‘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



23RD OCTOBER 2026
TERM 1 VALUE: UNDERSTANDING

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Open Classrooms
Parents/carers of Reception to Year 6 are welcome into classrooms to see children’s work during week commencing 2nd November:
Reception (including staying to watch a phonics lesson) Wednesday 4th November 8.40am
Year 1&2 classes Wednesday 4th November 2.50pm – 3.15pm
Year 3&4 classes Thursday 5th November 8.40am – 9.00am
Year 5&6 classes Thursday 5th November 2.50pm – 3.15pm

Parents’ Evenings
These are taking place after school on Monday 9th November and Wednesday 11th November for Years Reception to 6. Appointments will take place in the hall, access via the nursery garden gate. You will have received an email on Wednesday 21st October asking you to sign up for a slot. If you have any issues with our new system for this, please email the office so we can reset your password. We look forward to seeing all parents/carers at these important meetings.
Please note, Buddies will take place in a classroom after school on these days, and we will send Buddies parents/carers information about where to collect from soon.

Remembrance Day
During the first week after half-term, we will be selling poppies for children to purchase. Children can bring in some money in a named envelope if they would like to purchase a poppy, pencil or bracelet. There is no set amount for items.

Year 6 Residential
We look forward to welcoming our Year 6 back later this afternoon. They will have had a wonderful time taking part in a range of activities. Thank you to Mrs Fanstone, Mrs Evans, Mrs Skeels and Miss Glyde for volunteering to go with the children.

School Lunches
There is a new school lunch menu for after half term, please check the page on the website for details. Click here for a link.

Wet Weather
Children go outside in rainy and cold weather for break times. Please make sure your child has a suitable coat each day. Children in reception also need a pair of wellies in school.

Attendance
During half term you will receive information about your child's attendance for Term 1. We understand sometimes children are too ill for school, but we appreciate your support in getting your child to school on time every day they are able to attend.

A reminder that if your child is not in school for any reason you must inform the school office by email or phone call by **9am** every day they are absent. If we do not receive a reason for absence, it will be noted as unauthorised and will count towards a fixed penalty fine.

We have a page on the school website with detailed information for parents about attendance, including a Quick Guide for Parents and information about Fixed Penalty Notices.

If you need support with ensuring your child attends school regularly, please contact Louisa Fanstone, Attendance Lead attendance@benson.oxon.sch.uk

Sports Update
THE GIRLS DO IT AGAIN!
Congratulations to our Y5/6 Girls for retaining the trophy for us for the ODST GIRLS' FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT!
Scored 10 goals, let none in,
Four games later, win! Win! Win! 😜
Bish bosh, job done- amazing result girls!

LOOKING AHEAD
Netball tournament first week back, Boys' football the following week . Boys- you've got a lot to do to match the girls!

Happy half term everyone.
Tania Hadfield



EVERY TUESDAY STARTS 3RD NOVEMBER 2026 - 1st DECEMBER 2026
EVERY WEDNESDAY STARTS 4TH NOVEMBER 2026 - 2nd DECEMBER 2026
3.15PM - 4.45PM 5 WEEKS of FUN ART

HOW TO REGISTER TO JOIN LITTLE MASTERS ART CLUB AT BENSON PRIMARY SCHOOL
Existing members places are renewed you do not need to re-register . YOU MUST confirm your place
New places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Email: gerri@littlemasters.co.uk.
Course fee £47.50 FOR 5 WEEKS is payable in advance to secure place.
Transfer to LITTLE MASTERS LTD Acc No: 71338780 Sort code: 04-00-06 Ref: child's name
WEAR SUITABLE CLOTHING WE DO GET MESSY. ALL STAFF HOLD DBS CERTIFICATES AND ARE FULLY INSURED.

LITTLE MASTERS 105 HIGH STREET, CHALGROVE. OXFORDSHIRE. OX44 7SS
TEL: 01865 891242 MOB: 07976739131 EMAIL GERRI@LITTLEMASTERS.CO.UK

Safeguarding Spotlight – The Com Network

Please click here for information about the Com network – a network of online communities where some people treat violence and harm as entertainment or a way to gain attention and status.

While the Com might feel concerning, there are proactive things that you can do as a parent to protect your child. Prevention is key to online safety, so start using the following tips today.

Review boundaries and parental controls

- Parental controls are a safety net to protect your child from unwanted contact and to help you stay on top of your child's online life.
- Review old boundaries or agree on new ones around digital use. Include regular check-ups on their device in this agreement. During this time, you can sit down with your child and have them take you on a tour of their activity. Pay attention to:
- Any new apps (and what they do).
- Duplicate apps (such as two Calculator apps; is one a decoy?).
- Who they're messaging within their apps.
- What they're talking about with their contacts.
- Ask questions and review any parental controls if you feel like your child is at risk. For the least amount of pushback, try to involve your child in the decision-making process as much as possible.

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.

Friends of Benson School (FoBS) AGM – Everyone Welcome!

Monday 9th November at 8pm | Benson Care Home

Ever wondered what FoBS does, where the money raised goes, or how we decide what to fund for the school? **Come along to our AGM and find out!**

We'd love to welcome both current FoBS members and anyone who's curious about getting involved. It's a relaxed, friendly evening where you can find out more about what we do, hear about our plans for the year ahead, share fundraising ideas and discover the difference FoBS makes to school life.

There'll be **tea, coffee and prosecco,** so come along, have a drink and meet some friendly faces!

We're also looking for people to help shape the future of FoBS. With some of our current team stepping down next year, we need new people to take over key roles and keep FoBS going. Ideally, we'd love to build a small team to share the responsibilities, bringing fresh ideas and making it manageable for everyone.
We are especially keen to welcome Reception and KS1 parents!

If you're interested in taking on a role, there's no need to jump straight in! We're offering the opportunity to shadow the current team over the coming school year, with support and guidance during the handover, ready to take over next year.

And most importantly, coming to the AGM does NOT mean you're signing up to anything! There's absolutely no pressure to get involved. It's simply a chance to find out what FoBS is all about, where your fundraising efforts go and how you could help in the future if you wanted to.

FoBS helps fund extra resources, equipment, activities and events that enrich our children's time at Benson School. Without volunteers to carry it forward, we risk losing all of this – so whether you have lots of ideas or simply want to find out more, we'd love to see you there.

Monday 9th November, 8pm at Benson Care Home – just pop along to the care home reception and they will show you in!

Come for a chat, stay for a prosecco, and find out what FoBS is all about!

If you'd like to get in touch to find out more, you can contact me:
Rachel Tennant - 07988 826628 or racheltennant85@gmail.com
Or please speak to us in the playground, we are always happy to chat.

We hope to see you at the AGM!
Love FoBS

COMMUNITY INFORMATION







NHS
Oxford Health
NHS Foundation Trust

CAMHS
Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service

OXFORDSHIRE WE ARE WITH YOU FORUM

JOIN OUR COMMUNITY SUPPORT

'We are With You' is a welcoming, parent-led group for anyone caring for children and young perople (up to the age of 18) facing mental health challenges.

Find a safe space to connect, ask questions, and share experiences at your comfort level. Learn from insightful discussion on topics that matter to you.

Connect with others through our popular in-person wellbeing walks. We also offer online, topic-based webinars via Microsoft Teams, with follow-up Q&A sessions to provide additional support and discussion.

Join us for a relaxed and welcoming space, provided by:

- Parent Peer Support Workers
- Social Prescribers
- CAMHS Mental Health Professionals
- Guest speakers

To register follow the link or QR code:

https://oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/camhs/involvement/oxon/wwy/

CONNECT. SHARE. LEARN.



DATES

October		
Monday 26th - Friday 30th	Half Term	
November		
Monday 2nd	INSET day – school closed to children	
Tuesday 3rd	Start of term for all children	
Wednesday 4th	Reception open classrooms	8.40am
Wednesday 4th	Y1&2 open classrooms	2.50pm – 3.15pm
Wednesday 4th	Y5&6 netball tournament	After school
Thursday 5th	Y3&4 open classrooms	8.40am – 9.00am
Thursday 5th	Y5&6 open classrooms	2.50pm – 3.15pm
Monday 9th	FoBS AGM at Benson Care Home	8pm
Monday 9th	Parents evenings for Reception to Year 6	After School
Monday 9th	Y5&6 football match	After school
Monday 9th – Wednesday 11th	Bag2School donations can be dropped off	
Wednesday 11th	Parents evenings for Reception to Year 6	After School
Thursday 12th	Reception nursery rhyme character dress up day	
Wednesday 25th	Vision screening for Reception children	During school day
Thursday 12th	Prospective families meeting	9.30am
Thursday 26th	Y5&6 hockey tournament	After school
w/c Monday 30th	Review meetings for parents of children on the SEN register – invitations to book will be sent in advance	

December		
Wednesday 2nd	Nursery & Reception Christmas Production	9.30am
Thursday 3rd	iRock Concert – parents/carers of children playing welcome	1.30pm
Tuesday 8th	Damson class trombone/trumpet concert for parents/carers in the hall	2.15pm
Wednesday 9th	Year 1&2 Christmas Production	9.30am
Thursday 10th	Year 1&2 Christmas Production	1.30pm
Wednesday 16th	Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day	
Thursday 17th	Christmas Church Services	TBC
Thursday 17th	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.