



RAF Benson Community Primary School



Newsletter



Friday 13 February 2026

Dear Parents,

We find ourselves at the end of a busy term! Not sure where that time has gone, however I am sure you will agree that this term has been grim, not only with the dark mornings and dark nights but also with the huge amount of rain we have had! I think I can speak for us all when I say we have had enough of the daily torrential downpours and are looking forward to hopefully the lighter and brighter days as we travel through the rest of the spring term.

It has been great to have had Mrs Morgan back in school this week as she starts her return to work. She is wielding a pair of crutches due to a knee injury she has sustained but seems to be moving with confidence with them! From personal experience last year, I know how tricky they can be!

Thank you for your support on the items mentioned in the last newsletter both around reading and manners. We are seeing a great improvement in both and I will continue to update you.

Earlier this week, we had our Year 2 Gymnastic showcase and were delighted to welcome children and staff from both Watlington Primary School and Chalgrove Primary School to share a simple gymnastic floor routine with each other. The event was supported by 4 of our Sports Ambassadors from Year 6 who led the warm up, skills bases and very confidently supported the smooth running of the event. All children were fabulous and a real credit to the school.

We now have a finalised date to launch our brand new look website – this is Monday 9 March. This will mean that communications before the launch will start to come via Arbor and not the school app. Please can you ensure that you have the Arbor parent portal loaded. We will also be using this to email you all should we need and, to ensure this works, may need to send out a test email or two after half term. This is very exciting and thank you for your support in helping us streamline some of our systems.

This month we have been focusing on the value of 'Love' and what that looks like in action. We have been talking about what a loving family looks like and how love and kindness are very similar values. We also mentioned how we show love to each other and beyond someone mentioning 'kissing' in assembly and children making a 'yuck' sound pulling faces, we discussed that certain acts show love – such as tidying bedrooms and doing what adults ask straight away so hopefully they will be showcasing their acts of love and kindness to you all over the half term break - please do remind them of our discussion should you need!

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 23 February – Start of second half term

Friday 27 February – School Disco. Taking place in the school hall 4:30pm – 5:30pm. Tickets cost £5 and include glowsticks and refreshments. Parents welcome to stay for refreshments whilst children have a great time dancing.

Monday 2 March – Coffee Morning in the Wessex room. Come and start the week off with a nice coffee, a biscuit and a chat. All welcome, including little ones!

Thursday 5 March – World Book Day – Children invited to dress up as their favourite book character (no football kits please) ready for a day of fun and activities.

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

Friday 13 March – Mother’s Day afternoon tea. After the success of last year, this year we are offering a Cake and Creativity session (similar to a ‘sip and paint’ type session) led again by Mrs Haythorne and Mrs Thornton. If you are interested in joining us for an afternoon of children free relaxation please complete the google form by Friday 6 March so that we can order enough resources: <https://forms.gle/wsn54uQuvXawXdZt5>

Friday 20 March – Red Nose Day – School Council will be in touch with more information after half term

Thursday 26 March – Easter bonnet parade – Children are invited to make an egg-cellent Easter bonnet ready to take part in the parade in school. We also invite children to decorate an egg – we have had some fabulous creations in the past and are looking forward to some egg-citing eggs this year too!

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

Notices

Parents Evening – Bookings for this event will come out in the usual way after half term for you to see your child’s class teacher. As always, we expect to see 100% of parents for this important meeting about your child’s attainment and progress and thank you for making the effort to ensure you are able to come into school. It is always appreciated.

Coffee Mornings – After our pause in coffee mornings, it was so lovely to see lots of people stop by the Wessex room on Monday this week to have a cuppa and a chat – and perhaps a biscuit too! We are looking to hold another one on Monday 2nd March – everyone welcome!

Mathletics – You will hopefully notice that your child (Year 2 – Year 6) has had a Mathletics log in placed in their reading record. We are re-introducing the competitive ‘Live Mathletics’ and encourage your children to keep their maths skills ‘on the boil’ for 10 minutes each day during the holiday if they can. We will be issuing certificates in Monday assemblies for those children exceeding 1000 points.

Have a lovely half term break and we look forward to seeing you all around school when we return on Monday 23rd February!

Best wishes

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