



Bassingbourn
Community Primary School

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28th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please see the key points shared from the Governing Body:

- i. Governors were pleased to hear about the positive start with the Regional Improvement for Standards and Excellence (RISE) initiative and its impact on Teaching and Learning in school.
- ii. Governors were pleased to receive the positive feedback regarding a noticeable improvement in behaviour and congratulated the school for the work in this area.
- iii. Governors congratulated school staff following the LA recommendation of the Hub provision as a model of good practice.
- iv. Governors were excited to hear about the range of festive activities due to take place in school before the end of term.
- v. Governors thanked parents for their attendance at Parents' evening and for their continued engagement in their children's learning.

As the end of the Autumn term is approaching, I would like to provide you with some staffing updates. I shared with Hepworth class previously that Mrs Calver would be moving on to a new role at the end of this term. We have appointed Miss Mader to be Hepworth's class teacher from January 2026. Miss Mader will be visiting school next week and will spend some time with Hepworth class as well.

In addition, we will be welcoming Mr Ellimouni to our staff team from January 2026 to provide additional capacity in KS2. Mr Ellimouni will also be in school next week.

Finally, Mrs Harrison, our interim Operations Manager, has decided to leave Bassingbourn to prioritise personal commitments.

On behalf of everyone at Bassingbourn, we would like to thank Mrs Calver and Mrs Harrison for their work and wish them both well in their future. We look forward to welcoming Miss Mader and Mr Ellimouni to the team.

We wish you all a relaxing weekend and look forward to seeing many of you at the Christmas Fair this evening.

Ms Luu
Headteacher

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This Week's Celebration Awards



Connie, Matilda, Dexter, Isaac, Bradley, William, Emily,
Holly, Lexie, Harry, Sophie, Maisie, Stanley

This Week's Presentation Awards

Carter-John, Poppy, Joseph, Zach, Leo, Daisy, Olive,
James, Eliza, Sophie, Henry, Fleur, Caris

ATTENDANCE

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

Week Commencing: 24th November 2025

Monet 100%
Hockney 96.89%
Baldessari 96.30%
Banksy 96.30%

Attendance Prizes

We all know we have been raising the importance of regular school attendance. Sporadic absences where pupils miss a day here and there, are increasing nationally. As a result, pupils return to school with a continued need to catch up on learning.

To help promote the importance of attendance, we will be introducing half-termly prizes. There will be a draw for those pupils who maintain a high attendance, but also a prize for the pupil with the most improved attendance. This way we make sure we can include everyone.

If you have any questions about this, or any other attendance related queries, why not join us for our coffee morning on the 9th of December.

Dates For Your Diary

28th November - FOBS Christmas Fayre
12th December - Panto and Christmas Jumper Day
17th December - Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day



Parent Workshops

Tuesday 9th Dec, 9am - Attendance
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



KS1 News

This week **in English** we have taken on the role of tour guides in London Tour Guides and have been taking visitors around the busy, bustling city of London. We have been writing about our tours, remembering to use our Mastery Keys – using conjunctions ‘and’, ‘but’, ‘or’, adverbs, punctuation and commas in a list. We have visited famous landmarks like the Houses of Parliament, Tower Bridge, Big Ben and The London Eye. Ask the children what they know about London landmarks!

In Maths, we have begun our new unit on shape. We have been naming 2D shapes and understanding their different properties. We have used rulers and dotted paper to draw our own shapes.

In Science, we have been continuing to learn about materials and their properties. This week we tested the absorbency of six different materials. We also carried out an experiment in groups and recorded what we found out in a table.

In Art, we have been learning about different lines. Can your child name the 6 different lines? We are moving onto using lines to create drawings. We have also learnt about two artists – Bridget Riley and Paul Klee. We particularly enjoyed looking at Brigitte Riley’s optical illusions.

We are all getting excited about Christmas and have been learning our first Christmas song in singing assembly this week. We hope that many of you are able to attend the Christmas Fayre today.

Thank you for being patient whilst we regroup the children for phonics. These groups are still being finalised, but the children should be bringing home a new reading book today.

Have a lovely weekend!

The KS1 Team: Hepworth, Matisse and Van Gogh Classes

PE Roundup

We are extremely proud of our football league team and their current achievements.

Please see below the current football league table:

For DateChartsPosition ChangesTeam FormPredictor									
2025-2026 A Team					2025-2026 A Team				
Detailed			Fri 07			November 25			
#		P	W	D	L	F	A	+-	PTS
1	Bassingbourn	2	2	0	0	16	4	12	6
2	Great Abington	2	2	0	0	8	2	6	6
3	William Westley	2	1	0	1	7	6	1	4
4	Meldreth	2	1	0	1	5	5	0	4
5	Barrington	2	0	0	2	1	16	-15	2
6	Melbourn	1	0	0	1	3	4	-1	1
7	Haslingfield	1	0	0	1	0	3	-3	1

Well done team!

Mr Mikelson

FOBS Update



As you're reading this, FOBS are busy dashing around in full Christmas Fayre setup mode! Think tinsel, treats, and a tiny bit of organised chaos! 🌲 ✨

We'd love for you to pop down and soak up the festive fun with us between 4:30 and 7:00pm. There'll be plenty to see, do, win, and munch!

Our big Christmas raffle will be drawn on Monday morning, and we'll contact the lucky winners as soon as the glitter settles. 🎁 🤝

Fingers crossed we smash our fundraising goal so we can get our shiny new outdoor gym equipment ordered and an installation date in the diary!

Thank you for all your amazing support — you're the reason our sleigh keeps moving!

Love,

The FOBS Team 🧑🏻‍🎅



**Bassingbourn Primary School
Christmas Fayre
Friday 28th November
4:30 - 7:00pm**

Please come along and join us for a fun filled evening!
We have lots of games for the children and lovely stalls.
Please bring along cash to help the queues flow nicely.

- Raffle tickets - £1
- Spin the Wheel - £1 a go
- Human fruit machine - 50p a go
- Poke the bauble - 50p a go
- Splat the elf - 50p a go
- Hoopla-Tree - £1 for 3 goes
- Lucky dip - 50p a go
- Wine or Water - £2 a go or 3 for £5
- Candy Cane Lane- 50p a go
- Christmas jumpers - £2 each
- Pre loved uniform - donations
- Teddy Tombola - 50p a go
- Advent Stockings - 50p a go

Plus lots of stalls!

Grey & Co , A bundle of Joy, Rachael's Bakery
Charlie's sweets, Bow clip creations & toy boutique
Tangled yarn creations,
REAL Christmas trees to take away.
Crafty Fox, Pixie Crafts, Pretty Things,
Well House Crafts, Reggie's diner,
Aloe Vera, 3D fidget toys,
Perfect aim archery
Terrier treats -(dog treats)



Christmas Raffle Prizes

1st Prize : £100 Amazon voucher

2nd Prize: x 4 Knebworth tickets

3rd Prize: £50 Xtreme360 voucher

Here are a few more of our prizes;

£75 Sleepy Creations voucher

x 4 lazer Quest @ Letchworth

x 2 Shepreth Wildlife Tickets

x 2 Burylane tickets

6 sessions at Dramakids (£60 value)

£25 glazed creations voucher

x 1 hour ironing

£10 Kelly's Kitchen voucher

Facial or Back massage from Botanical Beauty by Carrie

x 2 Haircuts at Micks Barbers

x 1 Haircut at Carlo & Co

£15 Tres Belle Jewellers voucher

A bottle of prosecco from Chloe's jewellery

£30 Green Man Royston voucher

£10 Studio 26 voucher

Shoulder/neck/back massage from Jackie Holistics

REAL Christmas Tree 🎄

Hampers and much more!

The raffle will be drawn on the

1st December at

Bassingbourn Primary School