13TH NOVEMBER 2026

BASSETT GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another busy and positive week at Bassett Green, with lots of exciting learning opportunities taking place both inside and outside the classroom. It has been lovely to see children continuing to demonstrate our Ready, Respectful and Safe values as they work hard and enjoy their learning.

School Improvement Update
As part of our School Improvement Plan this year, there have already been some changes that you may have noticed around the school.

One of the most significant changes has been the restructuring of lunchtimes to provide children with a wider range of play opportunities and greater support for their social and emotional development. Alongside structured outdoor play, we now have the library and four indoor play spaces open at lunchtime, giving children opportunities to enjoy craft activities, small world and imaginative play, dance activities, and turn-taking games such as Twister.

These areas have proved extremely popular and are helping children develop friendships, practise social skills and enjoy calm, purposeful play.

Please take a look at the School Improvement Parent Infographic (page 3), which outlines some of the other improvements we are making across the school this academic year.

Reception School Tours
We have continued welcoming prospective Reception families into school this week as part of our school tour programme. It is always a pleasure to showcase Bassett Green and share the fantastic opportunities available to our children.

Parents' Evenings
Parents' Evenings took place on Tuesday and Thursday this week and it was wonderful to see so many families attending. Thank you for taking the time to meet with your child's teacher and discuss their progress and next steps.
All handouts provided in person will also be emailed home.

Christmas Raffle
We are thrilled to announce our Bassett Green Christmas Raffle! We have a wonderful range of prizes which are all now available for £1. Raffle tickets are purchasable from the Friends of Bassett Green website and all money raised will go directly back into the school.

The Raffle is open to everyone, so please feel free to share with family and friends. Entries close on Monday 14th December and winners are announced on Tuesday 15th December.

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Remembrance Day
Earlier this week, pupils and staff took part in a one-minute silence to recognise Remembrance Day. Children were respectful and thoughtful throughout, reflecting on the sacrifices made by others and the importance of remembering those who have served.

Year 6 Residential Meeting
We were pleased to welcome Year 6 families to the Fairthorne Manor Residential Meeting this week. If you were unable to attend and have any questions, please speak to a member of the Year 6 team, who will be happy to help.

Year R Height and Weight Checks
Year R children took part in their NHS height and weight checks on Thursday as part of the National Child Measurement Programme.

National Poetry Workshop with Michael Rosen
On Thursday, classes across the school took part in an online National Poetry Workshop with the celebrated author and poet Michael Rosen. The children thoroughly enjoyed hearing from him and exploring poetry in a fun and engaging way. It was a wonderful opportunity to inspire creativity and a love of language.

Children in Need
Today, the school has been supporting Children in Need. Thank you for your generous donations and support for this important cause.

Thanks to your fundraising efforts, some members of the staff team - including myself - have ended up getting thoroughly soaked! Thankfully, it was all in the name of a great cause, and the children certainly seemed to enjoy it. Final Total to be revealed next week.

Attendance Update
This week's attendance is: 95.1%.
Whilst our attendance remains positive overall, we are beginning to see it dip slightly. As we move further into the term, it is important that children continue to attend school every day unless they are genuinely too unwell to do so.
A good bedtime routine is one of the most effective ways to support attendance and wellbeing. We are all tired at this point in the term, but maintaining routines helps children feel settled and ready to learn.

Please refer to the NHS guidance poster shared at Parents' Evening and via email, which explains when children are well enough to attend school. You can also find this poster on our website here.

This week's Golden Ticket winners are:

- Seahorses
- Frogs
- Ladybirds
- Bats
- Badgers
- Kingfishers
- Kestrels
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Well done to these classes!

Wishing You a Lovely Weekend
Thank you for your continued support and for everything you do to help make Bassett Green such a positive community. We hope you enjoy the weekend with family and friends and find some time to recharge before another busy week of learning ahead. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday.

Warm wishes,

Lucy Bannister
Headteacher

School Improvement Plan

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BASSETT GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Bassett Green Primary School
Our School Plan 2026–2027

Our Motto:
Be brave, be brilliant, be our best.

Our School Rules:
Ready • Respectful • Safe.

Our Values:
Respect • Challenge
Resilience • Teamwork.

You may notice some positive changes at school this year. We are making these updates to make sure every child feels safe, happy, and successful in their learning.

1. Helping Children Feel Happy and Safe

We want every child to feel safe, calm, and ready to learn every day.



Calm Classrooms
Teachers use calm, predictable routines so children know what to expect.



Understanding Feelings
Children learn how to name their feelings and stay calm using programs like Zones of Regulation and MyHappyMinds.



Better Playtimes
We are adding organized games and new choices at lunch and break times so all children can join in, not just play football.



Support for All Needs
Clearer, targeted support for children with Special Educational Needs (SEND).



Coming to School
We work closely with families to help every child attend school every day.

2. Great Teaching in Every Class

We are helping our staff be the best teachers they can be.



Step-by-Step Learning
Lessons are broken down into small, clear steps so no child feels left behind.



New Words
We practice new words every day to help children speak, read and write with confidence.



Teacher Coaching
Teachers work with coaches every week to keep improving their teaching skills.



Strong Foundations
Strong daily routines and support in Reception to give our youngest children the best start.

3. Strong Reading, Writing, and Maths

We are embedding a clear, mastery curriculum in core subjects from Reception to Year 6.



Reading & Writing
A mastery curriculum helps all children become confident readers and writers.



Maths
Daily maths practice to build strong memory and confidence.



Extra Help
Quick, small-group support for any child who needs help catching up.

How You Can Help at Home

Talk About Feelings
Ask your child about their day and use simple, calm words to talk about feelings.



Read Together
Read books, look at pictures, or talk about stories together every day.



School Every Day
Help your child arrive at school on time every day.



Talk to Us
If you ever have questions about changes at school, please come and speak with us!



Together, we can help every child thrive!

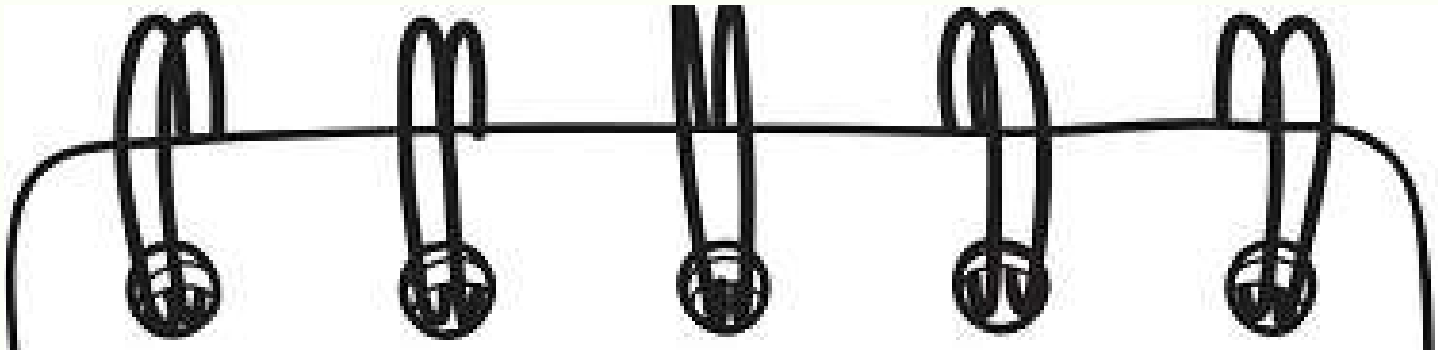
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Christmas Dates for your diary



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2026/ 27 Dates for your diary



Wednesday 18th November	Year 6 Hampton Court Trip
Monday 23rd November	Year 4 Badgers swimming begins
Tuesday 24th November	Year 3 Butser Farm Trip
Thursday 26th November	Pantomime in school
Monday 30th November	Year 4 Rabbits swimming begins
Tuesday 1st December	Year 6 Singing around the tree 3pm Main Hall
Monday 7th December	Poetry Slam
Tuesday 8th December	Year 5 Singing around the tree 3pm Main Hall
Wednesday 9th December	Year 2 Singing around the tree 3pm Main Hall
Thursday 10th December	Year 1 Singing around the tree 3pm Main Hall
Monday 14th December	Year R Nativity 9am (please arrive by 8.55am)
	Year 5 Bikeability (Booked pupils only)
Tuesday 15th December	Year 3 Singing around the tree 3pm Main Hall
Wednesday 16th December	Year 4 Singing around the tree 3pm Main Hall
Thursday 17th December	Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 18th December	INSET Day- School Closed for Christmas
Monday 4th January	First Day back after Christmas break

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School news



Cognition & Learning
Rebecca
Kingfishers

Dolphins
Eduard

Seahorses
Ariella

Otters
Mariam

Frogs
Darius

Ladybirds
Papa

Caterpillars
Elham

Bats
Purity

Hedgehogs
Ayaan

Badgers
Victoria

Rabbits
Luca

Kingfishers
Elijah

Robins
Kamran

Falcons
Olivia

Kestrels
Omar

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ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

This weeks overall attendance: 95.1%

SCHOOL TARGET 96%

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	96%	+2.4
Year 1	95.5%	-1.6
Year 2	98.9%	+2.9
Year 3	94.8%	-1.8
Year 4	93.96%	-3.4
Year 5	96.8%	-0.3
Year 6	95.2%	-0.1

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

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

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 <u>24 hours</u> prior to the appointment
Provide evidence of the appointment <u>if possible</u>
Inform class teacher <u>after</u> 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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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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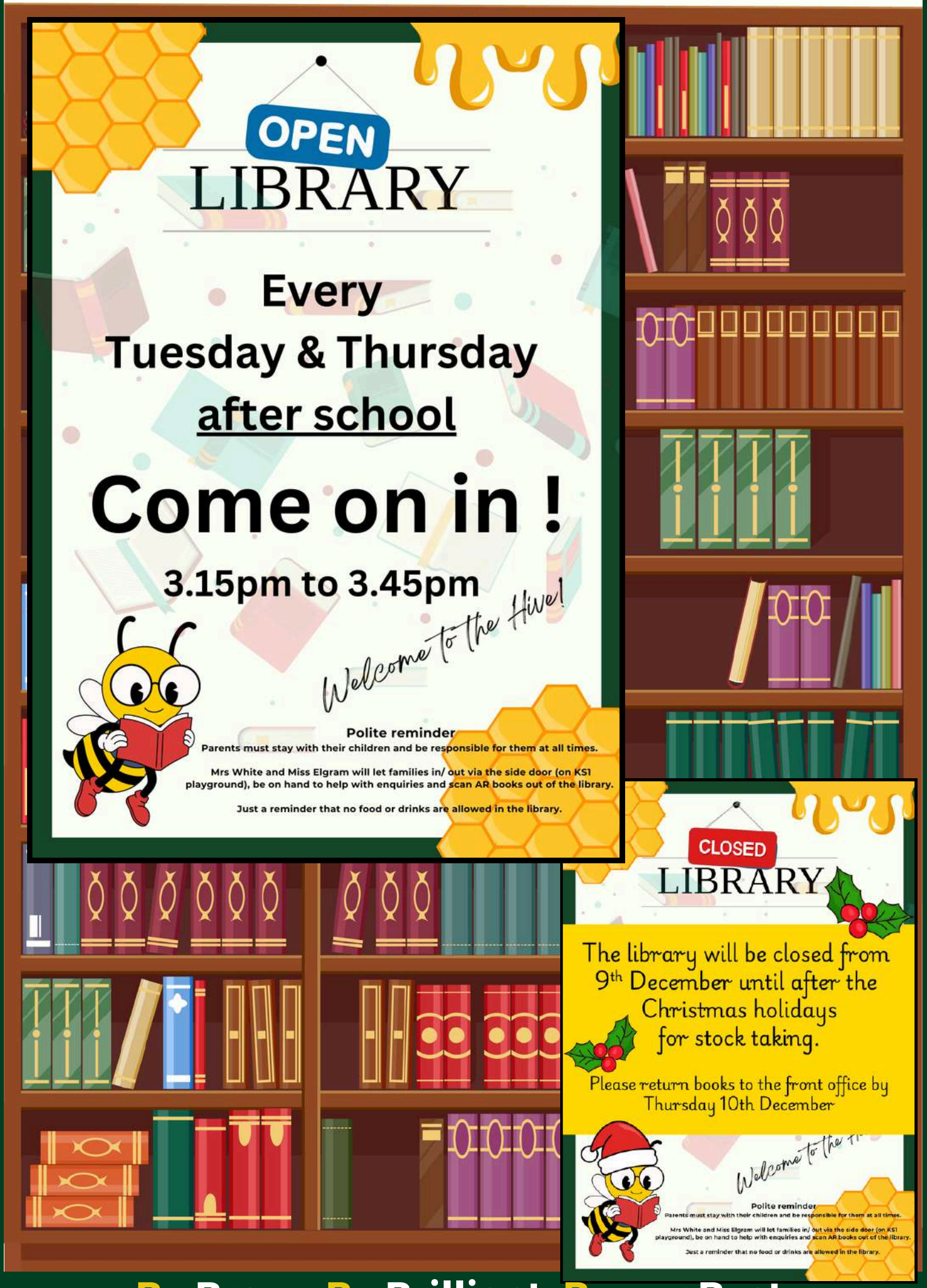
Christmas Menu change

On Thursday 17th December our catering team are putting on a special themed menu. **This will replace the usual Thursday menu** so please do prepare your child for this change if they normally have a hot lunch.



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School Fundraising



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Raise funds for us for FREE

with easyfundraising

Join as our supporter today at:
www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause

Just search for:

Friends of Bassett Green Primary School

8,000+ retailers will donate to us whenever you shop with them

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£0 extra cost to anyone

Support us through easyfundraising

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Wraparound options

Before school





After school

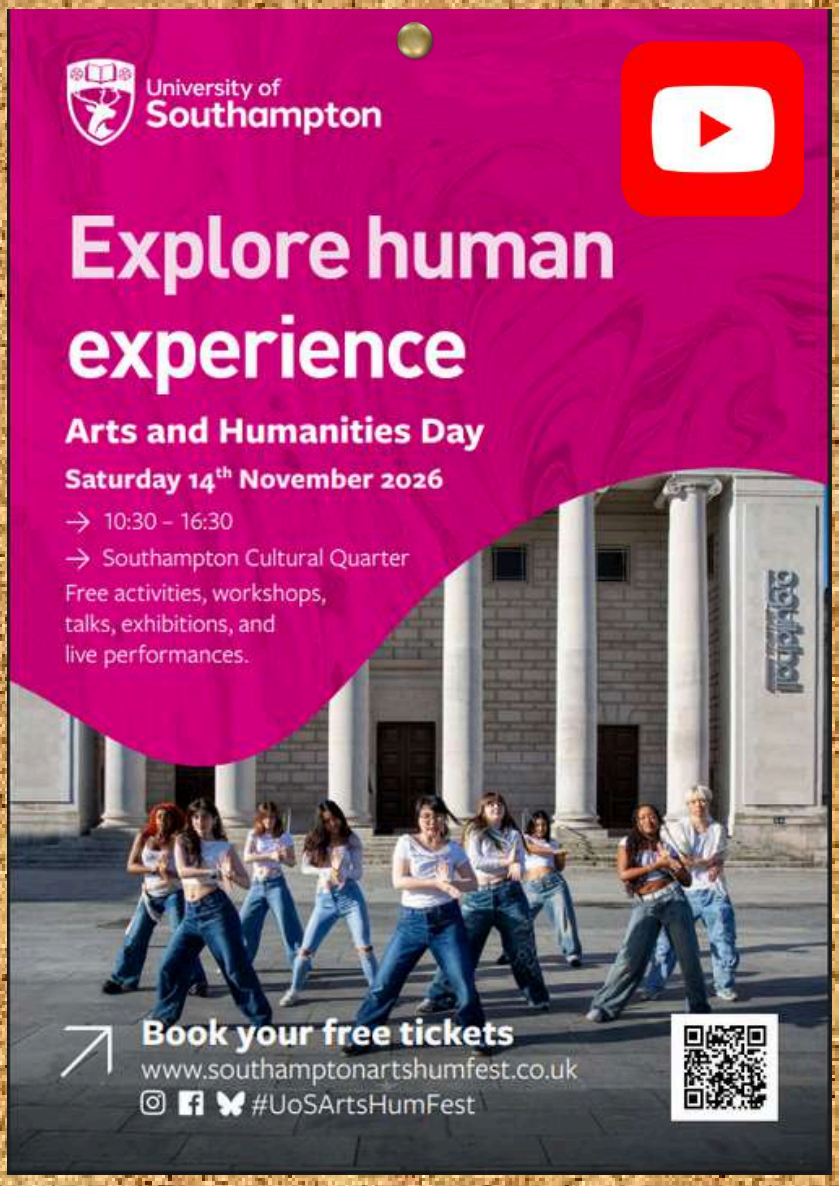




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Happening THIS WEEKEND!

Tomorrow!



Sunday



SOUTHAMPTON CITY ART GALLERY

Art Then! Free Family Fun Day funded by the Arts Society Southampton

Sunday 15 November 2026
11am - 3.30pm

Book free tickets here!

Artwork by our Year 5 pupils will be on display!

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Happening in December

Book here!

SUPERSTAR HOLIDAYS

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY COURSE

SUPERSTAR SPORTS OFFER ACTION-PACKED, ENERGETIC COURSES WHERE KIDS CAN BUILD CONFIDENCE, LEARN NEW SKILLS AND STAY ACTIVE WHILST MAKING LIFELONG FRIENDS DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS.



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GYMNASTICS
DANCE
DRAMA
SINGING



SUPERSTAR STRIKERS

TOURNAMENTS
SKILL CHALLENGES
SMALL SIDED GAMES



SUPERSTAR HOLIDAY CLUB

CRAFTS
MULTISPORTS
COOKING
TEAM GAMES

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DATES	TIMES & COST	AGES
21ST 22ND 23RD DECEMBER	9:00AM-3:00PM £21.50 PER DAY	FOR CHILDREN IN RECEPTION CLASS AND ABOVE 4-12 YEAR OLDS
TAX-FREE CHILDCARE & CHILDCARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED	HAF FUNDED PLACES AVAILABLE	10% SIBLING & UNIFORMED SERVICES DISCOUNT

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02382 127331

SCAN FOR MORE DETAILS/ TO BOOK YOUR PLACE!

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Useful information

Southampton Family Trust
building relationships

Visit their website here





Family Hub

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Understanding behaviour

Short workshops for parents/carers of children aged two and above.

When it comes to developing an understanding of why our children behave the way they do it can be confusing. This workshop helps to empower parents to understand behaviours and feel motivated to respond in a more positive way.

Vedic Society Hindu Temple
Tuesday
1st December
10.00-2.30pm

To book your place visit
soton.cc/familyhub-parentingreferral
Or scan the QR Code

For more information please contact
beststartfamilyhub@southampton.gov.uk

www.soton.cc/beststartfamilyhub

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Family Hub

Locations

Best Start Family Hub Cutbush
Cutbush Lane, Southampton
SO18 2GF
023 8091 5480

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SO19 6FH
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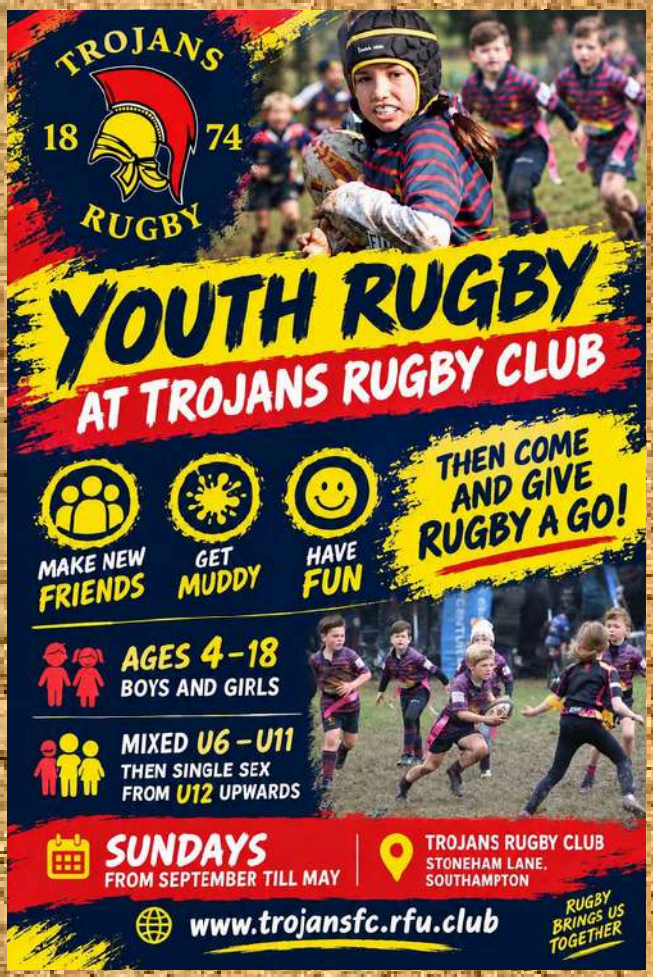
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Useful School Information

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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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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

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Useful QR codes

Helpful links to websites & apps

School website

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PTA Events

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