



**Bassingbourn**  
Community Primary School

# Bassingbourn Community Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents / Carers

*It is great to end the week with the glorious sunshine. Our curriculum is beginning to be embedded in school. Subject leaders and I have been visiting lessons and looking through work samples. Even though we are at the beginning of our implementation, there are some good examples of learning across the school. We will be putting a schedule of Parent Coffee Sessions together starting next half term to share more details about our curriculum with you and to provide an opportunity for you to ask any questions about our curriculum.*

*Next week, we have two Open Events for prospective Reception 2025 cohort – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 4-5pm and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 5-6pm. If you know someone who is looking for a Reception place for their child in September 2025, please pass the information to them. We would really appreciate it.*

*Finally, may we remind you to label your children's uniform and other clothing items so that we can return them to the children. We have a high volume in our Lost Property box, please check through to retrieve your child's lost items.*

Ms Luu  
Headteacher

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## This Weeks Celebration Awards

Zoe, Lilli, Lulu, Matilda, Maisie, Ralph, Charlie,  
Oliver, Olive, Pippa, Teddy, Lucy

## Presentation Award

Evan, Bence, Teddy, Ailbhe, Millie, Jessica, Emily  
Archie, James, Grayson, Zoe, Orla



## Playground Ambassador

Stefany

### ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to the following classes who achieved greater than 96% target for attendance:  
Week Commencing: 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Whiteread 99.63%  
Van Gogh 99.57%  
Lichtenstein 99.17%  
Banksy 98.93%  
Cassatt 98.40%  
Hockney 97.41%

The Attendance Team reviewed the absences since the beginning of September and there is a number of children currently below our target attendance percentage of 96%. We will be monitoring these children carefully, in line with our Attendance Policy, and will be sending reminder letters at our next review. We understand that as the weather gets colder, illnesses take over, but we encourage families to talk to class teachers and where there is a known absence, you let the office know ahead of time.

### Dates For Your Diary

18<sup>th</sup> Oct: EYFS Stay and Play 2pm  
25<sup>th</sup> Oct: Non School Uniform Day (Please bring a colourful donation!)  
28<sup>th</sup> Oct: Half Term  
Week Com. 4<sup>th</sup> Nov: Parent Consultations  
8<sup>th</sup> Nov: EYFS Diwali Colour Run  
21<sup>st</sup> Nov: EYFS Trip to Audley End

### PE ROUNDUP

Last week, 4 of our year 3 pupils attended a Team challenge event at Comberton Village College. Our pupils had a brilliant time and demonstrated great teamwork, resilience and determination.



Mr. Mikelson

### House Captains

Congratulations to the newly appointed House Captains

#### Normans

Priya and Nick

#### Vikings

Evan and Jessica

#### Saxons

Peter and Darcey

#### Romans

Tansy and William

## Year 3 News

### Art

In Art, we've been exploring the use of charcoal, just like cave people did thousands of years ago! The children have loved getting their hands dusty while learning about how early humans used charcoal to create drawings on cave walls. We've been experimenting with the texture, shading, and boldness charcoal can offer, imagining what stories the cave people might have been telling through their artwork.

### English

In English, the children have been writing instructions on how to trap their own mythical creature! From setting sneaky traps to using magical bait, they've been using their creativity and honing their skills in structuring clear, step-by-step instructions. It's been great fun seeing the imaginative creatures they've dreamt up and how they would catch them!

### Maths

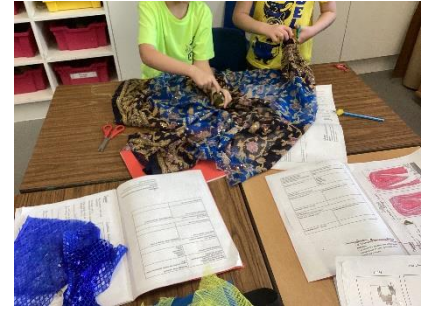
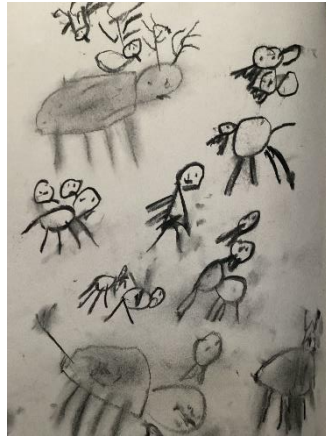
This week in Maths, we've been consolidating our understanding of place value with a focus on three-digit numbers. The children have been practicing rounding numbers to the nearest 10 and 100, learning how to estimate and make calculations more manageable. They're becoming experts at spotting which numbers to round up or down!

### Design and Technology

In D&T, the children are starting to create their very own cushions. After designing them from scratch, they're now beginning to bring their ideas to life. From choosing materials to learning basic sewing techniques, they're well on their way to crafting something unique and practical.

### Music

In Music, we've been exploring ballads and how they tell stories through song. The children have been listening to different ballads, identifying the narrative elements, and discussing how music and lyrics come together to evoke emotions and create a story. They particularly enjoyed listening to David Bowie's iconic song Space Oddity, diving into the story of Major Tom's journey into space and reflecting on the emotions the song evokes. They're excited to start creating their own musical stories soon!



Turner and Cassatt Class

### **Wear Yellow for Mental Health Day**

Thank you to everyone who joined in our wear yellow for mental health. It was great to see, and there was a real buzz around the school.

We raised £270 for Young Minds Charity.

Well Done Everyone!

### **Reminders**

- Please be reminded, toys are not to be brought into school, and pencil cases are not required in key stage 1 classes.
- As explained when we started using Medical Tracker earlier this term, any notification you receive by email is to tell you your child has received first aid for an injury. If your child sustains an injury that is more serious or as a result of an altercation, we will inform you to provide further information. Please note that our staff may not be available to contact you immediately following the notification from Medical Tracker as they are in class teaching. Medical Tracker notifications are designed to be sent automatically when a child receives first aid. Please don't worry unduly. A member of the team will be in touch to provide further clarification.
- It is important that your contact details are up to date, so please do log into your MCaS account to check what we hold for contact and permissions.
- Thank you to all who have chosen school meals in advance. Remember you can do this via your MCaS account.

Thank you