



Bassingbourn
Community Primary School

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Dear Parents / Carers

This week we had our Move Up afternoon to provide an opportunity for pupils to spend some time with their new teachers and teaching assistants next year. It was great to see everyone in their new classrooms, taking part in various activities and getting to know each other. Our new staff also spent the day in school as part of the induction process. We welcomed Miss Natalie Jones, Mrs Kerry Calver, Mr Joseph Coady-Stemp, Mrs Rebecca Parret, Mrs Meleena Walsh, Mr Oliver Witchell and Mrs Jessica Ager who is taking on the Higher Level Teaching Assistant role in September.

We also had the end of Key Stage 2 SATs outcomes published this week. On behalf of everyone at school, we would like to congratulate the Year 6 pupils, regardless of the results, as we know how hard they have worked and demonstrated much learning resilience. We wish all Year 6 pupils the best in their secondary schools and hope that they will treasure their remaining days at Bassingbourn Primary School.

This time of year in school is often a combination of excitement and anxiety as we wrap up the current academic year and prepare our pupils for transition into next year. Naturally, it can be an unsettling time for many pupils. We are well-versed in supporting pupils during these anxious times at school as we see the reoccurrence each year. Please discuss moving up with your child to reassure them. Children will appreciate opportunities to talk things through with you at home. We want to work together with you to support pupils and prepare them for future successes.

Ms Luu
Interim Executive Headteacher

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This Weeks Celebration Awards

Jenifer, Josh, Yuvani, Pippa, James, Franklin, Josie, Imogen, Fleur, Letty, Curtis and Lois



ATTENDANCE

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

Week Commencing: 1st July 2024

Sea Otters 99.66%

Manatees 99.26%

Turtles 96.67%

Rainbowfish 96.52%

Sharks 96.52%

Stingrays 96.30%

Seahorses 96.07%

Orcas 96%

Dates For Your Diary

16 th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
16 th July	EYFS Teddy Bears Picnic
17 th & 18 th July	Year 6 Transition Day at BVC
19 th July	Last Day of the Academic Year

PE ROUNDUP

We have had a great 2 days of Archery for years 1-5. The children have thoroughly enjoyed themselves. A huge Thank you to Mrs Maddren for organizing.

Some photos of last weeks exciting visit:



Mr. Mikelson

Dear Parent/Carer,

Cambridgeshire Holiday Voucher Scheme – Summer Holiday

Cambridgeshire County Council is continuing to run its holiday voucher scheme for the Summer Holiday using the Household Support Fund from the Department for Work and Pensions and the additional funding provided by the Council. It was announced in the Spring Budget that the Household Support Fund will be extended for a further six months and we will provide an update on the future of the Cambridgeshire Holiday Voucher Scheme in due course.

Appendix 1 of this letter outlines the different income related eligibility criteria based upon children's age. For eligible young people attending Sixth Form Colleges / Further Education establishments, information on how support will be offered will be sent directly by the college.

There is a simple application form at [http://cambridgeshire-self.achieveservice.com/service/Apply for Education Welfare Benefits](http://cambridgeshire-self.achieveservice.com/service/Apply%20for%20Education%20Welfare%20Benefits) which only requires a few details for an instant eligibility check. Each successful application will also bring up to £1,500 additional funding for your child's school.

For the Summer holiday, our scheme will operate as follows –

- We will issue each eligible child/young person with two £37.50 vouchers via email and/or text. The first voucher will be sent on Saturday 20th July & the second on Saturday 10th August. You will be able to choose from eleven different supermarkets.
- Vouchers may take until 9pm on Saturday 20th July & Saturday 10th August to arrive. If you haven't received your voucher by the following day please contact us on holidayvoucherscheme@cambridgeshire.gov.uk Please include your child/ren's name and their school/ setting in your email.
- Any children who become eligible up until the 2nd September will also receive vouchers. These will be sent when we are notified of newly eligible children by our Education Welfare Benefits Team.
- Details of the supermarkets which will accept the vouchers and how the voucher scheme works can be found in the frequently asked questions document sent with this letter.
- All vouchers must be claimed by 3pm on Friday 4 th October 2024. We are unable to reinstate unclaimed vouchers after this date.
- If you do not wish to receive the food vouchers, please let your school or setting know as soon as possible so that we can reallocate them.

If you would like information and ideas on how to eat more healthily as a family, NHS Change4life has lots of useful information - <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes>. My ref: CHVS – Summer Holiday 2024 Your ref: Holiday Voucher Scheme Date: 24 June 2024 Contact: Telephone: E Mail:

holidayvoucherscheme@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

In addition to the Holiday Voucher Scheme, there is further support available in response to the cost of living which can be found here <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/council/communities-localism/support-with-the-cost-of-living> . Here you can find our dedicated Household Advice and Support Team, available to support families with information, advice and direct financial support.