

'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

19TH JUNE 2026
TERM 6 VALUE: WISDOM

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Free School Meals – Important Information

Free School Meals are changing from September 2026.

If you receive Universal Credit, your child will now be eligible for free school meals, and you must complete a form as soon as possible.

If your child currently receives free school meals due to the Targeted Free School Meals scheme (annual earned income under £7.400) they will still be eligible for free school meals, but you must complete a form as soon as possible. If you do not, you will be charged for meals from September.

Forms are available to pick up from the school office, or please email to request one is emailed to you.

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, they will continue to receive a free school meal under the Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme and you do not need to complete a form.

Open Classrooms

Thank you to all the families who came in for open classrooms. We hope you enjoyed seeing your children's work and classroom.

Vacancies

We are advertising for a Wrap Around Leader. Please [click here](#) for further information.

Contact Details

If your address or contact phone or email has changed, please inform the office.

Wrap Around Care

As you will be aware, our current Wrap Around Care provider, JAG, will finish their contract with us at the end of this term. From September 2026, we will therefore run our own Breakfast Club and After School Club. We have reviewed carefully what we will be able to provide and will be offering the following hours during term time:

Breakfast Club 7.45am – 8.45am £6.50 After School Club 3.15 – 5.30pm £15.00

The staffing ratio, snacks provision and activities will remain inline with what JAG currently offer. More information about how to book will be available soon.

School Access Monday 29th June

We have some work taking place in our boiler house on this date which will mean the small gate onto the nursery garden will not be able to be used. The larger gate further along the walkway will be open for access. Any new Reception parents attending the meeting after school on this day, please come to the main school office.

Sports Day

This is taking place on Wednesday 1st July on the field on the Cala Estate: 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. Children need to wear PE kit, sun hat and bring a water bottle to school. It is helpful if children can wear a t shirt in the colour of their house, but this is not essential.

OXFORD HALF MARATHON- SCHOOLS CHALLENGE - 11 OCTOBER 2026

In anticipation of the official release of places for this year's event, please let me know if your child is interested in participating. For those new to this exciting challenge, it forms part of the Oxford Half Marathon, where the children complete 12.1 miles in their own time prior to the event day, then we all go into Oxford to run the final mile, together with children from other primary schools, on the actual Half Marathon course. It's a popular and fun event to take part in, and everybody gets a t-shirt and medal!

Please email me with following information:

Name

Class

Date of birth

Address

Emergency contact name and mobile for the day of the event

Permission for photography to be used in publicity

Getting this information early will help me process you all before the end of term hopefully! It really is a great thing to do – we had 50 children take part last year, so ask any of them!

Tania Hadfield thadfield@benson.oxon.sch.uk

FoBS update 19th June

SUMMER FAIR - THANK YOU!

Thank you to all our amazing volunteers and everyone who came along to the Summer Fair – it was a great event with fun had by all! It was wonderful to see everyone coming together to raise money for our school.



A special thank you to all the teachers who took time out of their weekends to sell tasty ice creams and a special thank you to the children who performed on the day – the singing and street dancing were just fantastic!

We are still finalising the amount raised, but we will let you know asap – it's looking good!

We are so lucky our school has such a supportive and welcoming community that we can hold events like this. Thanks again all who helped support the event, including running stalls, baking cakes, ferrying carloads of equipment to the field and putting up marquees in the wind on a Friday evening; we couldn't do it without you!

Love FoBS x



COMMUNITY INFORMATION

SAX BANDITS PROUDLY PRESENTS

CELEBRATING THE SOUND OF SAXOPHONE

Saxofest

SATURDAY 20TH JUNE 2026
* SUNNYSIDE, BENSON, OXFORDSHIRE *

TICKETED ENTRY, 5-10PM

SNAKE DAVIS BAND
REDTENBACHER'S FUNKESTRA
HANNAH HORTON

FREE ENTRY, 1-5PM

SAXOPHONLY FANS * SAX BANDITS
LYNDEN BLADES * LIZ GREENWOOD * 4 IN A BAR
(JAZZ SET) (IBIZA SET) (QUARTET)

A MIX OF FOOD & DRINK, STALLS, FACE PAINTING, MASTERCLASSES, ACTIVITIES & ATTRACTIONS, AND LOTS OF SAXOPHONES!

10 YEARS OF SAX BANDITS

This event is fundraising for two local charities: 'Younger People With Dementia' and 'The Music Club'

Y.P.W.D. Younger People With Dementia
THE MUSIC CLUB

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NHS Foundation Trust

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April-July 2026

Eligible for parents or carers of children aged 2-4 years

Participating in this survey is a simple yet impactful way to contribute to the well-being of your child and others.

your input is invaluable!

DATES

June		
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
Tuesday 30 th	Meeting for parents of Nursery children joining in September 2026	4.00pm
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
Thursday 2 nd	Nursery stay and play - new September children	9.45 – 10.45am
Friday 3 rd	Y5&6 boys football tournament	After school
Tuesday 7 th	Year 6 performance	6.00pm
Wednesday 8 th	Year 6 performance	6.00pm
Friday 10 th	Year 6 performance	1.15pm
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