



# RAF Benson Community Primary School



## Newsletter



Friday 21 March 2025

Dear Parents,

We certainly feel that spring is on its way with the beautiful sunny days, although, the slight chill on the wind by day and freezing temperatures at night remind us it's not quite there yet!

It has been so lovely to see many of you around school over the last few weeks for both parents evening and Learn With your Child week. We hope that you have enjoyed seeing the work that the children have done – I am sure that you will agree that the classrooms are looking great filled with marvellous showcases of learning and resources to support. Our next learn with your child week is scheduled for the week of 9<sup>th</sup> June and we look forward to inviting you in again then.

We have more exciting activities coming up, which you will see below. Next term is a very short term (4 weeks and 3 days!) so we will be looking to squeeze as much as we can in that time!

Here are a few dates of upcoming events and some notices for you.

### Dates and Events

**Friday 28 March – Mother's Day Cuppa Chat and Chill** – Calling all the ladies in our lives who look after us! Come and join us for some 'you' time whilst the children are working hard and relax with a cuppa and a chat. There is the option to help us spread the love in school by creating some artwork, led by Mrs Haythorne. Please complete the google form below so that we know how much cake we need to get! <https://forms.gle/FtJrCJE75jZfeh7A7>

**Thursday 3 April – Easter Bonnet parade** - We will be having our annual Easter Bonnet Parade on this date. Children (minimal parent help please 😊) are invited to make an Easter Bonnet at home and bring it into school for our parade - Sadly parents are not able to watch this due to space in the hall. Any eggs decorated will need to be taken to the school library ready for judging. This is such an egg-cellent event which the children are always so eggcited to take part in....and we look forward to seeing what they bring in.

**Friday 4 April 3:15pm - Easter Holiday** – The best holiday of the school year! We return on Tuesday 22 April at 8:45am.

**Friday 25 April – Purple Up day in aid of Month of the Military Child.** Children to wear purple or an item of purple to celebrate being a military child.

**6/7 May – Year 3 and 4 Residential Trip.** Miss Galvin will be sending the presentation to those who missed the online meeting earlier in the week. Yet again, it looks set to be a wonderful couple of days where the children will have much fun and take part in activities linked to their topics.

**Thursday 8 May - VE Day 80<sup>th</sup> Celebration day.** We invite children to come to school in clothes of the era. We will be doing a number of activities and having a street party in the afternoon to commemorate the occasion.

**Monday 12 May – The start of KS2 National Tests** – we will provide the usual toast at normal school time (the highlight of the week!) and will keep our fingers crossed for all the children to be in school as expected.

**WC 9 June – Learn with Your Child Week** – another opportunity to learn alongside your child and have some fun learning!

**Friday 13 June – Father's Day Big Breakfast** – bring the men who look after us to thank them by starting the day with a bacon or sausage bap.

**Friday 13 June – Cystic Fibrosis Awareness day** – we invite everyone to come in wearing an item or completely covered in yellow in aid of Cystic Fibrosis.

**Thursday 19 June – Sports Morning** – more details to come closer the time.

**Friday 27 June – CAMO Day** – the highlight of the school year! We invite children to come to school dressed in CAMO clothing to have a day that they will always remember.

**Friday 27 June – Summer Fair** – after a wonderful day we then celebrate with our annual Summer Fair with

**Wednesday 1 July – Transition Morning 1** - Children will know who their teacher will be for next year and we will let you know during the day. It will be an exciting day all round!

**Thursday 3 July – Brass Showcase at 2:40pm.** Our children in Year 5 and 6 will wow us all with what they have been learning over the year. It will be a spectacular performance so much so, you will think it is the RAF central band!

**Wednesday 9 July – End of academic year Parents Evening.** A final opportunity to hear from your child's class teacher for this academic year and to see how they have performed in national assessments and what they need to do ahead of their next year. Bookings will go live 1 week before the event.

**Thursday 10 July – KS2 production** – the theatrical event of the year! Start time will be announced closer the time.

**Tuesday 15 July – Transition Morning 2** – Another opportunity for your child to meet their next teacher and do some activities to start getting to know each other.

**Thursday 17 July – Leavers' Assembly.** Taking place in the hall with the provisional time of 1:45pm – this may change if the weather is hot.

**Thursday 17 July – Last day of the school year.** School finishes at 3:15 – Happy Holidays!

## Notices

**School Information System** – Thank you for bearing with us as the final tweaks in this system are ironed out. Over the coming months, we will be switching some of our communications systems to Arbor and will let you know when this happens. Thank you for your support

**Red Nose Day 2025** – Some fabulous red noses appeared in school today! Thank you for those who have donated already – if you have yet to do this the link is below. We currently have £30 towards our target of £250 and would be very grateful for any more donations to get us closer to our target. Thank you for your support.

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/raf-benson-primary-school-30?utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/page/raf-benson-primary-school-30?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL)

**Month of the Military Child** – April marks the Month of the Military Child and we will be doing a number of activities to celebrate this. However, on Friday 25 April we would like to ask everyone to come in wearing purple or an item of purple to celebrate being a military child.

**Parent Governor** – Laura Whitby’s current term has come to an end and we need to advertise the vacancy. Whilst Laura may wish to stand again, we would like to thank Laura for all her hard work and dedication to moving the school forward from a strategic perspective during the last 3 years she has been in post.

Being a parent governor is very rewarding and from a school leadership perspective, brings the view of a parent to strategic discussions. The role is one where you are a parent representative and not a representative for the parents, a subtle yet important difference.

We are looking for a parent governor with a strong financial background to join the board, so, if that is you, please do read the pack and complete the form by **3pm Wednesday 2 April** should you wish to nominate yourself. As mentioned in the pack, if we have more than one person nominated, we will need to hold a ballot. Please see more information at the link below:

<https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/rafbenson/UploadedDocument/4dea91a7-cce4-48b8-a364-8c2d2ebb5fdf/parent-governor-pack-march-2025.pdf>

**Social Media** – Many of you may have seen the recent Netflix drama ‘Adolescence’ where it shows a chilling story of how young people can be affected by social media leading to devastating consequences. The drama shows the story from the family perspective. Please can I remind you of our Internet Safety page which hosts a range of guides to help you navigate the world of social media and to support you in supporting and protecting your children as best as you can. We are trying to source a sheet which we can share with you which highlights emojis to look out for should any of your children have access to social media. This highlights, quite strongly, the need to keep children off these platforms until the specified age and until they can be educated properly in their use.

Here is the link to our Online Safety Resources: <https://www.raf-benson.oxon.sch.uk/parent-online-safety-guides/>

**School Facebook Page** – Please do keep an eye on the school Facebook page as we post whole school events and activities that the children have been up to during the term – why not give the page a ‘Like’ too! <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100063451190152>

**School Website** – Please don’t forget to take a look at the “Letters and Information” section (under Parent’s Tab) to find exciting Easter Holiday activities that your child can take part in and maybe give you a little space for a coffee or two! The link for this page is here: <https://www.raf-benson.oxon.sch.uk/letters-and-information/>

**Sickness** – It’s been that time of year when lots of children have been off school with various illnesses. A reminder that if your child has experienced any vomiting or diarrhoea, they need to stay off school for 48 hours from the last episode. For other illnesses, we’d appreciate you ringing in each day that your child is off school. If you forget to ring in, Mrs Bevis will contact you to check where your child is. This is a measure taken to ensure your child’s safety at all times.

I think that is all I need to share with you at this time. We hope to see you around school over the next few weeks.

Best wishes

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