



**Bassingbourn**  
Community Primary School

# Bassingbourn Community Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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*Dear Parents / Carers*

*As a school, we always endeavour to keep you informed with our curriculum and practice. We hold half-termly parental workshops to provide you with opportunities to hear about our work and to ask questions. Last term, we had a behaviour workshop, and this week has been one on reading, both with low attendance. We hope that our future workshops will have a higher turn-out. Please check the dates and if you can make time to attend, we would really appreciate your support.*

*Additionally, please find below the key points that the Governing Body would like to share with parents and carers.*

- i. The Governing Body's ratification of the proposal to academise and join Peterborough Keys Academy Trust (PKAT) to secure sustained support for the school, staff and its pupils and to continue on its improvement journey.*
- ii. Governors were pleased to hear the strong overall Attendance rate, congratulated staff on their ongoing work to improve pupil attendance and thanked parents for their support of the school's Attendance Policy.*
- iii. Governors received detailed Progress and Attainment data and were advised of the plans in place to support pupils going forwards.*
- iv. Governors were pleased to receive details of the school's development plans for the Writing Curriculum.*
- v. Governors noted the positive aspects of the Ofsted report, were pleased with the progress identified and thanked parents for their ongoing support.*

*Have a good weekend,*

Ms Luu  
Headteacher

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## This Week's Celebration Awards

Ivar, Travis, Ava, Ronnie, Emily, Lois,  
Riley, Linda, Sophie, William, Albie, Ayla, Joey



## Presentation Award



Sophia, Kiera, Ottie, Yuvani, Bertie,  
Abishka, Archie, Tansy, Olivia, Ethan, Ella Mae, Jacob

## ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to the following classes who achieved greater than the 96% target for attendance:  
Week Commencing: 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Lichtenstein 97.69%

Turner 96.79%

Whiteread 96.43%

Please be reminded, if your child has an appointment that cannot be booked outside of school hours, they should still attend school around the time of their appointment. We aim for 96 – 100% attendance for each child.

## Dates For Your Diary

03<sup>rd</sup> Feb – Year 5 Bikeability Week  
17<sup>th</sup> Feb – Half Term Week  
24<sup>th</sup> Feb – INSET Day  
06<sup>th</sup> Mar – Year 2 Great Fire of London Day



## Parent Workshops

20<sup>th</sup> Mar. 9-10 a.m. – Maths  
22<sup>nd</sup> May 2.15-3.15 p.m. – SEND  
17<sup>th</sup> Jul. 9-10 a.m. – School Development Update



## PE ROUNDUP

This Wednesday 8 of our KS2 pupils attended a 'new age kurling event'. Pupils had a great time and thoroughly enjoyed taking part in a new sport. We do have a KS2 kurling afterschool club at BCPS, please collect a form from the office if you feel this would be something your child is interested joining.



Congratulations to Elliot for receiving Man of the Match at the weekend. We are all very proud.

Mr. Mikelson

## Year 4 News

We have bounced into the Spring term with verve and energy! The children have been eager to engage with their new topics and we have already seen some fantastic myth writing.

Using Beowulf by Michael Morpurgo as our 'hook' text, year 4 have worked hard to create their own version of the famous myth bringing in their own mythological beasts – Harpy's, Hydra's and Minotaur's to name but a few. There have been many blood-thirsty battles too! The level of creativity and imagination has been wonderful to read.



In maths, we started the new term by taking a whistle stop tour of the bus stop method of division before moving onto the current unit of fractions. Try dividing things at home and helping your child consolidate their understanding of fractions and equivalent fractions using everyday things like pizza! Just make sure your fractions are equal!

Our music unit is all based around Sakura (Japanese cherry blossom) and the art of Haiku poetry. The children are learning to use percussion instruments to create the sound of the blossom blooming and falling in Spring.

In French we are learning a favourite fairy tale – Can you work out what it is?





There's lots going on in Year 4 - Science, PE and History. We are looking at States of Matter which has seamlessly fitted with the cold weather and linking it to the water cycle. We have sorted solids, liquids and gases.

Warm wishes from the Year 4 team

Lichtenstein and Hockney Class.

### FOBS Update

What a great start to the New Year!

We held our general meeting on the 23rd January. It was great to see so much energy and lots of fantastic fundraising ideas. Our next meeting will be the 30th April 2025. We have a few dates in the diary as you can see from the poster. If you can help with the events, please let us know.

We are looking for external stalls for the Summer Fayre on:  
Friday 20th June, 4:30 -7pm.

Please reach out, if you are interested or know of anyone who might be.

On Friday 14th February, we will be selling bags of popcorn for 50p. Our FOBS members will be outside, under the tree selling from 2:40pm until we sell out - hope to see you there!

With thanks from the FOBS team.



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**WILD LIFE**

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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 FIRSTSCHOOL, ROYSTON**

**MONDAY 17 FEB**  
**DINOSAUR DETECTIVE**  
We've been stranded on Jurassic Island! Join our dinosaur detectives to unearth treasures, create a survival camp using bushcraft techniques, recreate dinosaurs from nature, & try to Escape The Island.

**TUESDAY 18 FEB**  
**WALK LIKE AN EGYPTIAN**  
Time to get revenge on Mummy. Play games, make clothing & build horrible historic relics to take home. Immerse yourself in our mini adventure & become the ultimate leader of the Kingdom Of The Cursed Pharaoh

**WEDNESDAY 19 FEB**  
**SPACE MISSION**  
Grab your space suits, kids! One giant leap into the unknown... a day of exploding experiments, blasting things into space, crazy art & completely silly alien games. Explore the galaxy with us!

**THURSDAY 20 FEB**  
**BUSHCRAFT**  
Are you Bear Grylls or Bear food!? The test of a true survivalist is their mastery of fire & its safe use. Today we test our skills to the limit. Learn the ways of the Cochise Apache Chief in our rope burn challenge, weave natural cordage bracelets & learn fire lighting tricks, cramp balls & tinder piling

**FRIDAY 21 FEB**  
**NERF MEGA GAMES DAY**  
A high-energy day with team games, building forts, tactics & challenges. Four of the best Nerf games out there: Hunger Games, Tower Defence, VIP Rescue & Man Down, plus an ultimate frisbee-style game with a Nerf howler - Rocket Ball! (Age 6+ recommended)

"BEST HOLIDAY CLUB AROUND"  
★★★★★

"NO SCREENS, JUST GOOD FUN OUTSIDE"  
★★★★★

For more info on dates, locations and how the clubs run & to book: [www.theoutdoorsproject.co.uk](http://www.theoutdoorsproject.co.uk)

## FAMILY SUPPORT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED


Are you a mum, dad, grandparent or carer?

Unlock the power of your parental wisdom and join Home-Start as a Family Support Volunteer. We're there for parents when they need us the most, because childhood can't wait.

Why become a Home-Start Family Support Volunteer?

- Join a volunteer network committed to improving local families' lives.
- Develop skills such as empathy, communication, and problem-solving.
- Overcome challenges alongside families, fostering personal growth and self-reflection.
- Connect with like-minded individuals, share experiences, and receive ongoing free training.

 Our next volunteer preparation course starts at the end of February 2024!

 One day per week (Mondays) for six weeks.

After training, we'll match you with a family who would benefit from your support.

For more information, visit [www.hsrsc.org.uk/become-home-start-volunteer](http://www.hsrsc.org.uk/become-home-start-volunteer)

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