

'Love one another, as I have loved you' John 13 v34



BENSON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Providing a rich,
stimulating & enjoyable
environment, where
children can begin their
learning journey &
prepare for adult life*



NEWSLETTER

5th JUNE 2026

TERM 6 VALUE: WISDOM

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Term 6

Welcome back to the final term of the year! It is a busy term so please check the dates section at the end of the newsletter. This term we are exploring the value of Wisdom and listening to music composed by Joe Hisaishi.

In our Personal, Social and Health Education lessons we will be finding out about 'Growing and Changing'. Please look out for a letter from your child's teacher with further information about what this unit of learning covers.

Earth Trust Visit

Year 1 & 2 had an exciting start back to term with a visit to the Earth Trust. They had a wonderful time outside all day and found lots of different minibeasts! The children were exceptionally well behaved, and we were very proud of all of them.

Free School Meals

Please see the letter sent home today regarding a change in eligibility for free school meals from September. Forms are available from the office if you are unable to print at home.

Open Classrooms

You are welcome to come and see your child's work and classroom on the following dates:

Reception	Wednesday 17 th June 8.40 – 9.00am
Years 1 & 2	Wednesday 17 th June 2.50 – 3.10pm
Years 3 & 4	Monday 15 th June 8.40 – 9.00am
Years 5 & 6	Thursday 18 th June 2.45 – 3.00pm

Uniform

Thank you for your support with completing the survey about uniform. The uniform from September has now been finalised and is shown below. **Please note that any children attending an after-school sports club will need to wear their PE kit to school on that day.** This will enable them to be ready to start the club straight after school rather than having to get changed. There is one uniform all year round and ties will not be part of the uniform.

You are welcome to start following this updated uniform policy this term if you would like to rather than waiting for September.

If you need any second-hand uniform, FoBS have stock available all the time so please get in touch with them to ask about this.

White polo shirt or collared shirt (short sleeved or long sleeved)



Grey or black trousers, shorts or pinafore



School logo jumper or cardigan



During warm weather – red gingham dress or playsuit



Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 - school branded book bag



Black or grey socks or tights



Black school shoes or trainers



Named water bottle



PE kit – to be worn to school on PE days and/or if your child is attending an after-school sports club

Plain white t shirt or school logo white t shirt



Black or navy shorts/jogging bottoms



School logo jumper, cardigan or hoodie



Black trainers



Water Safety

In our assemblies next week, we will be thinking about how to keep safe around different bodies of water. Please go through this Water Safety Code with children at home.

ALWAYS FOLLOW THE WATER SAFETY CODE



Whenever you are around water:

STOP AND THINK STAY TOGETHER

Take time to assess your surroundings.
Look for the dangers and always research local signs and advice.



When around water always go with friends or family.
Swim at a lifeguarded venue.



In an emergency:

CALL 999 FLOAT

If you are at the coast, call 999 and ask for the Coastguard.
Don't enter the water to rescue.



Fall in or become tired - stay calm, float on your back and call for help.
Throw something that floats to somebody that has fallen in.



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water safety.
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FoBS

FoBS update 5th June

Hello all,

We hope you are all had a fabulous half term.

SUMMER FAIR! Next Sunday - 14th June, 12-3pm

Thank you to everyone who has donated for the Tombola – very much appreciated as it is a very popular stall at the fair!

Tokens – buy on SchoolMoney before Monday! Do buy your tokens before the fair as it saves you having to queue up on the day. Tokens will be sent home with your children by Friday next week.

Teddy Tombola Collections – There will be a special collection day for Teddy Tombola on Monday 8th June before school. Your child can come into school with a preloved teddy they are happy to give away. **Please ensure these are in a nice condition for someone else to have as sorting through these can be a big job and unfortunately we cannot give away dirty or ‘overly loved’ teddies.**

Few volunteers still needed!

Thank you so much to everyone who has volunteered their time already to help, we can't run the fair or stalls without you. We still have a few gaps to fill on the following stalls, if this isn't your class but you're happy to step in that would also be most appreciated!!

- **Summer Fair Stalls – 14TH June, 12-3pm.** Class stalls listed below:
 - **Maple** – Teddy Tombola (we need another 2 people for a one hour slot each)
 - **Hawthorn** - Tea, coffee and cake (Looking for 2 helpers for 2-3pm slot)
 - Ash and Damson – Bar (DONE)
 - Willow – Portraits (DONE)
 - Beech – Coconut Shy (DONE)
 - Elm – Hook a Duck (DONE)
 - Oak – Tin Can Alley (DONE)
 - Chestnut – Sports Corner (DONE)
 - Sycamore – Water to wine and ice cream (DONE)
 - Apple - Bouncy Castle (DONE)
- **Tattoo/Crafting Stall** – we are looking for responsible children in the older year groups that may enjoy running a stall providing craft activities and tattoo transfers. If you think your child would be keen, please do let us know.

Please Help FoBS

FoBS contact details:

Rachel Tennant directly on 07988826628

FoBS email: FOBS@[benson.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:FOBS@benson.oxon.sch.uk)

FoBS FaceBook page

Or please speak to us in the playground, we are always happy to chat. Love FoBS x

FoBS



Teddy Tombola Collection

Monday 8th June AM

Please ensure donations are in a
good condition!
Thank you in advance for your
donations!



BAG 2 SCHOOL

FREE FUNDRAISING FOR SCHOOLS

In partnership with Benson CofE Primary School



Time for a pre-Summer clear out that benefits the school and the environment? Yes please!



Bag 2 School specialise in the reuse and recycling of second-hand clothing, and they collect from our school 3 times per year. All the bags we collect are weighed and the school is paid for the total weight collected. So, the more we collect the greater the benefit to the school.



You'll be provided with a bag to fill ahead of the next collection date, but please feel free to use your own bags too, there is no limit. The more we weigh the more they pay! All the plastic is packed and sent for recycling.

Bag2School will accept good quality:

Clothing, paired shoes, handbags, bags, hats, belts, scarves and ties, bras, jewellery and socks.

They can't accept uniform (branded or non-branded), workwear, pillows, duvets, blankets, soft toys, sheets and towels, rugs or pieces of fabric.

Please drop your Bag2School bag (and any other bags) to outside the school reception (under cover area) on:



Wednesday 17th June - Anytime
Thursday 18th June - Anytime
Friday 19th June - Before 9am

 01609 780 222



www.bag2school.com



helpdesk@bag2school.com

LONG WITTENHAM FUN RUN 2026

Sunday 14th June – 11am start



START & FINISH AT THE PLOUGH
PUB FAYRE, BBQ, CAKE STALL AND
LOVELY PUB GARDENS

Everyone welcome!

Google "Evententry Long Wittenham"



AWARDS:

Boys & girls	Men & women	First man & woman
Under 8 (3-7)	18-39	First local man & woman
Under 12 (8-11)	40-64	
Under 18 (12-17)	Over 65	Family Trophy

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Tooth-brushing toddlers, we need you!

Tell us about your toothbrushing habits and what help you need to keep teeth healthy.
(you can ask a grown-up to help...)



[Oral Health Survey](#)
[– Fill out form](#)

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

BENSON UNITED FC

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ARE LOOKING FOR AN ENTHUSIASTIC VOLUNTEER FOOTBALL COACH

TO TAKE ON THE ROLE OF THE **BUFC ROCKETS**

RECEPTION AGED CHILDREN FROM SEPTEMBER 2026.

FULL SUPPORT FROM EXISTING COACHES

- ✓ Guidance & mentoring
- ✓ Training resources
- ✓ Planning support
- ✓ A friendly team environment
- ✓ You won't be on your own!

IF INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT THE CLUB CHAIRMAN ON THE EMAIL BELOW

DANNY.ODRISCOLL@YAHOO.COM

Big Green Festival

Market Place, Henley
Saturday 6th June 10am-4pm

FREE Plants for Pollinators!

Plus top tips on helping wildlife

Drumming & Circus Workshop

Mini science fair

with Will's Wonderful World

Pledge Cafe!

stop for a FREE cuppa and cookie and make a Pledge for the Planet!

Giant Snakes & Ladders

Nature Stalls

Meet Toad Patrol & other conservation groups

Face Painting

Recycled Glass Painting

plus loads more!

For latest updates and more info visit greenerhenley.org.uk/great-big-green-week

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GROUPS

Summer Family Support Sessions

WIGOD WAY WALLINGFORD FAMILY CENTRE

We're offering a range of new and upcoming sessions for families, designed to support expectant parents, family emotional wellbeing, infant sleep, and access to local information and services.

DATE	TIME	SESSION	WHO IT'S FOR
Tue 2 June	7.30pm	Bump Club Best Starts: Feeding Your Baby Hosted by Sarah from Baby Bar in Wallingford. Evidence-based information about feeding your baby in the early days and where to access support if needed.	Expectant parents
Sat 6 June	2pm - 3pm	SEN Session - A Special Time to Play Our Stay and Play session for children with additional needs. Suitable for children primary age and below.	Children with additional needs
Mon 8 June	10am - 11.30am	Once Upon A Playtime Seaside Adventure Expect themed crafts, indoor and outdoor activities and lots of imaginative play!	Families with children 0-5 years
Wed 10 June	1.15pm - 2.15pm	Introducing Solids Workshop Led by our local Health Visitors, this workshop will help you feel informed and confident about starting solids with your baby.	Parents of babies
Mon 15 June	1pm - 2pm	Quieting the Inner Critic - Letting go of Mum Guilt A warm and supportive session with therapist Zanna St Quinton exploring mum guilt, self-compassion, and confidence in parenting.	Parents (mums)
Tue 16 June	9am - 10am	DA Friends Awareness Session Talking to family, friends, neighbours or colleagues about domestic abuse can feel difficult. DA Friends helps people learn how to listen, link and lend a hand. Email: support@wallingfordfamilycentre.com if you would like to join us.	Adults
Mon 22 June	1pm - 2pm	Swap Shop Bring a bag of clothes and bric-a-brac to swap for other items. Don't have anything to donate this time? Please still come with an empty bag to fill and just bring a donation to a future swap shop. Maximum 2 bags per person.	Everyone welcome!

GOOD TO KNOW

- ✓ Friendly, welcoming sessions
- ✓ Time for questions & discussion
- ✓ Free to book, donations welcome

SCAN TO BOOK YOUR FREE SPACE!

or visit: wallingfordfamilycentre.com

All sessions take place at:
Wigod Way
Wallingford
Family Centre

Sessions are free to attend, however spaces are limited.
* Please only book if you can attend. A charge may apply for non-attendance without notice.

BRIGHTWELL CUM SOTWELL VILLAGE FETE

SATURDAY 4TH JULY 2-4.30PM

FLOWER & PRODUCE SHOW

PIMM'S CAKES & TEAS

SILVER BAND

ENTRANCE £2

UNDER 12 50P

UNDER 5S FREE

HOOK A DUCK

BOOKS & TOYS

JIGSAW STALL

WHITE ELEPHANT STALL

BOTTLE TOMBOLA

SPORTS & GAMES

HUMAN FRUIT MACHINE

LOCAL ARTISTS

AT SOTWELL HOUSE

BELL LANE, OX10 0RW

WHAT3WORDS /// FOOTBALL.EXPLAINED.SHINING

IN AID OF VILLAGE CLUBS & SOCIETIES

CARDS ACCEPTED & CASH FOR POCKET MONEY

CONSIDERATE STREET PARKING ONLY OR NUMBER 33/33A BUS

DATES

June		
Monday 8 th – Friday 12 th	Year 1 phonics screening takes place in school	
Sunday 14 th	FoBS Summer Fair	12-3pm
Monday 15 th	Years 3 & 4 open classrooms	8.40 – 9.00am
Wednesday 17 th	Reception open classrooms	8.40 – 9.00am
Wednesday 17 th	Years 1 & 2 open classrooms	2.50 – 3.10pm
Thursday 18 th	Years 5 & 6 open classrooms	2.45 – 3.00pm
Friday 19 th	Festival of Voices at Dorchester Abbey for Singing Club	Leaving school 2.30pm, concert ends 7.45/8pm
Wednesday 24 th	Reception visiting Sutton Courtenay Environmental Centre	During the school day
Thursday 25 th	iRock concert	1.30pm
w/c 29 th	Review meetings for parents of children on the SEN register – invitations to follow	
Monday 29 th	Meeting for parents of Reception children joining in September 2026	4.15 – 5.00pm
July		
Wednesday 1 st	Sports Day 9.15 – 10.15 Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 10.30 – 11.45 Years 3 and 4 1.45 – 3.00 Years 5 and 6	
Thursday 2 nd	Transition morning for children in school – morning spent with teacher for next year in classroom for next year	
Thursday 2 nd	Transition morning – new Reception children	9.30 – 11.30am
Friday 3 rd	Y5&6 boys football tournament	After school

Tuesday 7 th	Year 6 performance	Evening
Wednesday 8 th	Year 6 performance	Evening
Friday 10 th	Year 6 performance	Afternoon
Friday 10 th	End of year reports sent home	
Thursday 16 th	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly	2.15pm
Friday 17 th	End of Year Church Services	
Friday 17 th	Last day of term	2pm finish

Key dates for 2025-2026 for parents can be found on the school website, [click here](#). Term dates can be found on the school website, [click here](#).