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BASSETT GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new half term. We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable break and are ready for another exciting few weeks of learning.
It has been lovely to welcome the children back and see them settle quickly into their learning.

Before sharing this week's news, I would like to thank all families for their incredibly generous Harvest donations. We have received a lovely card from Southampton City Mission thanking our school community for its support of the Basics Bank. Your donations will help local families who are facing difficult circumstances, and we are very proud of the kindness and generosity shown by our children and families.

MHST Parent Coffee Morning
On Monday, we hosted our Mental Health Support Team (MHST) Parent Coffee Morning. Thank you to those parents and carers who were able to attend. These sessions provide a valuable opportunity to discuss children's emotional wellbeing and to learn more about the support available to families.

Attendance Update
Attendance this week has once again exceeded our school target, reaching an impressive 96.2%. This means that our attendance for the year so far also remains above target.

A reminder that the school day begins at 8:30am. This is not when children should start arriving; it is when learning begins. We have noticed a significant number of children arriving at around 8:40am. While ten minutes may not seem like a long time, arriving at this time means a child misses 50 minutes of learning each week. Over the course of a school year, this adds up to 32 hours and 30 minutes of lost learning.

The first ten minutes of the day are particularly important, as children complete essential settling activities, review prior learning and prepare for the day ahead. Arriving on time helps children feel calm, confident and ready to learn.

This week's Golden Ticket winners are:

- Dolphins & Seahorses
- Otters
- Caterpillars
- Bats
- Badgers
- Kingfishers
- Kestrels

Well done to these classes!

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Reception Tours for September 2027
We have continued welcoming prospective families to Bassett Green this week as part of our Reception tours for next year. It is always a pleasure to showcase our school and share the many opportunities available to our pupils.

Year 5 Visit to Cantell
On Wednesday, Year 5 attended their first science session of the half term at Cantell Secondary School. These sessions provide children with the opportunity to experience specialist science teaching and facilities while developing their scientific knowledge and skills.

Pre-Loved Uniform Sale
Thank you to everyone who supported our pre-loved uniform sale after school on Wednesday. These events are a fantastic way to support sustainability while helping families access good-quality school uniform.

Year 5/6 Girls' Football Match
Our Year 5 and 6 girls will be representing the school in a football match after school today. We are sure they will do us proud, showing excellent teamwork, sportsmanship and determination. We wish them the very best of luck.

Important Fire Safety Information for Families
As the weather becomes colder and more families begin using heating and spending more time indoors, we have been asked to share an important fire safety message from Hampshire & Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service.

Many families use emollient creams to help manage skin conditions such as eczema. What is less well known is that both paraffin and non-paraffin emollient creams can build up on clothing, bedding and dressings. Over time, this makes these materials easier to ignite and can cause them to burn more intensely if exposed to cigarettes, naked flames, heaters or other heat sources.

If your child uses emollient creams, please remember to:

- Keep away from naked flames, cigarettes and heat sources.
- Wash clothing, bedding and dressings regularly.
- Ensure smoke alarms are fitted, working and tested.
- Remember that washing fabrics reduces the build-up of cream but does not completely remove the fire risk.

This is particularly important for families of children with eczema or other skin conditions requiring regular use of prescribed creams.

Further information can be found on the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service website: Emollients Fire Safety Campaign.

Wishing You a Wonderful Weekend
Thank you for your continued support and for helping us maintain such strong attendance across the school. We hope you enjoy the weekend and find some time to relax with family and friends before another busy week of learning begins on Monday. We look forward to seeing everyone back in school, ready for another successful week at Bassett Green Primary.

Warm wishes,

Lucy Bannister
Headteacher

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Ref: Your Food Donations 2026

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for choosing to donate to Southampton City Mission's Food projects this year! We are so grateful for the donations we have received from your school.

SCM Basics Bank exists to meet short term food and clothing needs for anyone and everyone who requires it – free of charge.

All of the food you give us goes to ordinary families and individuals in need in Southampton. Anyone can have a sudden crisis that leaves them in need of a helping hand to get back on their feet. We have fed people 10,243 times and have provided clothes for 881 people already this year.

So, a heartfelt THANK YOU for helping people who are struggling in our city!

Many thanks again for your kindness and generosity.

Ben Medway
Dep. Basics Bank Manager

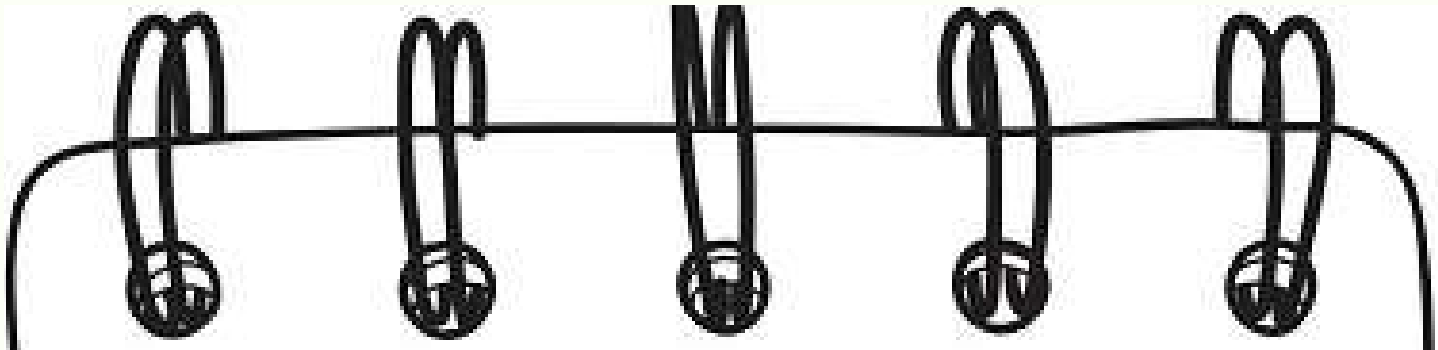
Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done.
Proverbs 19:7

And anyone who welcomes a little child like this on my behalf is welcoming me.
Matthew 18:5

Dear Mrs Bannister,
I am writing to thank you and your amazing children for the Harvest food collection which has been donated to Southampton City Mission.
Every part of the collection, every tin of food will be given to those in our city who are struggling and in need of our help.
Thank you so much. We really appreciate your help and support.

Steve Johns
Operations Manager

2026/ 27 Dates for your diary



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)
Friday 18th December	INSET Day- School Closed for Christmas
Monday 4th January	First Day back after Christmas break
Wednesday 6th January	Year 4 Viking Day

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School news



Dolphins
Farzazna

Otters
Jiyan

Seahorses
Myles

Frogs
Sulayman

Caterpillars
Ziomek

Bats
Samandeep

Ladybirds
Sophia

Hedgehogs
Storm

Badgers
Emma

Kingfishers
Shawn

Rabbits
Ron

Robins
Zuzanna

Falcons
Rudiee

Kestrels
Lisa

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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: 96.2%

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

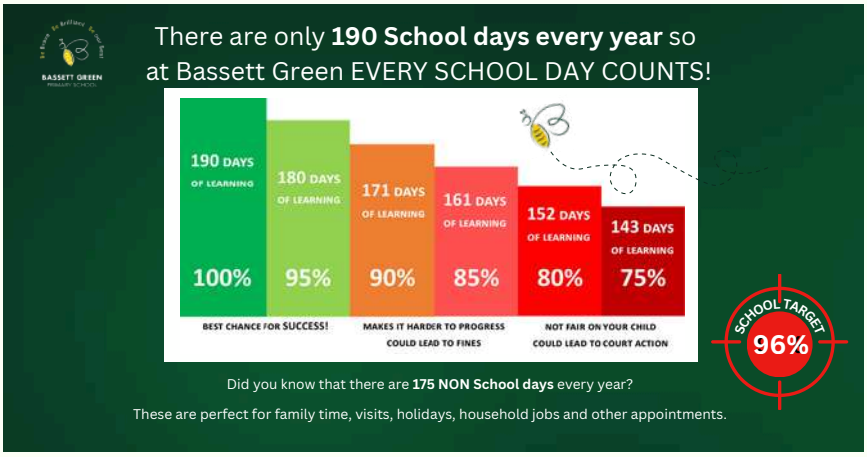
The school day finishes at **3.15pm**. Please ensure children are collected promptly.

MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.	% this week	Difference from last week
Year R	93.6%	n/a
Year 1	97.1%	n/a
Year 2	96%	n/a
Year 3	96.6%	n/a
Year 4	97.3%	n/a
Year 5	97.1%	n/a
Year 6	95.3%	n/a

SCHOOL TARGET 96%

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

CLICK HERE!





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Bassett Green Remembers

Available in the Front Office

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION Poppy Shop







£1

Poppies (both paper and plastic types), wrist bands, snap bands, zipper pulls and reflective clip-on poppies will be available to buy during next week.

Suggested donation £1 per item

Why do we wear poppies in November?
Find out here

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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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BASSETT GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Join us at Bassett Bees Breakfast Club for waffle week!





When: Monday 9th- Friday 13th November

Who: All Year groups

Time: 7.30-8.30am

Where: Dining Hall

Book your child's place on Arbor

Cost: £3* if arriving between 7.30 and 8am

FREE from 8am

(please note: food service ends at 8.15am)



Start your day in a calm & relaxed way with friends and a filling pancake 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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Friday 13th November



On Friday 13th November we will be raising money for BBC's Children in Need.

On the day...



Dress in spots



For a £1 donation, children are invited to come to school dressed in anything spotty!











The Big Staff Soaking!

We'll be soaking up to 7 members of staff depending on how much money we raise!



More information on next page!

SCAN ME

Scan here to donate

We are also accepting cash donations on the day

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Friday 13th November

The Big Staff Soaking!

£100
Mr Taylor



£200
Miss Elgram



£300
Miss Hatton



£400
Mr Taylor, Miss Elgram, Miss Hatton & Miss McIntyre





£500
Mr Taylor, Miss Elgram, Miss Hatton, Miss McIntyre & Mrs Mitchell



£600
Mr Taylor, Miss Elgram, Miss Hatton, Miss McIntyre, Mrs Mitchell & Mr Steve



£700
Mr Taylor, Miss Elgram, Miss Hatton, Miss McIntyre, Mrs Mitchell, Mr Steve 7 Mrs Bannister

The more you donate the more chances there are of all the above staff being soaked!

SCAN ME



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School Fundraising



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Raise funds for us for FREE

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Join as our supporter today at:
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Wraparound options

Before school





After school





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Useful information

Southampton Family Trust
building relationships













Visit their website here

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Offers for families





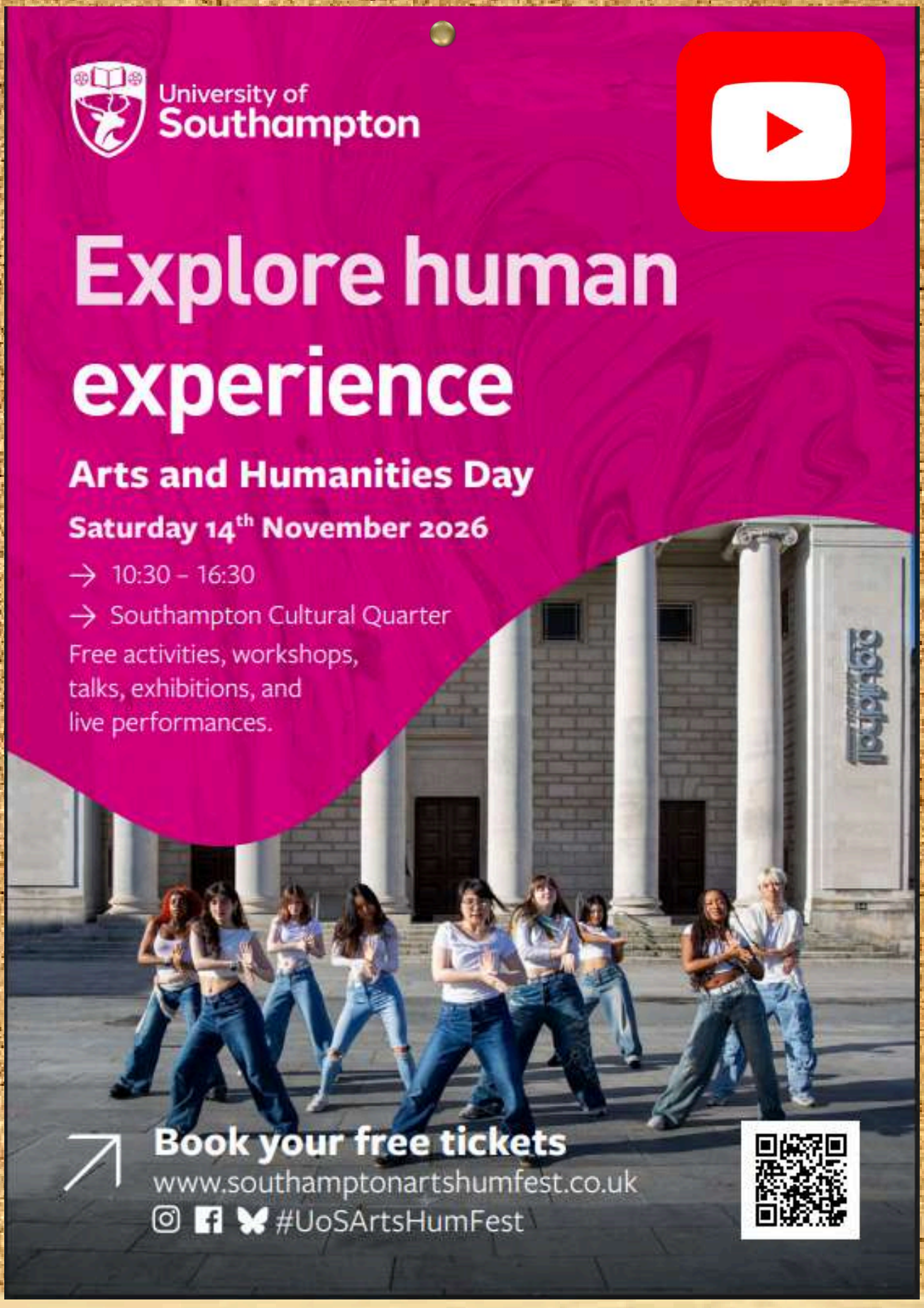






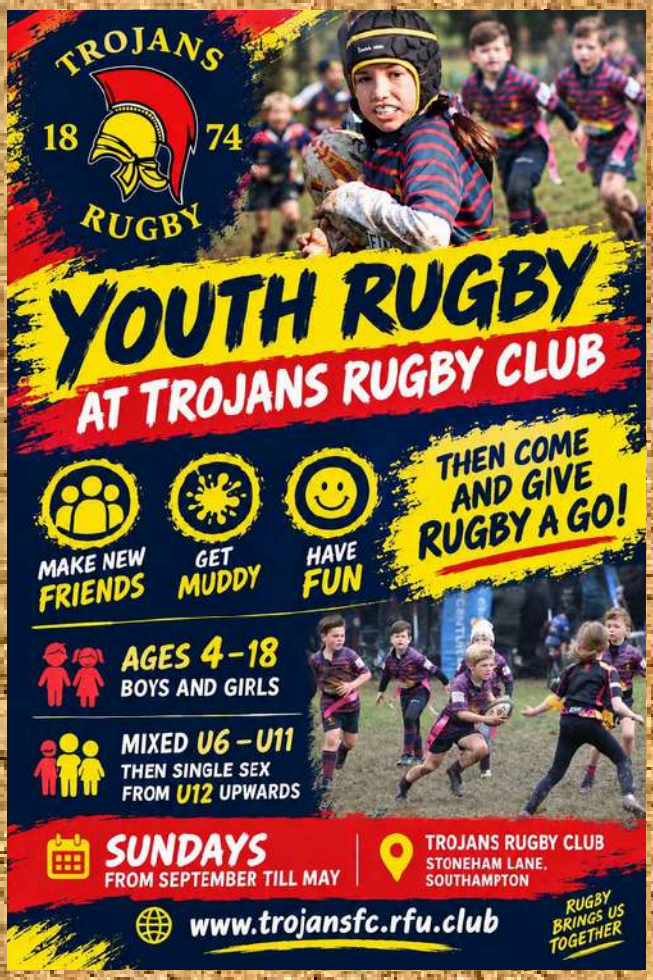


Happening locally in November



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Useful School Information

BASSETT GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL



Our school site is locked and made secure at 3.30pm each day

After this time, access to the school site is only permitted for collection from clubs or wraparound provision.

Please can we ask that our families leave school site promptly after collection at the end of the school day. The playgrounds, courts, field, picnic benches and driveway must be clear by 3.30pm for the use of our afterschool clubs and wraparound only.

Thank you in advance for your support.

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BASSETT GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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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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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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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