



Bassingbourn
Community Primary School

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13th December 2024

Dear Parents / Carers

A big thank you to FOBS for sponsoring the panto group visit to our school this week. It was a wonderful performance enjoyed by pupils and staff. What a great way to celebrate the festive season!

Thank you to the EYFS parents and families for joining the Christmas Nativity. The children had been rehearsing and practising their singing diligently. I am sure that they are so proud of their performance and your attendance means so much to the children. I also would like to thank our staff for supporting the rehearsal leading up to the performance.

Next week, we have our Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 18th December. This day will also be our Christmas Jumper day. Staff will be joining their classes and sharing the festive meal. We look forward to enjoying this special time together in school.

Finally, a gentle reminder about bringing personal items into school. May we ask that personal items are not to be brought into school as we would like to avoid items getting damaged or lost?

Thanks,

Ms Luu
Headteacher

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This Week's Celebration Awards

Lloyd, Grace, Sarah, Josh, Keira, Joey, Poppy,
Amelia, Holly, Maddison, William



Presentation Award



Oscar, Skyla, Sophie, Grace, Ila, Orla, Ella-Mae
Ricky, Sayuri, Lydia, Florence

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to the following classes who achieved greater than the 96% target for attendance:
Week Commencing: 2nd December 2024

Cassatt 99.23%
Lichtenstein 99.20%
Monet 99.00%
Whiteread 98.57%
Wiltshire 97.86%
Hokusai 96.67%
Moore 96.67%
Banksy 96.43%

Dates For Your Diary

18th Dec: Christmas Lunch, Wear a Christmas Jumper!
19th Dec: Christmas Party Afternoon/EYFS Pyjama Party
19th Dec: Year 6 Duxford Trip
20th Dec: Year 6 Party Afternoon
20th Dec: Last Day of Term
06th Jan: Inset Day
07th Jan: Return to School



Parent Workshops

30th Jan. 2.15-3.15 p.m. – Reading
20th Mar. 9-10 a.m. – Maths
22nd May 2.15-3.15 p.m. – SEND
17th Jul. 9-10 a.m. – School Development Update



PE ROUNDUP

Well done to all the pupils who took part in the Santa Dash last Friday. There were lots of smiles and it was brilliant to see the whole school being active throughout the day.

Congratulations to Tallulah for her dance award, we are very proud of her achievement.



Please keep an eye out for a letter regarding a KS2 gymnastics clubs next term.

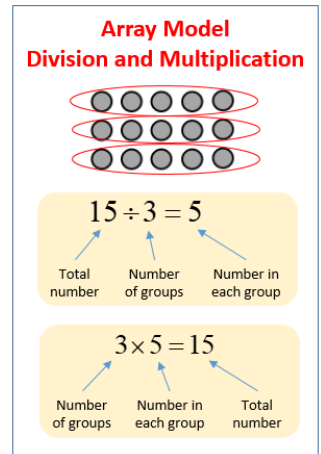
Mr. Mikelson

Year 2 News

Year Two have been very busy over the last half term. Hepworth class did very well in presenting their assembly about Thanksgiving to the whole school. Everybody stood up and confidently said their line. Mrs Calver was very proud of them.

In English we have learnt how to write a narrative, planning and writing our own story about Paddington Bear coming to Basingbourn! We made sure that we had a beginning, build up, problem, resolution and ending. We are now learning about letter writing, based on the book 'The King who banned the dark' by Emily Haworth-Booth and 'Paddington's Post' by Michael Bond.

In Maths, we have started to understand multiplication and division. We have learnt how to represent our multiplication and division in arrays, and we have started to see the relationship between the two. Please do have a look at the below link for further support at home:



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zhgjppg8>

In History, we have been learning about famous explorers like Scott of the Antarctic, as well as life in 1960's America. This will lead onto learning about the Moon Landing in 1969.

KSI - Microhabitats

A **microhabitat** is a small area with different conditions to the surrounding area.

Scientists use **super science skills** to find answers to questions.

Super science skills

Researching	
Observing over time	
Comparative and fair testing	
Grouping	
Spotting patterns	

Microhabitats

under logs and stones grass
leaf litter soil

Minibeasts are small creatures without a backbone.

woodlouse ladybird snail worm

Minibeasts live in microhabitats that provide them with **food** and **shelter**.

In Science, we have been learning about Microhabitats, what they are and who might live in one. We have carried out our very own experiment on woodlice. We have used our 'Super science skills' to become minibeast hunters and investigators!

As we near Christmas, Year Two have been learning about the importance of candles in Religious Education. We have learnt about the importance of candles in the Hindu festival of Diwali and the story of Rama and Sita, the Christian celebration of Advent where we made our own Advent wreath, and the Jewish festival of Hannukah. Here is a video on the story of Rama and Sita to watch at home:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uRpNNF4fB4g>



Hepworth and Moore Class.

FOBS Update

What a lovely festive week! We hope all the children enjoyed the Panto on Wednesday, I know we did!

It was lovely to be involved with the Nativity plays on Wednesday and Thursday, the children did so well.

I want to say thank you to our fabulous team of elves for enabling these events to be supported.

A little reminder, the children will all receive a small bag of popcorn for their classroom parties on the 19th December.

If you do not wish for your child to receive the popcorn, please let the ladies in the office know by the 15th December.





Best Wishes from all the team at FOBS.



Digital Safety Awareness Workshops for Parents and Carers - Virtual Workshop

Duration: 90 minutes | Cost: Free

The virtual workshop aims to equip parents and carers with essential tools and knowledge, enabling them to better recognise the possible risks associated with keeping children and young people safe online. Additionally, the workshop highlights the many positive aspects and full potential of the digital world.

Participants will explore topics such as harmful content online, ensuring privacy and security, addressing cyberbullying, understanding gaming and live-streaming, online grooming, managing self-image and identity, staying informed about popular apps and social media, and promoting overall well-being within the home.”    

Learning outcomes:

- Recognise and respond to risks posed by online activity
- Confidently navigate discussions with young people about the online world
- Introduce boundary settings and other approaches to support young people online
- Share your own experiences and hear from others in similar situations
- Signpost where to get additional help and support

Website:

[Online Safety Training For Parents & Carers | Kidscape](#)

*"As a parent, I feel so much more empowered with this subject,
I feel more confident with the knowledge I've learned today."*

Upcoming virtual workshop dates:

-  Tuesday 11th February 2025 | 7.00 pm - 8.30 pm
-  Wednesday 16th April 2025 | 7.00 pm - 8.30 pm

How to apply

Parents and carers can contact programmes@kidscape.org.uk to secure their place/s.

Are you a designated teacher, foster carer, connected person, adoptive or pre-adoptive parent or special guardian?

Do you have an education dilemma you would like to discuss?



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Contact Us

Edu.Carersupport@cambridgeshire.gov.uk



We offer a **call-back service** to support thinking through & managing issues linked to the education & learning of care-experienced children and young people

We will arrange to contact you back within **5 working days, during term times**

If you need help but it's not an emergency, please contact one of the following:

Social Care: 0345 045 5203 (or call the child's or young person's named Social Worker)

Cambridgeshire Virtual School:
virtualschool@cambridgeshire.gov.uk **Tel: 01223 699833**

Adoption support on 'Get Help Now': 0300 666 0006
www.adoptionuk.org/get-help-now

If you or the child is in immediate danger and needs urgent help,

call the police on 999

Christmas Fun Camp!

Come and get in the festive spirit in the lead up to Christmas, at our Christmas fun camps!

We will be Ho Ho Hosting camps at...

Royston Town Football Club

23rd December 2024

2nd January 2025

3rd January 2025

Layston School

23rd December

Please check the poster attached for details!

Many Thanks



**CHRISTMAS
MULTI-SPORTS
CAMP**

**LAYSTON
BUNTINGFORD**

**MONDAY 23RD
DECEMBER**

9AM - 3PM

**£20 PER DAY
IF BOOKED BEFORE
DECEMBER!**

SCAN ME

OR VISIT
ROYSTONTOWNFC.KTCKYS.COM

The poster features a green top section with a Christmas tree and a red bottom section with a soccer ball wearing a Santa hat. Icons include a badminton racket, a person performing a trick, and a soccer ball.



**CHRISTMAS
FUN DAY**

**Monday
23rd December
Thursday
2nd January
Friday
3rd January**

GARDEN WALK

- EAFC
- ARCHERY
- MUCH MORE...
- FOOTBALL TOURNAMENTS
- DODGEBALL

£20 PER DAY

The poster has a red background with yellow stars and green Christmas trees. It includes the Royston Town Football Club logo, a soccer ball with a Santa hat, a gift box, and a red game controller.

Danny Baulk

Community Officer

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