‘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



6TH NOVEMBER 2026
TERM 2 VALUE: PEACE

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Open Classrooms
Thank you to all the families who came to our open classrooms this week. It was lovely to see so many of you and we hope you enjoyed seeing children’s work and classrooms.

Parents’ Evenings
We are looking forward to seeing parent/carers of years Reception to year 6 at the meetings on Monday 9th November and Wednesday 11th November. Appointments will take place in the hall, access via the nursery garden gate.

Buddies will take place in Oak classroom after school on these days. For pick up on these days, please enter through the gate you would normally pick up from and go through the corridor to find Oak classroom. There will be some signs directing you. If you are not sure where to go, please ask a member of staff in the hall who will be happy to help you find Oak classroom.

Behaviour Information
For information about our Behaviour Policy, including use of reflection forms and bullying, please see a new video on the school website under ‘Parents/Supporting Children’. Click here for a link.

Parking
We have had some information about unsafe parking around the back of the school. Please park legally and safely.

Friday 4th December - Big Christmas Sing, Oxford. Children will be at rehearsals from 2pm and parents are invited to a concert at 5.30pm - 6.45pm.
Friday 27th November – Children’s Carol Service – St Helen’s church, Benson at 5pm. Children will need to be there at 4:30 for rehearsal.

Term 2

This term in Collective Worship we are exploring how the value of Peace comes from a secure home, family and country, through the stories of ancient Israel's new homeland and their leader, Joshua. We will also be learning about Remembrance Day, Anti-Bullying Week and Christmas.

Our composer of the term is Henry Purcell, and we are learning about him a as a person as well as the music he wrote.

In our Personal, Social and Health Education we are learning about how we spend time online and how we can do this in a safe and respectful way.

Bag2School Collection - Mon 9th - 9am Wed 11th November
Your children will be bringing home bags to put your donations in today! You can drop off donations outside in the undercover area, in front of the school reception area anytime from Monday 9th up to 9am on Wednesday 11th November.

Click on these links for a reminder of how it works and what you can donate.
Thank you for help raising funds for FOBS and supporting this great charity!

Y5/6 NETBALL TOURNAMENT

This week, I was delighted to take all of Netball Club to participate in the Wallingford Schools' Netball Tournament.

We had two teams, and lots of matches to play, although play had to be abandoned before the end due to the dark and being unable to see the ball or net!

Every single player proved they were worthy of being there, and we are proud about how well they have all progressed with their netball. In addition, the standard of their play, teamwork and support for each other were a fantastic tribute to themselves and a credit to Benson School.

Our MKM sponsored team reached the Final, and displayed a game full of skill, flow and commitment, winning by 8 goals to nil, with incredible shooting from Emily in particular, and solid defence at the other end. In total, our team scored 21 goals and only conceded one!

Congratulations to all our stars, it was a privilege to take you.

Sincere thanks to Miss Glyde for leading a team, and our army of parents for transporting us and being the loudest support on the court!

NEXT: Y5/6 Boys Football, and Mixed Football Competition at Oxford City

Safeguarding Spotlight – Roblox

Roblox is a gaming platform where players can create and publish their own games. The platform can be a great educational tool to help teach children new skills like coding. However, there are also some risks.

On the platform, players can build and publish their own games. This means that other users could build games that contain adult or inappropriate themes that your child might see.

Players can use the communication features of Roblox to talk to one other while they are playing. This means that there is a risk of cyberbullying or unwanted contact.

Roblox does have advice on parental controls, safety and moderation. This includes Community Standards that outline what behaviour is and isn't acceptable on the platform.

Moderators review and remove inappropriate content, and the platform has a range of parental controls and safety settings that can help keep your child safer on the platform. There's also a separate Roblox families advice section.

Is Roblox safe for my child? Tips to minimise the risks

- As the platform's safety settings and parental controls are enabled according to the child's age, it's important that they sign up with the correct details.
- Not all games on the platform will be appropriate for your child. Depending on your child's age, you will be able to build a list of games they can access, so exclude others. You can also switch off in-app spending or let them set monthly limits.
- For children under 13, you can manage who your child can speak to by disabling chat completely or limiting it to friends only. You can also switch off their inbox to stop them receiving direct messages. You can also monitor and restrict their time on the platform.

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

Let's Collect Chocolate Advent Calendars

& Christmas Chocolate Treats

to donate to

Wallingford Food Bank



Donations will be collected in the box outside the school office

10th - 12th November

Thank you for supporting families in need in our local community.

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/

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DATES

November		
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	
Tuesday 10th – Thursday 12th	Chocolate Advent Calendars and chocolate treats to be dropped off outside the school office for Wallingford Food Bank	
Wednesday 11th	Parents evenings for Reception to Year 6	After School
Thursday 12th	Reception Nursery rhyme character dress up day	
Thursday 12th	Football Tournament at Oxford City	During school 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
Friday 27th November	Children's Carol Service – St Helen's church, Benson at 5pm. Children will need to be there at 4:30 for rehearsal.	
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	Reception Christmas Production	9.30am
Thursday 3rd	Reception Christmas Production	9.30am
Thursday 3rd	iRock Concert – parents/carers of children playing welcome	1.30pm

Friday 4th	Big Christmas Sing, Oxford. Children will be at rehearsals from 2pm and parents are invited to a concert at 5.30pm - 6.45pm.	
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
Friday 11th	Nursery Christmas Sing A Long	9.30am
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.