18TH SEPTEMBER 2026

BASSETT GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope everyone has had a positive start to the term. I am currently updating the school's Attendance Policy, and I would really value parent voice in this process. Please take a moment to complete our short survey; your feedback will be hugely appreciated. Share your views here: https://forms.gle/t3fmQPqW4cezjc8v6

Whole School Harvest Celebration – 24th September
On 24th September, we will be holding our whole-school Harvest celebration with SCM. As in previous years, we will be collecting donations for Basics Bank. Please see the poster on page 7 for suggested items. All donations will be collected by the Basics Bank team on 25th September. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Attendance Update
Our attendance so far this year is 95.2% - so close to our 96% target! Thank you and well done to all families who are supporting with this. Every day in school makes a difference to your child's wellbeing and relationship building.

This week's Golden Ticket Attendance Winners are:

- Dolphins
- Otters
- Ladybirds
- Hedgehogs
- Rabbits
- Kingfishers
- Kestrels

Year 5
Some of our Year 5 pupils have taken part in Bikeability this week and have demonstrated excellent skill development, sensible decision-making and safe behaviours throughout. The instructors were incredibly impressed with their focus and maturity. A brilliant achievement.

Year R – Full Time and Flourishing
Our new Year R children started full time on Monday, and they are doing such a fantastic job of settling in. They are learning their routines, building friendships and showing confidence and curiosity in their new environment. We are exceptionally proud of them.

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Fire Alarm Test
We carried out our termly fire alarm test on Tuesday. The school evacuated quickly, calmly and safely, and the children's responses were exemplary. As part of testing our procedures, we included a scenario where a member of staff and two children were intentionally "hidden" to check our sweep and register processes. This was identified immediately and handled exactly as it should be. A very strong performance from the whole team.

Above and Beyond
A huge thank you to Mrs Allen and Ms Knights, who went Above and Beyond this week for our pupils. They spent time after school clearing and improving the back playground area to create a nicer, less overwhelming space for children who benefit from quieter environments during lunchtime. Their hard work is hugely appreciated.

It has been another positive and purposeful week at Bassett Green. We hope all families enjoy a lovely weekend together and get some well-earned rest before we begin another busy week of learning. As the weather begins to turn, please do remember to send children in with waterproof coats. We prefer to let the children enjoy some fresh air and a run around even when it's drizzling.

Warm wishes,

Lucy Bannister
Headteacher

2026 Dates for your diary

Monday 21st September	Year 6 (Falcons) Winchester Combined court trip
Tuesday 22nd September	Year 6 (Kestrels) Winchester Combined court trip
Thursday 24th September	Harvest Assembly
Monday 5th October	Year 6 BMX experience (In school)
Friday 9th October	Hello Yellow Day- Young Minds (details on p10)
Friday 23rd October	Flu Immunisation Day
Monday 26th October- Friday 30th October	**October Half Term- School closed**
Monday 2nd November	Second half of Autumn term begins
Tuesday 10th November & Thursday 12th November	Autumn Parents Evenings



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Dolphins
Liliana

Otters
Elodie

Seahorses
Tahira

Frogs
Samir

Caterpillars
Lennie

Bats
Bilal

Ladybirds
Victoria

Hedgehogs
Elizabeth

Badgers
Francisco

Kingfishers
Christabella

Rabbits
Yonus

Robins
Frankie

Falcons
Eva

Kestrels
Mahrad

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Weekly Attendance

Golden ticket winners for this week

Well done to all of these classes! Let us see who wins the battle next week. Our whole-school attendance target remains 96%, and every day in school makes a difference.



class Vs class

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

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This weeks overall attendance: 95.2%

The school day starts at **8.30am**! Anyone arriving after this time will be marked late.

The school day finishes at **3.15pm**. Please ensure children are collected promptly.

MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

	% this week	Difference from last week
Year R	96.5%	-2.5
Year 1	95%	-1.9
Year 2	94.9%	+0.5
Year 3	96.7%	-2
Year 4	95.7%	+0.7
Year 5	96.5%	0
Year 6	94.3%	-1

SCHOOL TARGET 96%

Please report absences by **9am** each day by phone, email or via Arbor

CLICK HERE!

There are only **190 School days every year** so at Bassett Green EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS!



SCHOOL TARGET 96%

Did you know that there are **175 NON School days** every year?

These are perfect for family time, visits, holidays, household jobs and other appointments.

How to log daily absences via the Arbor App

LIVE from Monday 23rd February

Arbor

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Next week!



As a school we are so proud of the way our community supports and cares for each other. One of the ways we do this every Autumn is to **donate items to the food charity Basics Bank.**

This year we would like to donate tinned or canned foods to Basics Bank as part of our Harvest celebrations in school. Basics Bank rely on donations at this time of year to stock their warehouses in preparation for the increased demand for food during the winter months.

During next week (from Monday 21st September) we would love children to bring to school a tin of food like soup, custard, beans **to place into a box in their classroom**.

On Thursday 24th September we will give the (hopefully) full boxes to Basics Bank in our special whole school Harvest assembly.





Bring a can to put in the van!

Contributions can be put in the boxes in class from Monday 21st September until Thursday 24th September.

Thank you in advance for helping this important charity in our city.

Can your class fill the box? Will your class box be the one with most tins?

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Is your child due to start school in September 2027?





Join us on one of our small, family tours to find out what Bassett Green Primary School can offer your child.

Tuesday 6th October 2026 at 9.30am

Tuesday 20th October 2026 at 9.30am

Tuesday 3rd November 2026 at 3.30pm

Thursday 5th November 2026 at 9.30am

Tuesday 10th November 2026 at 9.30am

Scan the QR code to book your place on a tour

SCAN ME

We look forward to meeting with you!
Mrs Sam Nortcliff - Early Years Phase Leader
023 80 676 262
www.bassettgreen.net
Honeysuckle Road, Bassett Green, Southampton, SO16 3BZ

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OPEN

LIBRARY

Every

Tuesday & Thursday

after school

Come on in !

3.15pm to 3.45pm



Welcome to the Hive!

Polite reminder

Parents must stay with their children and be responsible for them at all times.

Mrs White and Miss Elgram will let families in/ out via the side door (on KS1 playground), be on hand to help with enquiries and scan AR books out of the library.

Just a reminder that no food or drinks are allowed in the library.

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Hello Yellow
FRIDAY 9 OCT
M&S | YOUNGMINDS

Friday 9th October is Hello Yellow Day!

On Hello Yellow Day, we will be joining thousands of schools across the country in supporting YoungMinds, a charity that promotes positive mental health for children and young people. We would love our whole school community to take part.

To help raise funds, **we are inviting pupils to wear a yellow accessory on the day.** This could be something simple like a yellow hairband, socks, ribbon, wristband, or even a homemade paper accessory.

Children will still wear their usual school uniform.

We are kindly asking for a donation of any amount in exchange for taking part.

All money raised will go directly to YoungMinds.

We will also be holding a special assembly on the day to help pupils understand the importance of looking after their mental health and how we can support one another.

If you would like to donate online, you can use our fundraising page here:
https://fundraise.youngminds.org.uk/s/7335/7717

A QR code is also available for easy access.



DONATE ♥

SCAN HERE

Thank you for your support in helping us champion children's wellbeing.

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Governor Vacancies

We are looking for new governors to join our school governing board.

The governing board is responsible for providing confident and strategic leadership, and creating robust accountability, oversight and assurance for the schools educational and financial performance. The board is passionate about education and committed to continuous school improvement to ensure the best possible outcomes for our pupils .

Why become a Governor?

As part of a dynamic and committed senior leadership team, becoming a governor is an excellent opportunity to develop strategic leadership skills and gain experience in different areas of school leadership and governance.

Parents, carers and anyone that is passionate about our community is welcome to apply!



If you are interested in applying for the role, please complete the candidate form and return to the school reception or email it to: info@bassettgreen.net



Volunteer your skills as a Governor and see the difference your skills can make to our school!

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Useful School Information

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Healthy Snacks

We encourage children to bring a nutritious snack for their mid-morning break. Fresh fruit, vegetables, or plain crackers are excellent choices that provide a steady energy boost.



To help us promote healthy habits, we kindly ask that the following items stay at home for after-school treats. Sweets and chocolate of any kind, crisps, biscuits, cakes and fizzy or high sugar drinks.



We have several children in our school community with severe allergies, particularly to nuts.

To help us keep everyone safe, please follow the guidance below:

- Our school is strictly nut free. This includes items such as peanut butter, Nutella, and any bars or snacks containing nuts.
- Playtime snacks should **not include fish or dairy**, as these are eaten in shared spaces. These items are absolutely fine in lunchboxes, as lunch is eaten in the hall.
- No sharing of food. Children should only eat the snacks and lunches provided from home to prevent accidental exposure to allergens.

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OUR SCHOOL IS NUT FREE

Please do not bring in any nut-based products into school or in packed lunches



Please be aware that some chocolate spreads, cereal bars & cakes may contain nuts or traces of nuts- always check the ingredients label

Thank you for helping our school to be a safe environment for children with allergies

BASSETT GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Bassett Bees Breakfast Club

Now booking for September 2026 on Arbor

Who:	All Year groups	All Year groups
When:	Monday- Friday	Monday- Friday
Time:	7.30-8am	8-8.30am
Where:	Dining Hall	Dining Hall
Cost:	£3* per session	**FREE!**

As part of the Government's new free breakfast club scheme

Start your day in a calm & relaxed way with friends and a filling breakfast to get you ready and energised for the day ahead!



Pre-booking is essential!

* Breakfast club costs £3 per child and is free to those eligible for free school meals.

If you are eligible for Tax-Free Childcare, you can set up an online childcare account for your child. For every £8 you pay into this account, the government will pay in £2 to use to pay your provider.

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BOOK NOW

WRAPAROUND & SPORTS CLUBS

Sports Clubs

Monday - Gymnastics (Year 1-6)
Tuesday - KS1 Football (Year 1 & 2)
Wednesday - KS2 Football (Year 3-6)
Thursday - Basketball (Year 1-6)
Friday - Dance & Theatre (Year 1-6)

Children starting school in September 2026 can start Sports Clubs in January 2027

Session	Time	Price
Sports Club Only	15.15-16.15	£4.75
Wraparound	15.15-16.15	£6.50 (Snack Included)
Wraparound (After Sports Club)	16.15-18.00	£8.25 (Snack Included)
Wraparound Year R - Year 6	15.15-18.00	£13 (Snack Included)



BOOKINGS OPEN 1ST JUNE 2026

023 8212 7331

www.superstarsportsuk.com

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School Fundraising

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Help Us Improve Our School

We're looking for volunteers to lend a hand at weekends and during school holidays.





GROUNDS WORK
Help keep our school grounds clean, safe and welcoming.

DECORATING & PAINTING
Refresh classrooms and communal areas.

GENERAL OUTDOOR IMPROVEMENTS
Tidy up, build, plant and improve our outdoor spaces.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE
Your time and effort will help create a better environment for our children to learn and thrive.

No special experience needed – just your time and enthusiasm!

Could you spare a few hours?
WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

CALL US
02380 676 262

EMAIL US
sbm@bassettgreen.net

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English (ESOL) class
for adult learners in Swaythling



Learn English (ESOL)
with Southampton College
in Swaythling
Mondays
12:30 -2:30pm



Most suitable for beginner (pre-entry / New to ESOL) and elementary (Entry 1 - Entry 2) level learners

Learners must be eligible for government funding and must not be attending another funded ESOL course in 2026-27.

Booking is essential. Please message 07825 854359.

South Hampshire College Group

Information correct as of 14/09/26

YOUTH CLUB

Oasis Lord's Hill

Oasis City Farm Southampton

Thursdays 3.30 - 4.45
@Oasis City Farm Southampton







Open to ALL. Ages 11-16
(school years 6-11).
Just turn up - **no booking needed!**

Come along for a relaxed, welcoming space where you can hang out, make friends, and have fun. We'll have games, crafts, and activities each session, plus chances to explore the farm and meet the animals. Snacks provided! A great place to unwind, try new things, and connect with others.

Oasis City Farm Southampton, Green Lane, SO16 9FQ
For more info: esther.pearson@oasisuk.org / 07463027541

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Places Leisure, Eastleigh

3-5 years	3.45-4.30
6-7 years	4.30-5.15
8-11 years	5.15-6.00

SATURDAYS
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Brownies

4th Southampton North West
Wednesday 6-7:30pm in Bassett

Girls have nonstop fun, learning and adventure

for ages 7 to 10

At Brownies, girls roll up their sleeves and get stuck in, growing vegetables, getting crafty, inventing games, earning dance badges and finding their voice.

Girlguiding
Registered charity number: Excepted from registration

Join a local Brownies group **girlguiding.org.uk/joinus**

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Useful information

Southampton Family Trust
building relationships

















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