



RAF Benson Community Primary School



Newsletter



Friday 19 December 2025

Dear Parents,

I hope that this newsletter finds you all warm and cosy as we find ourselves almost at the end of the longest term of the school year. These last couple of weeks have been festively gearing up towards one of the best times of the year and the classrooms and corridors have been filled with such magical festive spirit.

Our Christmas Fair was such a success and thank you all for attending – it was really lovely to see many of you there too! The children had great fun crafting the high-quality items for you and we hope that you were just as impressed as we were. The standard of the items the classes produce just improves every year! The secret festive shop was popular, as was the very special Father Christmas Grotto – such a treat and the children love speaking with Father Christmas as much as he enjoyed chatting to them too! I would also like to thank the parents and governors who offered their time and help on the evening – without your help we would have struggled to have covered all the stalls and raise the money we did. Thank you. As a result of your generosity, the fair raised £1,500 and the raffle raised just over £500 so our festive fundraising has raised over £2,000! Thank you so much. This money has gone to funding the puppet man – who everyone loves seeing each year - and will go towards other 'additional and extra' for the children during the year.

Our nativity performances last Thursday of 'It's a Baby!' were just amazing. It had all the ingredients of the magical biblical story with some extra RAF Benson sparkle sprinkled on the top! Thank you to everyone for coming to watch - it makes a real difference for our West End level superstars to perform in front of a real 'live' audience - and a huge thank you to the staff team for their hard work in pulling a lovely performance together. We were also delighted that Station Commander Alice and the SWO were able to attend to see the performance too.

Thank you so much for the cards, gifts and Christmas wishes that we have received over the last few days. Whilst we are here to do our job for your children (and we love doing it too!), they all mean so much to us and are very much appreciated. Thank you.

Finally, we say a very sad farewell to Miss Galvin today as she leaves us as Assistant Headteacher to start her new role as Headteacher of her own school in West Berkshire after the Christmas break. I feel immensely proud of what she has achieved and having a member of staff go on to be a headteacher, knowing they have the privilege I have in ensuring children do as well as they can whilst making marvellous memories, is just wonderful. We know that she will do an amazing job and we wish her all the very best in her new school.

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

Dates and Events

Please keep an eye on the school calendar for these dates and events – you are able to subscribe to this so that you don't miss anything coming up. <https://www.raf-benson.oxon.sch.uk/diary/subscribe/>

Monday 5 January – Spring term starts – children return back to school at 8:45

Monday 19 January – Year 5/6 Children leave for the school Residential

Monday 26 January – Coffee Morning in the Wessex Room

Friday 06 February – Fundraising event. We are hoping to have an after school fundraising event on this date – we will let you know closer the time.

Friday 13 February – Last day of the half term.

Monday 23 February – Start of second half term

Thursday 5 March – World Book Day – Children invited to dress up as their favourite book character

Wednesday 11 March – Parents Evening – booking will take place on the Arbor Parent Portal closer the time.

Friday 13 March – Mother's Day afternoon tea. Details closer the time.

Thursday 26 March – Easter bonnet parade

Friday 27 March – Last day of term finishing at 3:15pm

Notices

Clubs – Club list and booking links for the Spring term will be going out on Monday 5th January using our new Arbor Parent Portal. We don't know what this will initially look like and we please ask you to bear with us as we do this for the first time. Clubs will be offered predominantly on a first come, first served basis however, we will also look at children who were on waiting lists for similar clubs previously so that there is fair access to afterschool clubs.

Deadlines – Just a reminder that when we ask for things to be sent into school for a particular date/time, we would be really grateful if parents could help us with meeting that date. We now only have one person in the office and we simply do not have the time it takes to chase for payments/forms and such like. Thank you for helping Mrs Bevis in the school office.

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>

I think that is all for this month – we have been up to quite a lot and are ready for a well deserved break! If I do not see you at the event today, can I thank you for all the support you have given to the school team over this last term. Your support and positivity towards what we do has really been appreciated.

On behalf of the staff team, I wish you all a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas break and we look forward to seeing you all back in the new year.

Best wishes

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