23RD OCTOBER 2026

BASSETT GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another exciting and busy week at Bassett Green, with children enjoying a wide range of learning opportunities both in and out of the classroom. It has been wonderful to see such enthusiasm for learning, strong attendance, and so many families engaging with school life.

New Parent School Tour
On Tuesday, we welcomed prospective families for our New Parent School Tour. Our Head Pupils did an amazing job leading the tour, proudly showing visitors around the school and sharing their experiences of life at Bassett Green. They were fantastic ambassadors and represented the school brilliantly.

Parent Reading Sessions
This week, we held our Year R and Year 2 Parent Reading Sessions, and we were delighted by the fantastic turnout. Thank you to all the parents and carers who managed to join us. It was lovely to see children sharing books and enjoying reading alongside their families.

Halloween Discos
Our Year R to Year 2 Halloween Disco took place on Tuesday evening, and our Year 3 to Year 6 Disco takes place this evening. We hope the children have a wonderful time celebrating with their friends and making happy memories.

A huge thank you to the staff and volunteers who have helped organise these events.

Year 5 Art Workshop
On Wednesday, our Year 5 children participated in a felting workshop led by The Arts Society Hampshire. Using their imagination and artistic skills, they explored colour, texture, pattern and design to create a beautiful collaborative felt masterpiece.

Their artwork will be displayed at Southampton Art Gallery from 15th November, either as a hanging artwork or transformed into a book. We are incredibly proud of the creativity, teamwork and craftsmanship they demonstrated during the workshop.

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Eco Day
What a fantastic Eco Day we had on Thursday! Across the school, children took part in outdoor learning, practical activities and environmental projects that helped them learn more about sustainability and caring for the world around them. It was wonderful to see such enthusiasm, teamwork and curiosity throughout the day.

Attendance Update
Attendance continues to be a real strength so far this year, currently sitting at 96.2%, which is above our school target. This is an excellent achievement, and we would like to thank all families for supporting strong attendance and positive routines.

It is therefore a little disappointing that today's attendance has fallen to 86.3%. As we approach the half-term break, we kindly ask families not to remove children early for holidays. Learning does not stop on the final day of term. Children continue to take part in lessons, curriculum activities and important shared experiences right up until the end of the school day.

This week's Golden Ticket winners are:
- Dolphins & Seahorses
- Otter
- Ladybirds
- Hedgehogs
- Badgers
- Kingfishers
- Falcons

Well done to these classes!

Wishing You a Lovely Half Term
Thank you for your continued support throughout another busy and successful half term. We are incredibly proud of everything the children have achieved and grateful for the strong partnership we share with our families.

I would also like to extend a huge thank you to our staff team. This has been a particularly long and busy half term, yet they continue to go above and beyond for our children every single day. The quality of work we are seeing across the school at the moment is exceptional, and that is a direct result of the care, dedication and expertise of our team. I am incredibly proud of them all and very grateful for everything they do.

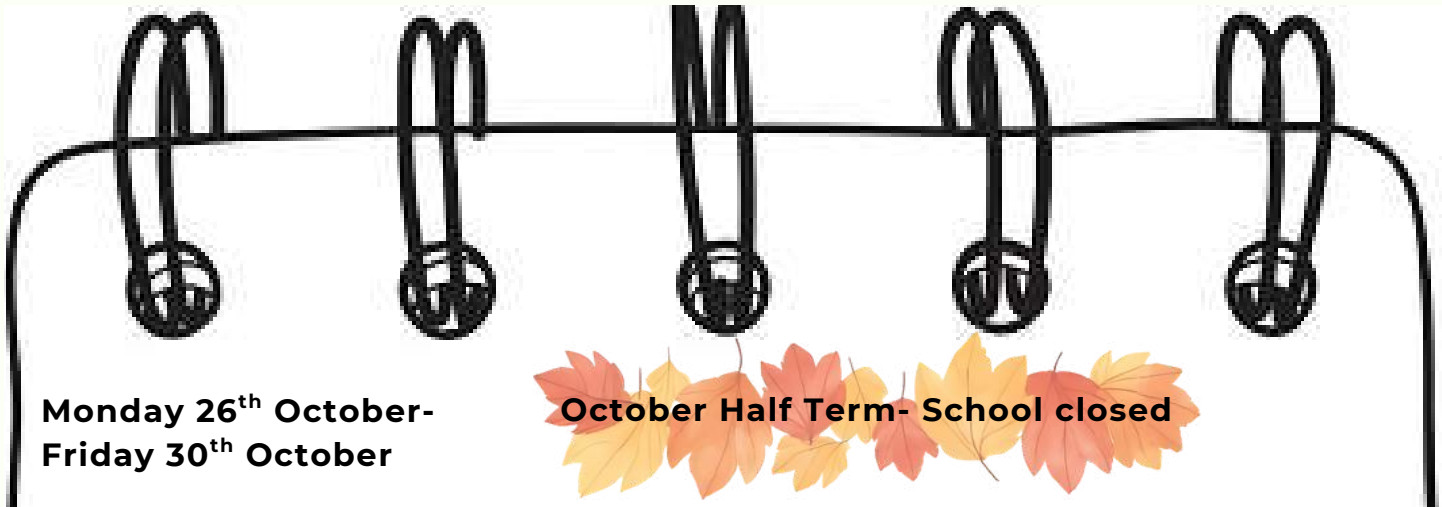
We hope you all enjoy a well-deserved break. Remember that the clocks go back this weekend, giving us all a well-deserved extra hour in bed, which I am sure many of us will appreciate!

Whatever you have planned, we wish you a wonderful half term. Stay safe, look after one another, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for another exciting half term of learning.

Warm wishes,

Lucy Bannister
Headteacher

2026 Dates for your diary



Monday 26th October- Friday 30th October	**October Half Term- School closed**
Monday 2nd November	Second half of Autumn term begins
	MHST Parent & Carer coffee morning 8.45am
Wednesday 4th November	Pre-loved uniform sale 3-4pm
Tuesday 10th November	Autumn Parents Evening 1/2
Wednesday 11th November	Remembrance Day
Thursday 12th November	Autumn Parents Evening 2/2
Friday 13th November	BBC Children in Need
Wednesday 18th November	Year 6 Hampton Court Trip
Monday 23rd November	Year 4 swimming begins
Tuesday 24th November	Year 3 Butser Farm Trip
Thursday 26th November	Pantomime in school
Monday 7th December	Poetry Slam
Monday 14th December	Year 5 Bikeability (Booked pupils only)

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School news



Dolphins
Ghulaam-Muhammad

Otters
Nico

Seahorses
Agam

Frogs
Florence

Caterpillars
Naima

Bats
Anaya

Hedgehogs
Precious

Kingfishers
Rebecca

Badgers
Tammy

Robins
Adam

Rabbits
Zimal

Falcons
Summer

Kestrels
Alona

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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: 93.6%

SCHOOL TARGET 96%

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	93.8%	+0.6
Year 1	89.2%	-7.9
Year 2	93.8%	-5.5
Year 3	97.2%	-1
Year 4	94.2%	-2
Year 5	92.5%	-5.3
Year 6	93.8	-4.2

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

A note on appointments

Medical, dental and other appointments should be made outside of school hours to avoid lost learning and disruption to the school day.
If this is not possible please do the following:

Notify the front office 24 hours prior to the appointment
Provide evidence of the appointment if possible
Inform class teacher after informing the Front office

A note on collections

Please notify the school office if you need to collect your child during school hours.
You can do this by email at info@bassettgreen.net
or call 023 80676262

Early collections cannot be accommodated past 3pm.

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MHST

NHS
Hampshire and
Isle of Wight Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust

Coffee Morning!

With Bassett Green Primary School



Join Jo, our school's link Education Mental Health Practitioner from the Mental Health in Schools Team, for a coffee and a chat



This is a great opportunity to find out more about the Mental Health in Schools Team and what we have on offer to support you, your child and school with mental health and wellbeing

Monday 2nd November 2026
From 8:45-9:45

Mental Health School Team

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THE FRIENDS OF BASSETT GREEN
PRIMARY SCHOOL
Pre-loved uniform sale
Wednesday 4th November
3-4pm
Outside the school Office
SAVE THE DATE
Come and grab a bargain!
REDUCE • REUSE • RECYCLE • ECO FIENDLY
Prices from £1
Cash & card payments accepted

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Wraparound options

Before school





After school





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Useful information

Southampton Family Trust
building relationships













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Offers for families













Happening locally in October



What's on

September - December 2026

SEACITY MUSEUM | SOUTHAMPTON CITY ART GALLERY | TUDOR HOUSE & GARDEN

OCTOBER HALF TERM

Wizard School (6yrs+)
Mon 26 & Tues 27 Oct | 10.30am, 12pm and 1.30pm | Tudor House | £8

Art for All:
Bats on Bags Printing Workshop! (4 yrs+)
Mon 26 Oct | 10.30am, 12.30pm or 2.30pm | Art Gallery | £8

Art for All:
Autumn Watercolour Vignettes (7 yrs+)
Tue 27 Oct | 10.30am, 12.30pm or 2.30pm | Art Gallery | £8

Art for All: Spooky Portraits! (5 yrs+)
Wed 28 Oct | 10.30am, 12.30pm or 2.30pm | Art Gallery | £8

Hands on History: Frightening Folklore (6yrs+)
Thu 29 Oct | 10.30am, 12pm | Tudor House | £8

Art for All: Clay Pumpkins (4yrs+)
Thu 29 Oct & Fri 30 Oct | 10.30am, 12.30pm or 2.30pm | Art Gallery | £8

CULTURE CLUB for kids

Mon 26, Tue 27, Wed 28 Oct
9am - 4pm | SeaCity | £35, £90 for all three days

Get creative, explore our collections and learn new stuff while making really cool things at our themed activity days! **Our theme for October Half Term is Spooky Autumn!**



See our "What's on" brochure or venue websites for details on workshops and to book
seacitymuseum.co.uk | tudorhouseandgarden.com | southamptoncityartgallery.com



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SEACITY MUSEUM | SOUTHAMPTON CITY ART GALLERY | TUDOR HOUSE & GARDEN



Halloween Family Day at Tudor House & Garden

Friday 30 October • 10am – 5pm

Tudor House is the home of Halloween and you are invited to join in the spooky celebrations! We'll have games, face paints, spooky ghost tours and more.

£4 pre-booked Ghost Tours
Additional charges for other activities

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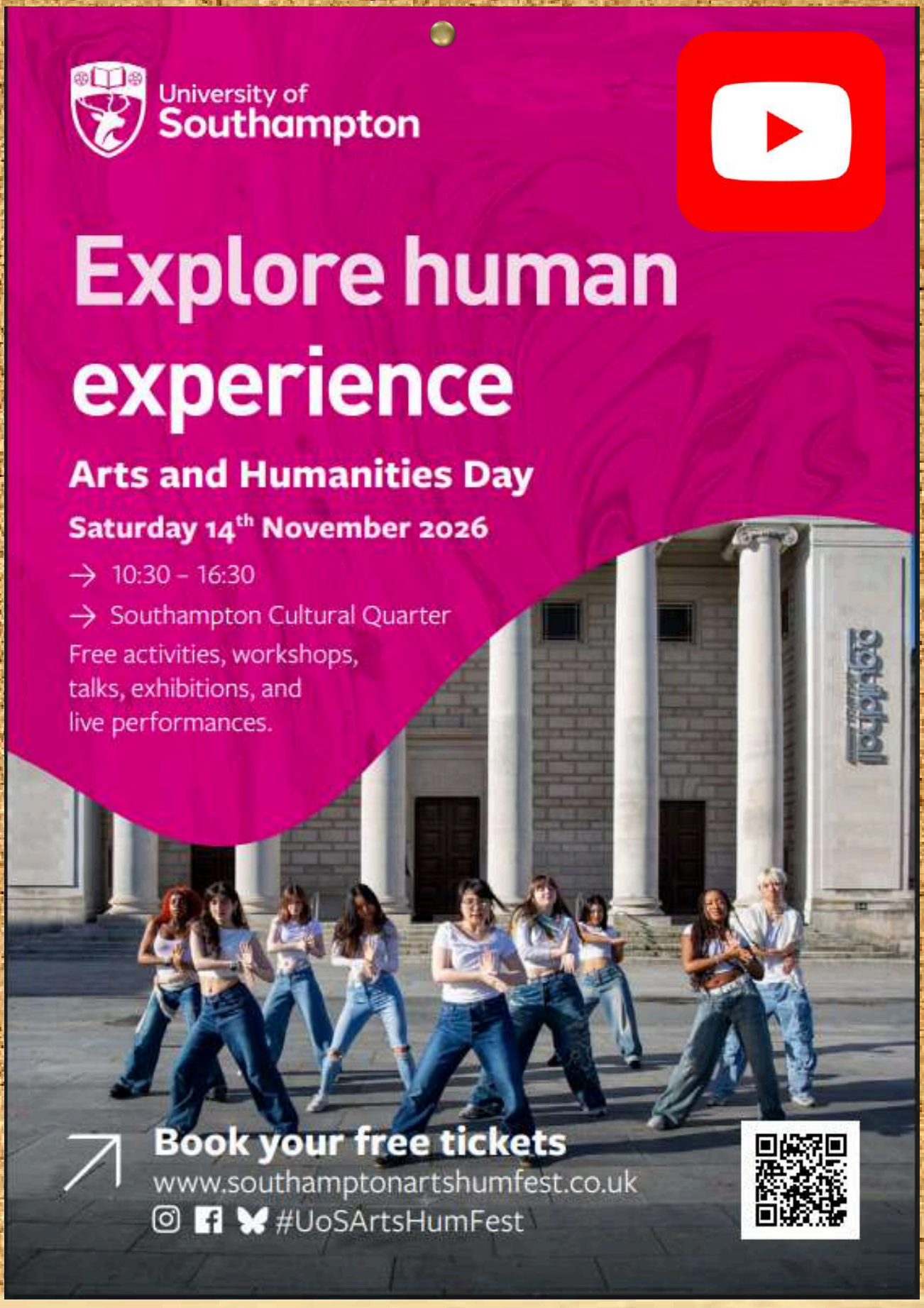






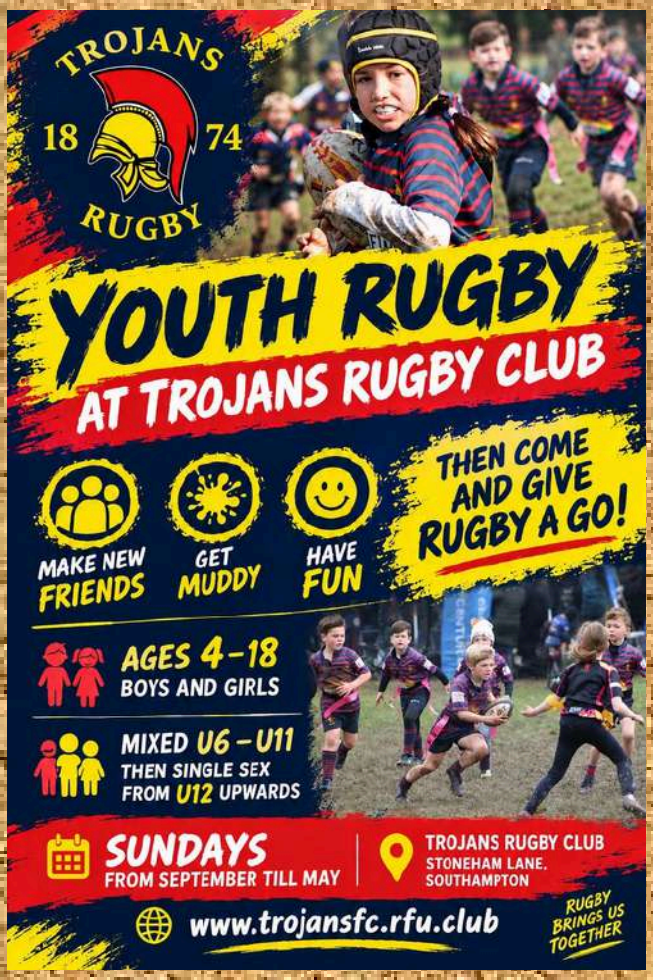
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Useful School Information

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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.

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 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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WRAPAROUND & SPORTS CLUBS

BOOK NOW

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)



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School website

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PTA Events

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