2ND OCTOBER 2026

BASSETT GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another purposeful and positive week at Bassett Green, filled with great learning, strong routines and lots of smiles across the school.

Year 3
Year 3 enjoyed their local area walk this week as part of their geography learning. A huge thank you to the parents who kindly offered their help so the trip could go ahead safely. The children represented the school beautifully and showed excellent curiosity about their community.

Breakfast Club
Our new Breakfast Club is thriving. A reminder that children can attend from 8:00am for free, and it is a brilliant way to help them settle calmly into the day. A good breakfast and a positive start make a real difference to children's focus, confidence and readiness for learning. If you would like your child to attend, please speak with a member of the office team.

Attendance Update
Our attendance is currently 95.8% – SO close to our 96% target. Thank you for your continued support with this.

As we approach the end of the term, we often notice a dip in attendance linked to tiredness and seasonal illness. The autumn term is long, and children naturally begin to feel run down. While it can be tempting to allow a day off to "rest," missing school disrupts routine and can cause children to lack a sense of belonging.

To help beat end of term fatigue, here are some simple strategies:

- Maintain consistent bedtimes – even at weekends
- Limit evening screen time – turn off devices at least an hour before bed
- Keep a calming routine – reading or quiet music helps children wind down

Every day matters, and staying in routine is often the best remedy for tiredness. If your child is struggling with severe tiredness or anxiety, please speak to us so we can support them.

We also encourage families to watch this short Department for Education video about illness and when children should stay home, to help you make informed decisions toward the end of the half term: Attendance Video

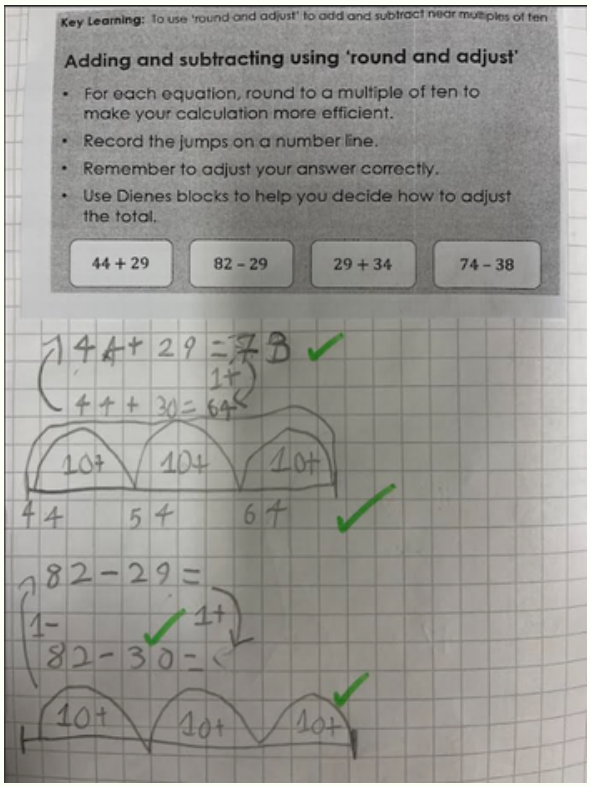
This week's Golden Ticket Attendance Winners are:

- Dolphins
- Otters
- Ladybirds
- Hedgehogs
- Badgers
- Robins
- Kestrels

Maths Curriculum
Our maths curriculum continues to strengthen pupils' reasoning and age appropriate problem solving skills. Year 3 have been learning a mental maths strategy called 'adjusting'. This means changing a number to make the calculation easier, then changing it back at the end.

For example: If the question is 49 + 12, children can change 49 to 50 (because it is easier to add), do 50 + 12 = 62, then take 1 away to get 61.

This helps children work quickly and confidently with numbers. You will see an example of this in the photo of Daisy's work here:



Our Maths Meetings are now fully underway. These are short, daily, gamebased sessions separate from the main maths lesson. They help children consolidate learning, build number sense, revisit concepts over time and enjoy maths in a lively, interactive way.

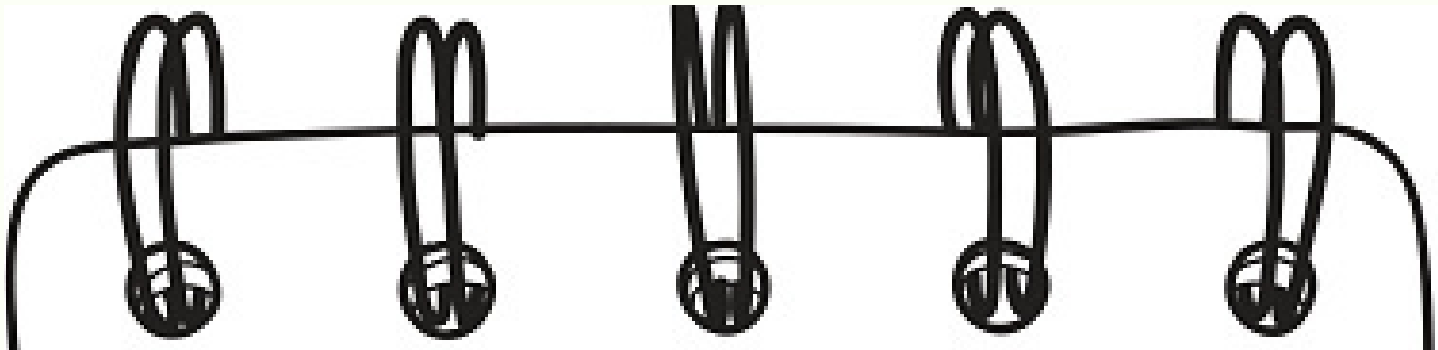
Wishing You a Great Weekend
Thank you for another brilliant week at Bassett Green. We hope all families enjoy a lovely weekend together.

Warm wishes,

Lucy Bannister
Headteacher

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2026/27 Dates for your diary



Monday 5th October	Year 6 BMX experience (In school)
Tuesday 6th October	Year 1 Parent Reading Session 8.30-8.50am
Wednesday 7th October	Year 4 Parent Reading Session 8.30-8.50am
Friday 9th October	Hello Yellow Day- Young Minds (details on p7)
Monday 12th October	Year 5 Parent Reading Session 8.30-8.50am
Tuesday 13th October	Year 6 Parent Reading Session 8.30-8.50am
	Parent & carer workshop on Anxiety- 8.45am
Wednesday 14th October	Year 3 Parent Reading Session 8.30-8.50am
Friday 16th October	Year 1 Turner Sims trip
Tuesday 20th October	Year 2 Parent Reading Session 8.30-8.50am
Thursday 22nd October	Year R Parent Reading Session 8.30-8.50am
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

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School news



Dolphins
Ellie

Otters
Zala

Seahorses
Aisha

Frogs
Franklin

Caterpillars
Shayan

Bats
Sarah

Ladybirds
Johnathan

Hedgehogs
Mustafa

Badgers
Francisco

Kingfishers
Shawn

Rabbits
Ron

Robins
Amelia

Falcons
Charlie

Kestrels
Nicolas

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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.



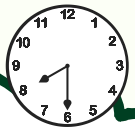
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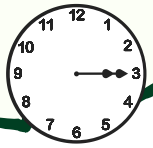
This weeks overall attendance: 96.7%



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

MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.	% this week	Difference from last week
Year R	93%	-5.2
Year 1	95.2%	+0.7
Year 2	98.5%	+2.1
Year 3	98.6%	+0.7
Year 4	96.6%	+0.5
Year 5	96%	+2.3
Year 6	98.7%	+3.5



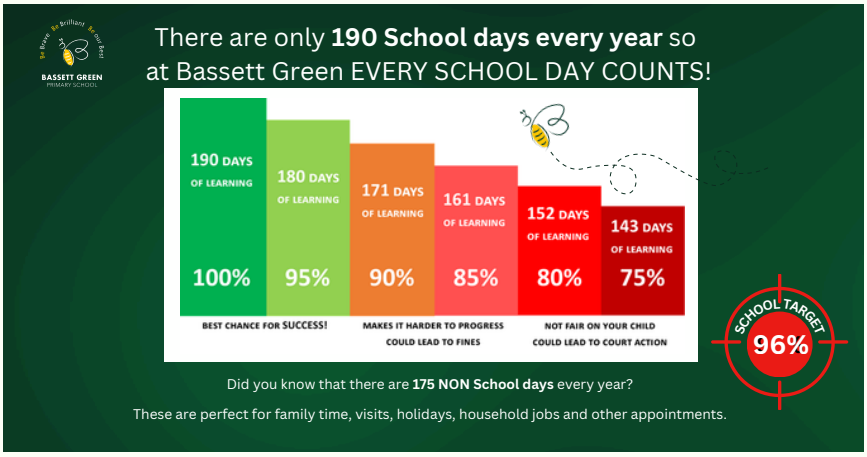


The school day finishes at **3.15pm**. Please ensure children are collected promptly.



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

CLICK HERE!





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Building the Beehive Together

Caterpillars

Congratulations to the following class for completing their Beehive

Well done!



School News



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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Let's get moving this Walktober!

We are pleased to let you know that our school is taking part in Walktober 2026!

Walktober encourages pupils, families and staff to choose active and sustainable travel throughout October.

We hope as many of our pupils, families and staff as possible will take part by walking, wheeling, cycling, scooting, using Park and Stride or travelling by public transport for journeys to and from school, work and for other journeys too.

'Top Tips, More Trips' Competition
As part of Walktober 2026, pupils, families and staff are invited to share their top tips for active and sustainable travel through a 'Top Tips, More Trips' competition.

To take part:

• Tell us about the journey. It could be travelling to school or work, a journey made during the school or working day or a trip made in your own time.

• Share top tips that could encourage others to try a similar journey.

• Present your entry in any creative format such as a poster, article, presentation, map, video or artwork. Your child's top tips can be entered into the pupil competition and, along with entries from parents and carers, will count towards our total in the school competition

Entries can be submitted by email to myjourney.schools@southampton.gov.uk or handed in at school to the front office. The competition closes on Friday 13th November 2026 and winners will be notified by the end of term.

For more details about Walktober 2026, visit myjourneysouthampton.com/walktober

We hope you enjoy taking part!

Competition sheets available from the School Office!



Funded by UK Government

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Autumn Term Parent Reading Sessions

Come and enjoy reading with your child, in their classroom from 8:30-8:50.

- YR - Thursday 22nd October
- Y1 - Tuesday 6th October
- Y2 - Tuesday 20th October
- Y3 - Wednesday 14th October
- Y4 - Wednesday 7th October
- Y5 - Monday 12th October
- Y6 - Tuesday 13th October

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Useful information

Re: Minds

Next Week at Re:Minds

Re: Minds

5th - 9th October

Book ahead

5pm · Monday 5th October

CAMHS Evening Advice Clinic

A private 10-minute virtual appointment with a CAMHS clinician about any issue covered by the service. Open to all Re:Minds members seeking general advice.

Book your slot: info@reminds.org.uk

Book ahead

5pm · Monday 5th October

Eating Disorders Advice Clinic

A private 15-minute virtual appointment to speak with a clinician about concerns you may have about your child's eating or relationship with food.

Book your slot: info@reminds.org.uk

Drop in

10am-12pm · Monday 5th October

Sholing Support Group

A safe, welcoming space to connect with other parents and carers who share similar experiences. Held at Salvation Army, 93 North East Road, Sholing, SO19 8AF

No booking needed - just drop in

Drop in

6pm · Wednesday 7th October

Virtual Support Group

For parents and carers of children who are neurodivergent and/or have mental health needs. Meet others who understand, from the comfort of home.

Zoom link shared in our Facebook group

Please check our Facebook events page for any changes, or visit our website to find out more information about our advice clinics and support groups.

reminds.org.uk /groups/reminds info@reminds.org.uk

With thanks to

NHS Hampshire and Isle of Wight CAMHS Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services Shentons Solicitors

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Useful information

Hampshire SENDIASS

Online Workshops

- Free impartial advice relating to SEND for 0-25 years.
- Confidential sessions not recorded.
- Peer support, talking to others experiencing a similar journey.
- A dedicated session with an experienced support worker

9 OCT 13:00
Considering an EHC Plan?
Independent and impartial information to guide you through the process

13 OCT 13:00
Responding to a draft EHCP
If you are in that critical time frame having received your draft

14 OCT 17:30
Appeals to SEND Tribunal
A step-by-step guide through the appeals process

20 OCT 13:00
Ordinarily Available Provision and SEN Support
Looking at support available for those who do not have an EHCP

28 OCT 10:00
Responding to a draft EHCP
If you are in that critical time frame having received your draft

21 OCT 16:00
Alternative Provision
What constitutes as a suitable education in relation to section 19 of the education act

www.hampshiresendiass.co.uk/workshops

Useful information

Southampton Family Trust
building relationships

















Visit their website here

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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

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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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Happening locally in October









Happening locally

SUNS AND OAKS BASKETBALL CLUB









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Happening locally









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THURSDAYS TOGETHER



free hot drinks and toast



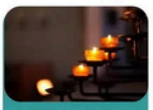
free fresh and long life food

Frontline Debt Advice

free debt and benefit advice



social prescriber available to chat



meet others or enjoy a quiet space

St Alban's Church, Tulip Road
Every Thursday 8:45-10:30

Everyone welcome

Swaythling Parish
St Alban's and St Mary's Churches

Come and join us

For free hot and cold drinks, cake and the chance to connect
Tuesdays, 1.30pm - 3pm



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

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Our uniform suppliers

Helpful links for buying uniform



Skoolkit

M Clothing

Year 6 only



teamhoodies.co.uk

Year 6 only

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Useful QR codes

Helpful links to websites & apps

School website

facebook

Arbor

PTA Events

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