



BENSON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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



25TH SEPTEMBER 2026

TERM 1 VALUE: UNDERSTANDING

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Harvest

We are looking forward to celebrating Harvest in school next week. Children can bring in one item for a Harvest collection which we will then deliver to the Wallingford Food Bank. Items need to be non-perishable, such as tins, jars, pasta, rice or lentils. Items can be brought into class on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday next week (28th - 30th September). Please do not feel that you have to do this, but if you have an item that you no longer need, we would be happy to receive it in school.

Staffing

We are currently advertising for an additional member of staff to join our after-school club. For more information, please see the vacancies page on our school website ([click here](#)). Anyone can contact the office for an informal discussion about the role.

Parking

We have been informed again by some parents that there have been some cars parked near or on the zig zag areas alongside the zebra crossing on Littleworth Road making it difficult for families to cross the road safely. Please park safely around school. A reminder that the school car park is for staff only so please do not use this to park in, unless you have permission from the school in advance.

Lunch Change – Thursday 1st October

The school census day takes place on Thursday 1st October. Every school meal taken by children in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 on this day contributes to data used to determine important funding for school. ***We would be grateful if as many children as possible could enjoy a school lunch on Census Day, even if they do not normally have one.*** The lunch on Thursday 1st October will be fish fingers & chips or quorn nuggets with chips and the lunch on Friday 2nd October will be chicken fajita or veggie lasagne. Jacket potatoes will also be available on both days. The options are correct on SchoolMoney, so please order as normal.

Worship Leaders

Congratulations to the children who will be supporting with collective worship this year:
Oak Marley Chestnut Keira Maple Jacob
Damson Eliza Apple Anna Cherry Bella
Sycamore Lucy Ash Harry Hawthorn Luca

Christmas Cards

Please look out for a pack coming home either today or Monday with Christmas cards designed by your child that you can choose to purchase.

Year 4 Maths Resources

A reminder to Year 4 parents/carers to collect the multiplication resources pack from classrooms at the end of the school day on Friday 2nd October.

School Nurse Newsletter

Please [click here](#) to read the latest newsletter from the School Health Nursing team. This is full of helpful information including how to contact the team, SEND reforms, toileting, school attendance and mental health support.

Safeguarding Spotlight – Tablets

Your child may already have access to a tablet, or you might be thinking about purchasing one for them. The UK Safer Internet Centre has useful advice about what tablets can be used for, how to introduce them in a safe way and how to use parental controls. For more information, [click here](#).



Talk with your child about responsible use of their tablet

Discuss what is okay and not okay to use it for and look at the possible risks. Tell your child what they should do if something goes wrong while using it. This could be to turn off the screen and tell an adult.



Think about the location of the tablet

Will it be in a shared family space or in a bedroom? Where will the tablet charge overnight? Think about: setting time limits; reminding your child about the risks of communicating online with people that they do not know; and encouraging them to come to you with any worries.



Explore parental controls

Take a look at the controls available both on the tablet itself and on your home Wi-Fi. Talk these through with your child too. Parental controls are a helpful tool, but an open conversation with your child is the most important thing.

Safeguarding children is everybody's responsibility. If you have a safeguarding concern about a child, you can contact the school office to arrange to speak to one of the school Safeguarding Leads:

Designated Safeguarding Lead Mrs Pearce (Headteacher)

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads: Mrs Agudelo (SENCo) Mrs Fanstone (Assistant Headteacher) and Mrs Launchbury-Rainey (Assistant Headteacher)

For urgent concerns you can email the school safeguarding email safeguarding@benson.oxon.sch.uk

Anyone can report a concern to MASH (Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub). [Click here](#) for an online link or phone 01865 519800.

Parentline 5-11 years

School Health Nursing messaging service for parents and carers of children aged 5-11 years attending state schools or home educated in **Oxfordshire**

We provide **School Nursing** advice on issues such as:

Diet & Healthy Lifestyles
Toileting
Sleep
Bullying
Support with behaviours
General & Emotional Health



I'm worried about my child's sleep, can you help me?

Hi, I'm Sarah from ChatHealth.
Well done for reaching out to us.
Let's see what we can do!

Message **Oxfordshire School Health Nurses** for confidential support and advice.



Friends of Benson
School Presents

HAPPY'S CIRCUS

30 September 2026



Gates Open at 5:00pm

Show 5:40pm - 8pm

Food and
Snacks

Circus
Performance

Local
Traders

£12 per ticket



Tickets available **now** on School

Money until 17th July

Tickets are limited and after this dates
tickets, via the website, may be subject to
booking fees

DATES

September		
Monday 28 th & Tuesday 29 th	Harvest donations can be brought into school	
Wednesday 30 th	FoBS Circus Event	5pm
October		
Friday 2 nd	Year 4 maths packs to be collected from classrooms	3.15pm
Wednesday 7 th	Individual school photos	During school day
Friday 9 th	Prospective families meeting	9.30am
Sunday 11 th	Oxford Half Marathon	
Wednesday 14 th – Friday 16 th	Bag2School bags can be dropped off at school	
Friday 16 th	Y5&6 Girls' football match	After school
Tuesday 20 th – Friday 23 rd	Year 6 PGL residential	
Friday 23 rd October	Last day of term	
Monday 26 th - Friday 30 th	Half Term	
November		
Monday 2 nd	INSET day – school closed to children	
w/c Monday 2 nd	Open classrooms for parents – times and dates TBC	
Tuesday 3 rd	Start of term for all children	
Wednesday 4 th	Y5&6 netball tournament	After school
w/c Monday 9 th	Parents evenings for Reception to Year 6 – invitations to book will be sent in advance	
Monday 9 th	Y5&6 football match	After school

Wednesday 25 th	Vision screening for Reception children – more information to follow	During school day
Thursday 12 th	Prospective families meeting	9.30am
Thursday 26 th	Y5&6 hockey tournament	After school
w/c Monday 30 th	Review meetings for parents of children on the SEN register – invitations to book will be sent in advance	
December		
Wednesday 2 nd	Nursery & Reception Christmas Production	9.30am
Wednesday 9 th	Year 1&2 Christmas Production	9.30am
Thursday 10 th	Year 1&2 Christmas Production	1.30pm
Wednesday 16 th	Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day	
Thursday 17 th	Christmas Church Services	TBC
Thursday 17 th	Last day of term	2pm

Key dates for 2026-2027 for parents can be found on the school website, [click here](#). Term dates can be found on the school website, [click here](#).