
James, Kiera, Joshua, Lillia-Grace, Niall, Lillian

This Week's Presentation Awards

Yuvina, Fiadh, Florence, Lily, Caitlin, Daniel, Finn, Kayana, Evie, Emily, Alayna, Declan, Harry



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: 19th January 2026

Monet: 98.41%

Banksy: 98.15%

Cassatt: 97.12%

Hepworth: 96.82%
Wiltshire: 96.55%
Hokusai: 96.30%
Van Gogh: 96.02%

Research shows in primary schools, those pupils with a 95-100% attendance, have 30% higher chance of reaching expected standards in core subjects, compared to those with 90-95%.

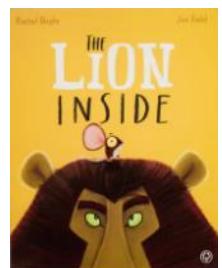
Thank you,

Mrs Titchmarsh
Attendance Lead

KS1 News

English

In English, we are focusing on writing a journey story inspired by *The Lion Inside*. The children have really enjoyed making predictions about what might happen in the book and creating setting and character descriptions. We have been learning about verbs ending in 'ing' and verbs ending in 'ed' and the children are rising to the challenge of including these in their writing. This week we have written instructions on how to wash a lion which really got the children's imaginations churning.



Maths

In maths, we are learning about time. The Year 1 children have been learning about ordering events and telling the time to o'clock and half past. The Year 2 children have been learning to tell the time 'past' or 'to' the hour and to count minutes in 5-minute intervals. Please keep these skills up at home, talking to your children about the time and about what time different events happen e.g. "We wake up at...., we have dinner at..."

History

For our history lessons this half term, we are exploring the difference between new and old toys considering the materials they are made out of, how they are powered and the colours used in toy production then and now.



PSHE

These lessons this half term are centred around safety. So far we have explored which professionals help us to keep safe e.g. doctors, fire fighters, lollipop people, teachers; trusted adults; road safety. We hope that your children impress you by stopping, looking and listening when you are crossing roads with them.

Phonics

We have seen lots of children progress to the next colour stage of their Read Write Inc. journey. The children are learning new sounds every day and practicing reading them in real and nonsense words. We have 15 teaching weeks until the Phonics Screening Check comes around for the Year 1 children and those Year 2s who will retake the test this year, we will provide more information on this soon. Thank you to all of you who have been using the homework packs and reading regularly with your children, it makes a big difference.



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

Best wishes,

The Key Stage 1 Team (Van Gogh, Matisse and Hepworth classes)

FOBS Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

We'd love your feedback ahead of our next meeting on Wednesday 28th January.

Which community events did you enjoy and would you like to see return?

- Summer Fayre
- Car Boot Sale
- Pumpkin Patch
- Christmas Fayre 

Please let us know by emailing friends_BCPS@outlook.com

or by commenting on our Facebook page, Friends of BCPS.

Your feedback is really important to us and will help shape our future fundraising plans. Our next fundraising goal is a new climbing wall, which will be enjoyed by all pupils during playtime.

Thank you for your continued support.

Warm regards,

The FOBS Team



A Huge THANK YOU!

We would like to thank all of you for using the recycling bank, situated at the front of the school. Together, your donations raised an incredible **£239.50** for the school!



The poster for The Outdoors Project features a blue background with white and yellow text. At the top, there are three five-star reviews: "THIS IS A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY CLUB, FULL OF FUN & FRESH AIR", "I LOVE THAT IT'S PHYSICAL ACTIVITY NOT BASED ON TRADITIONAL SPORTS", and "THAT WAS SO MUCH FUN, CAN I GO AGAIN TOMORROW?". Below the reviews is the logo for "The Outdoors Project" with the tagline "Inspiring Adventure Clubs For Kids". A "BOOK NOW" button is located on the right. The main title "FEBRUARY HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUBS" is in large white and yellow letters. Below it, the subtitle "TRIBAL ADVENTURE BUILD, CRAFT & SURVIVE!" is in yellow. The poster lists various activities: "BUSHCRAFT VS MINECRAFT", "SUPERHERO STAFF", "FRESH AIR", "MAKING FRIENDS", "ROSY CHEEKS", "STUDLANDS RISE FIRST SCHOOL, ROYSTON", "MONDAY 16TH – FRIDAY 20TH FEB", "9 AM - 3 PM", "SCHOOL YEARS 1-6", and "£39.50 A DAY". To the right, there is a "CLASSIC CHILDHOOD FUN" section with "NERF", "WILD WEST SHOWDOWN", "NO SCREENS", and "CAMPFIRE COOKOUT". A "CHILDHOOD MEMORIES" section includes "GOOD TIMES", "ADVENTURE", and "& BUSHCRAFT SKILLS". A blue starburst on the right says "BEST HOLIDAY CLUB AROUND" with five stars. At the bottom, there are three small photos of children outdoors and a list of benefits: "100% OUTDOORS", "MAKING FRIENDS", "PHYSICAL ACTIVITY", "BUILDING CONFIDENCE", "ENERGETIC & ENGAGED STAFF", "FLEXIBLE BOOKING", "OFSTED REGISTERED", and "CHILDCARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED".

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

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