



# RAF Benson Community Primary School



## Newsletter

April 2026

Dear Parents,

Hope this newsletter finds you well after having a lovely 2 week Easter break and enjoyed these first few weeks back in the summer term. We actually seem to be in Summer! Isn't it wonderful now we have much longer days – certainly lifts the spirits and puts bigger smiles on our faces - I hope I have not jinxed it now!

Lots has happened since our last newsletter to you! Our Egg-cellent Easter Bonnet parade was again a sp-egg-ctacular event and, I have to say, had the biggest amount of Year 6 entries I have ever seen this year – which is great! The eggs-pert judges did an amazing job all though I think they were eggs-hausted after the judging. Well done to everyone who took part – the bar is raised each year and I look forward to seeing the amazing creations next year. Thank you

Also a huge thank you to everyone who gave up a day of their Easter break to attend our Spruce Up Your School day – the Lynx outside area looks amazing and is a much more welcoming space for our children and their outdoor learning. Thank you so much.

Purple up day this year was wonderful – there was a sea of purple of many shades in assembly to celebrate being a military child. In class, as part of Month of the military Child, the children have been creating displays or writing poems both of which will be entered into the Never Such Innocence competition with the theme of Winds of Change. We needed some tissues at the ready when reading the poems and we keep our fingers crossed that the judges see them as winning entries!

Thank you to those who could attend our Fundraising forum. We had a really productive discussion and have some great ideas for events coming up for the children. See the list of dates below for some events. If you are able to lend a hand at any of these events – especially our Summer Fair, please do let us know – we will be very grateful for any help. The first event, as we have already publicised is the very popular Ice Cream Fridays starting this week under the red shelter on the top playground. We look forward to seeing you there!

Mrs Barker leaves us this week to start her well-deserved maternity leave. We welcome Mr Ganguly (known as Mr G) who will be covering the Year 2 class alongside Mrs Wilson when she returns later in the month. We're sure you will join us in wishing Mrs Barker well and we look forward to hearing the exciting news!

Finally, I wanted to finish this month with the amazing London Mini Marathon last Saturday. As you will have seen from our social media the weather was gorgeous and it was a superb day. Thank you to the parents who made it into London, found us at our meeting point in a very busy Horse guards Parade and who ran with the children. The children did a great job running the last mile and we were very privileged to be pulled out of the ballot this year – we keep our fingers crossed for next year. Well done to everyone.

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 4 May** – Bank Holiday

**Tuesday 5/Wednesday 6 May – Years 3 and 4 Residential;** This is a fabulous curriculum activity for children in Years 3 and 4 and, like in previous years, our expectation is that all children attend. Please ensure you have added your permissions to the consent form already emailed to you and made payment on Eduspot by 14 April as we need to give dietary details to the centre for meals. If you have any questions regarding this trip, please contact the school office in the first instance

**Thursday 7 May – School Photographer** – please ensure clean uniform and tidy hair ready for the outdoor group photos

**Thursday 7 May – Eco Club Bake Sale and Cake Raffle** – Any keen bakers wishing to help us raise money – all cakes welcome and should you wish to buy anything at the end of the day, please remember to bring cash

**Monday 11 May – KS2 SATs week.** School will open at normal time for these children and their toast will be given to them on arrival! Wish them all the best for this week!

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May – Bingo** – After school bingo in the school hall for children from 3:15pm – 4:30pm. £5 per child and will be available on Eduspot next week.

**Friday 22 May** – Last day of term finishing at 3:15pm. We expect all children in school on this day please ahead of the May break.

**Monday 1 June** – Back to school for the final term!

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June – Father's day big Breakfast** – everyone join us in the hall for a sausage or bacon bap to celebrate and thank the fathers, brothers, uncles in our lives who help us. Doors open at 08:15 and is open to mums and sisters too!

**Thursday 18 June – Sports Morning** – more details to come closer the time.

**Friday 26 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 26 June – Summer Fair** – after a wonderful day we then celebrate with our annual Summer Fair. Join us from 4pm!

## Notices

**Communications** – We've now started sending our Friday Forecast emails which we hope you are finding useful. If there are any other ideas that would make communication channels work better for parents, please do let us know – we always welcome feedback!

**Medical Appointments.** Please remember that if your child needs to attend a medical appointment, to make these at the end of the day to avoid disruption in class - although we appreciate this is not always possible. We also require you to complete a medical appointment form (link on website and Friday Forecast emails and available from the office as a hard copy) which should be returned to the office, along with a copy/scan of the appointment details for your child's records.

**Summer Uniform** – Now we have the lovely weather here I just wanted to remind everyone about our summer uniform policy which can be found here: <https://www.raf-benson.oxon.sch.uk/school-uniform-2> . Please also remember to ensure your child has a sun hat, filled water bottle and has had sun lotion applied for the day.

**Homework** – Just a reminder please about ensuring that your child is reading and having this recorded in the reading record at least 5 times a week. At the last time we looked at them recently, very few children are recording 5 reads each week and we really need your help with this. If you have any questions about reading and how to support your child please see your child's class teacher

I think that is all for this month. Hope you have a lovely bank holiday weekend, and we look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Tuesday.

Best wishes

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