



Bassingbourn
Community Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Today, we say goodbye to Mrs Hayward, who is moving on from her Teaching Assistant role at Bassingbourn. Mrs Hayward has been a valued member of our team and has made a positive contribution to school life. We thank her for all her hard work and wish her every success as she moves on.

We are pleased to share that we have appointed Mrs Chandler and Mrs Barlow as Midday Supervisors, and following Teaching Assistant interviews this week, we are delighted to welcome Mrs Barnaby and Mrs Shah to our TA team. Mrs Barnaby will be working with Matisse Class this term, while Mrs Shah will join EYFS, supporting teaching and learning. We warmly welcome everyone to the Bassingbourn team.

Looking ahead, we will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Okai, whose last day with us will be Thursday 30th April. We would like to thank Mrs Okai for her contribution to the school and wish her all the very best for the future.

Alongside these updates, we are pleased to celebrate learning across the school. Our EYFS children have taken part in Balanceability workshops, building confidence, coordination and resilience as they developed their cycling skills. The children approached the sessions with great enthusiasm and determination – we are very proud of their efforts.

We would also like to thank the parents and carers of Year 3 who attended this week's class sharing assembly. It was a pleasure to welcome you into school to see the children share their learning with such pride and confidence. Your continued support and engagement are greatly valued.

Ms Luu
Headteacher

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This Week's Celebration Awards



Rose, Robert, Bence, Lilli, Max, Zara, Taysia, Jasmine,
Ollie, Anamol, Emily, Alfie, Stanley

This Week's Presentation Awards

Artur, Max, Sienna, Archie, Macie, Millie, Sophie, Aaron,
Chloe, Annabelle, George, Tianna, Maisy



Dates For Your Diary

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**

Monday 15th June, 9am-12pm – **Year 3 & 4 Sports Day**

Tuesday 16th June, 9am-12pm – **Year 5 & 6 Sports Day**

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

Tuesday 18th June, 1:15pm-2:45pm – **Year 1 & 2 Sports Day**



Parent Workshops

Tuesday 5th May, 2:30pm – Preparing Your Child for Transition
Wednesday 8th July, 9am – Online Safety



ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to the following classes who achieved greater than the 96% target for attendance:
Week Commencing: 20th April 2026

Banksy: 100%
Whiteread: 98.35%
Hockney: 98.22%
Matisse: 97.86%
Hepworth: 96.93%
Lichtenstein: 96.15%

☀️ Year 4 Newsletter – Summer Term 1 ☀️

Art Across Classes

We've had an exciting start to the term, with both Hockney and Lichtenstein classes teaching each other about their class artists. This fantastic collaboration has given all pupils a strong understanding of both artists and their styles—true mastery learning in action!

Maths in the Real World

In maths, we've been exploring **perimeter and area** through hands-on, real-life experiences. From walking the playground to measuring classroom objects, children have been applying their learning in practical and engaging ways.

Music – Samba Rhythms

Our music lessons are full of energy as we dive into the vibrant rhythms of **Samba**. We're working towards a small performance at the end of the unit—stay tuned!

FR French – *Miam Miam!*

In French, we've begun our new topic *Miam Miam* (yum yum!), learning how to order food in a restaurant. The children loved spotting similarities with English:

- *un hot dog*
- *un hamburger*
- *une limonade*

Très bien, Year 4!

✖ Multiplication Check Update)

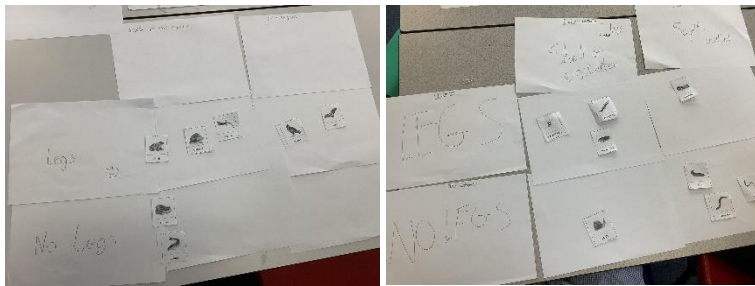
The Year 4 Multiplication Check is approaching, and we're seeing fantastic progress. Many children are now scoring **20+ out of 25** in daily practice.

💡 *How you can help at home:*

Please continue using **TT Rockstars**, especially **Soundcheck mode**, which mirrors the real test.

🦋 Science – Living Things

We've started our topic on **classification of living things**, focusing on insects. Children have been sorting and grouping them based on features such as legs, wings, and shells using **Venn and Carroll diagrams**.



🍪 DT – Biscuit Challenge

Our DT unit is all about **adapting recipes**. We kicked things off with an experimental biscuit bake some unusual ingredient choices (no comment!), but surprisingly successful!

Next steps:

- Learning about budgeting
- Improving recipes
- Creating our own modified biscuits after the bank holiday

Fingers crossed for some delicious results!

🌈 Final Thoughts

It's been a brilliant start to the term, and we're so proud of the enthusiasm and effort shown by all the children. Thank you for your continued support at home.

Have a wonderful week!

We look forward to even more fantastic learning ahead.

Best wishes from the 🖍 **Year 4 Team**

Sports Day Dates

Year	Date / Time
Year 3 & 4	Monday 15 th June, 9am-12pm
Year 5 & 6	Tuesday 16 th June, 9am-12pm
Year 1 & 2	Thursday 18 th June, 1:15pm-2:45pm

Bassingbourn vs Melbourn Football Match Report

A spirited, competitive fixture full of resilience and teamwork!

The game started off slowly for Bassingbourn, with some early rustiness evident after a few weeks away from action. Melbourn pressed hard from the outset, peppering the Bassingbourn goal with effort after effort, but Oscar stood firm, producing a string of excellent saves to keep the score level.

Strong, shoulder-to-shoulder challenges from Max, Louie and Teddy ensured the match was one of the most competitive fixtures yet, with both teams remaining impressively respectful and sporting throughout.

A rare Bassingbourn breakaway saw Andre dance his way past several defenders before calmly slotting home a composed finish to make it 1–0. The goal injected real energy into the team and Bassingbourn began to grow into the game. Moments later, Andre struck again with a spectacular volley that can only be described as a genuine goal-of-the-season contender, extending the lead to 2–0.

From there, Bassingbourn started to dominate. Harry continued a now-familiar trademark run and finish to score another excellent goal, making it 3–0. Melbourn, to their credit, showed real resilience and managed to pull one back just before half-time.

The second half began with Melbourn firmly on top, and a quick goal saw the score reduced to 3–2 — the perfect moment to test the character of this Bassingbourn side. The boys rallied together, with brilliant camaraderie led by Ralph and Finley lifting the whole team.

Substitute Chase made an instant impact, adding a not-so-small burst of energy that completely swung the momentum back in Bassingbourn's favour. Riding that surge of passion and teamwork, Harry grabbed his second goal of the match to restore a two-goal cushion and secure a 4–2 lead.

Outstanding defending from Edward and a brilliant late save from Niall ensured Bassingbourn saw the game out in style.

Final score: Bassingbourn 4–2 Melbourn

A fantastic game of football. We thank Melbourn for making the journey and commend all the players for showing a level of sporting professionalism well beyond their years.

Finally, a huge thank you to our long-standing season ticket holders, Mrs Barnett and Mrs Castle — we genuinely couldn't do this without you giving up your time.

Mr Mikelson

Netball Tournament Update

Our netball team played six matches in the tournament, securing two wins and showing great determination in every game. They finished 11th out of 14 teams, a result to be proud of, reflecting their effort and resilience throughout the competition. Their hard work kept them competing strongly, including an impressive 0–0 draw where every player gave their all.

Across the court, the team demonstrated excellent pace, teamwork, and passing. They played at a fast tempo, regularly rotating positions every five minutes, which really showcased their versatility and skills. Max, Fleur,

and Lucy were relentless in attack, moving the ball quickly and taking every opportunity to shoot. Fleur's accurate shooting and the strong partnership between Max and Lucy were key highlights.

Defensively, Letty, Hazel, Betty, and Orla were outstanding, making it extremely difficult for opponents to score. Special mention to Hazel for her resilience after a tumble, and to Orla for stepping in at the last minute and performing brilliantly.

Lucy controlled the game well from the centre, while Ayla showed fantastic effort and commitment in every match. Every player contributed to a strong team performance.

We are incredibly proud of the whole team for not only their effort and progress, but also for their excellent behaviour, teamwork, and positive attitude throughout. They represented the school brilliantly—well done to all!

Mrs Ralph



FOBS News

We're still soaking up all the excitement and bingo cheer from such a brilliant night!

A huge thank you to everyone who came along, joined in the fun, and supported us – it really means so much!

We're incredibly grateful for all the generous raffle donations from neighbours, friends, Hair by Natalie and Grey & Co.

Michaela, thank you again for baking the delicious cakes – they went down a treat!

A special thank you to Mr Jeray and Kaz for taking the lead with bingo calling and prize distribution on the night – you kept everything running so smoothly.

Mrs Ralph, our Queen Bee of raffle ticket sales and raffle drawing – amazing effort!

Gemma, thank you for all that you do to make every event great- the balloons and all the finishing touches.

And a big thank you to Tracey, Jess, Hazel, Linzi and Michaela for stepping in wherever needed and helping make the night so brilliant for everyone.

We're still finalising everything, but we're delighted to share that we've raised just over £650!

We're also still receiving Smarties tubes – thank you so much! The donations have been brilliant, and we truly appreciate every single one. We will let you know the total next as soon as possible.

All of this support is helping us work towards repairing and improving the wooden gazebo on the playing field (near the outdoor gym equipment). Our goal is £1,500–£2,000, and every contribution brings us closer.

Thank you for supporting Friends of Bassingbourn Primary School – we couldn't do it without you!

The FOBS Team





PADDINGTON

Performing arts Holiday club
May half term



Thursday 28th May
Stage Right Studios, Royston

£19 pp
£18pp early bird
(book by May 4th)

- DANCE - ACT -
- SING - CRAFT - FUN! -



May half term performing arts holiday club



Shows, films, crafts, games and more from the past, present and future...

Thursday 28th May - 9-3:30pm
Stage Right Studios



All holiday clubs booking now!

Contact Jess on:
07747 608 180
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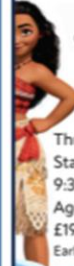
We also offer free trials for our
weekly Wednesday & Friday
classes - do get in touch for
more info

We accept payment by online,
BACS, childcare vouchers and tax-
free childcare payments



MOANA

summer holiday club



Celebrating the Moana films and the live action remake
Dance - Act - Sing - Craft - Fun!

Thursday 30th July
Stage Right Studios, Royston
9:30-11:30
Ages 4 - 6 years
£19
Early bird discount when booked by 4th June



£35pp
£32pp early bird
(Book by 4th June)
Sibling Discounts

SUMMER FESTIVAL

AGE 5 (YR 1) AND ABOVE
STAGE RIGHT STUDIOS ROYSTON
THURSDAY 30TH JULY
9AM - 3:30PM

Dance - act - sing
glitter tattoos - games