



BASKERVILLE SCHOOL | PARENTS NEWSLETTER – 03rd EDITION

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WELCOME

Welcome to the latest edition of our fortnightly newsletter. We are excited to share some of our most recent achievements and updates with you.



Message from Headteacher-

Mr. Lacey

Spook Fest Next Thursday!

Dear Parents and Carers,

We're excited to let you know that next Thursday

24th is **Spook Fest** at Baskerville School!

Dress Up for Halloween

Your child is invited to come to school in their favourite Halloween costume for a day full of

spooky fun and activities. Whether they want to

be a friendly ghost, a superhero, a witch, or

anything in between - we'd love to see their creativity!

Just a Couple of Reminders

To keep everyone feeling safe and comfortable:

- **No masks please** - we need to see those smiling faces!
- **No weapon props** such as swords, axes or saws

Photo Memories

We'll be taking lots of photos throughout the day to capture the fun, and these will be posted on the school website that evening for you to enjoy. We're really looking forward to a wonderful day of Halloween celebrations with the children!

New School Meals a Big Hit at Windsor School!

I'm delighted to share some fantastic feedback about our new school meals at Windsor School! Since introducing our new catering service, I've seen a real transformation in the quality and variety of food on offer. The meals are now more substantial, tastier, and provide much better choice for our students.

Head Teacher's Message cont.

What Our Students Are Saying

I've been thrilled with the positive response (although harsh!) from the young people at Windsor:

J said: "They are great - much better!"

L told me: "I actually like the food here now –

I hated it before."

O commented: "I must say they are a lot better - but anything is better than that plastic cheese we had before!"

It's wonderful to hear such enthusiastic feedback, and I'm so pleased that mealtimes have become something our students genuinely enjoy and look forward to.

The improved portions, variety, and quality mean that children are getting nutritious, tasty meals that fuel them for learning throughout the day.

Going Cashless After Half Term

After half term, we'll be introducing a **cashless service for dinner money** - so no more searching for cash on a Monday morning! It will all be totally online and much more convenient for you.

We will send out more information about how this will work later next week. If you have any questions about our school meals, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the school office.

Fantastic News - Brand New Sports

Hall at Harborne Site!

I'm thrilled to announce some exciting news for our Harborne site!

After half term, we will have a **brand new sports hall** ready for use. The new building will replace our old school hall, which has now been completely demolished to make way for this fantastic new school.

The possibilities for our new sports hall are endless! All of our PE lessons will take place in this purpose-built space, giving our children and young people access to a modern, high-quality facility that will really enhance their learning and physical development.

I'm really excited about the opportunities this new hall will bring for our students, and I can't wait to see it in action after half term.

LOST MINUTES = LOST LEARNING



5 mins late 10 mins late 15 mins late 20 mins late 30 mins late

How does your child compare?

Attendance during one school year	Equals this number of days absent	Which is approximately these many weeks absent	Which means this number of lessons missed
95%	9	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29	6 weeks	150 lessons
80%	38	8 weeks	200 lessons

Attendance

Class Attendance percentages



W/C 13/10/25

Hedgehogs	91.4
Rabbits	100
Squirrels	100
Otters	87.5
Cats	88.0
Polecats	83.3
Bats	80.0
Deers	83.6
Foxes	85.1
Badgers	80.0
Kestrels	74.4
Merlins	89.0
Kites	76.0
Oaks	82.5
Bears	-
Willows	96.7
Maple	92.9
Elms	80.0
Sycamores	100

**Well Done to Rabbits,
Squirrels and Sycamores
for 100% Attendance**

Start of the School Day

Please note that children must be in school by 8:55 am.

We understand that mornings can be hectic, but it's crucial to recognise the impact lateness can have on your children's education. When students arrive late, they miss out on essential information shared at the start of the day. This can leave them feeling anxious or embarrassed and it disrupts learning of other students who are ready to begin.

The consequences of frequent lateness can be significant. Did you know that arriving just 5 minutes late each day adds up to over 3 days of lost learning time in a year? Moreover, if a student is late after registration has closed, they may receive an unauthorised mark for the session.

We value every minute of learning time at Baskerville, and we're committed to ensuring all our students have the best possible start to their day. Let us work together to ensure our children arrive on time, ready to learn and make the most of the opportunities we provide.

By prioritising punctuality, we can create a positive learning environment for all our students and set them up for success.

Thank you for your support.

Holidays in Term Time

It is **really important** that your child attends school as much as possible, as missing school can significantly impact their learning and social development. We understand that family holidays are valuable, but we kindly ask that you consider the timing of these trips.

Currently, we have sadly referred families to the Local Authority regarding attendance issues, and I must inform you that a few families have received fines due to absences. We genuinely want to support you in ensuring your child's education remains a priority.

Please note there are **13 holiday weeks** in the year, and we politely request that you plan family holidays during these designated weeks. When children are not in school, they miss out not only on their education but also on the invaluable time spent with their friends.

In summary, we encourage you to work with us to ensure your child's consistent attendance.

Thank you for your continued support.



37-39 Gate Lane, Sutton Coldfield, B73 5TR

Offering a variety of fun and inclusive leisure activities for children with disabilities, including

those on the autism spectrum, and their families. This includes After School Clubs, Term Time Clubs, Out of School Clubs and School Holiday Clubs.

[0121 824 0508](tel:01218240508)



Allens Cross Community Association, 24 Tinkers

Farm Road, Northfield, Birmingham B31 1RH,

United Kingdom Forest School is for neurodivergent children to explore and learn in nature. Through hands-on activities, they build confidence, creativity, problem-solving skills, and learn to manage risks.

[0121 4783310](tel:01214783310)

Riddle-Me-This

(see page 8 for answer)

READ



What we do: -

Support the mental health and wellbeing for autistic children and young people aged 8 to 16 years, by providing 1:1 support and/or a small group basis.

Spending time in nature and using our animals we aim to support mental Health, improve confidence and self-esteem and provide short respite to parent /carers.

(Parents / Guardians, Local Authorities, Health Care Commissioners and other Professionals can make referrals).

We also provide a resource for schools and other groups including children's parties. Please get in touch via email if you are interested in booking our space.

Quote of the Day

"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn"

Benjamin Franklin



Kites Class – Flags of the World Project

Kites have started their community engagement sessions at Allens Cross, taking part in an exciting *Flags of the World* woodwork project. Students are using their creativity and teamwork to design and build wooden flags, learning new practical skills along the way. It's been a fantastic start to their community work this term!

Badgers – Gardening at Allens Cross

Badgers are also getting involved in the local community at Allens Cross, where they have started learning all about gardening. Students are exploring how to care for plants and create welcoming green spaces. Their enthusiasm and teamwork are already making a real difference!

Kestrels – Transport West Midlands Project

Kestrels have launched a new community project in partnership with Transport for West Midlands. They have been researching local train stations and learning how to stay safe when travelling. This project helps students build independence, confidence, and travel awareness for life beyond school.

Merlins – Gardening at Martineau Gardens

Merlins have begun their community engagement project at Martineau Gardens. Students are developing their gardening skills, learning about nature, and helping to care for this beautiful community space. It's been a great opportunity to get outdoors and contribute to the local environment.

Art Work Experience – Eisa's Gallery Placement

A huge well done to Eisa, who recently completed an artwork experience placement with local artist *Imogen* at a gallery in Digbeth's Zellig Custard Factory. Eisa supported with preparing artwork and setting up the exhibition. This was a brilliant chance to experience the creative industry first-hand and showcase his fantastic skills.

Jewellery Quarter Work Experience

Two students are looking forward to an exciting three-day work experience placement in the Jewellery Quarter. They will be working with *MasterPeace*, a jewellery and craft store and academy, where they'll put their creativity and practical skills to the test. We can't wait to hear how they get on!

Student of



the Week

Sherwood

Elms – Mark

Maples – Yaqueen

Oaks – Zaki

Sycamores – Leo

Willows – Feysal

Deers – Jack

Squirrels - Ziya

Rabbits – Stanley

KS3

Cats – Ramin

Hedgehogs – Connor

Polecats – Georgia

Otters – Blythe, William, Jack K.

KS4

Bats – Jessica

Foxes – Oliver

Badgers – David

Kites – Samuel H

Kestrels – Samirul

Merlins – Ibrahim

Student of the Week:

Each week a student is acknowledged for their achievements, efforts or positive qualities. Award can also be for good behaviour or for demonstrating any of our core values.

Well done to all the students nominated for Student of the Week.

"The Top is reached by striving"

Online Safety Tips

What parents/carers need to know about keeping children safe online.

- Use parental controls
- Limit screen time
- Choose age-appropriate content
- Foster open communication about online activities
- Ask who their online friends are

Safeguarding

Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility. Please reach out to any member of the Safeguarding Team here at Baskerville if you have any concerns.

David Wilkes

Sam Bowater

Kay Morgan-Green

Allan Lacey

Arron Elderton

Ann-Marie Gilbert

Riddle-Me-This – Answer:

Read between the lines



When notifying of an absence, please do so ideally before 8:30 am by using the designated communication method (student absent line or EduLink email). You will need to provide your child's full name, their class and the reason for the absence. Failure to do so can result in a safe and well call or home visit.

Parents Evening

Harborne Site (incl. Discovery) – Tues 04th Nov.

Windsor Site – Wed. 05th Nov.

Annual Beyond Baskerville Event – Wed. 12th Nov.



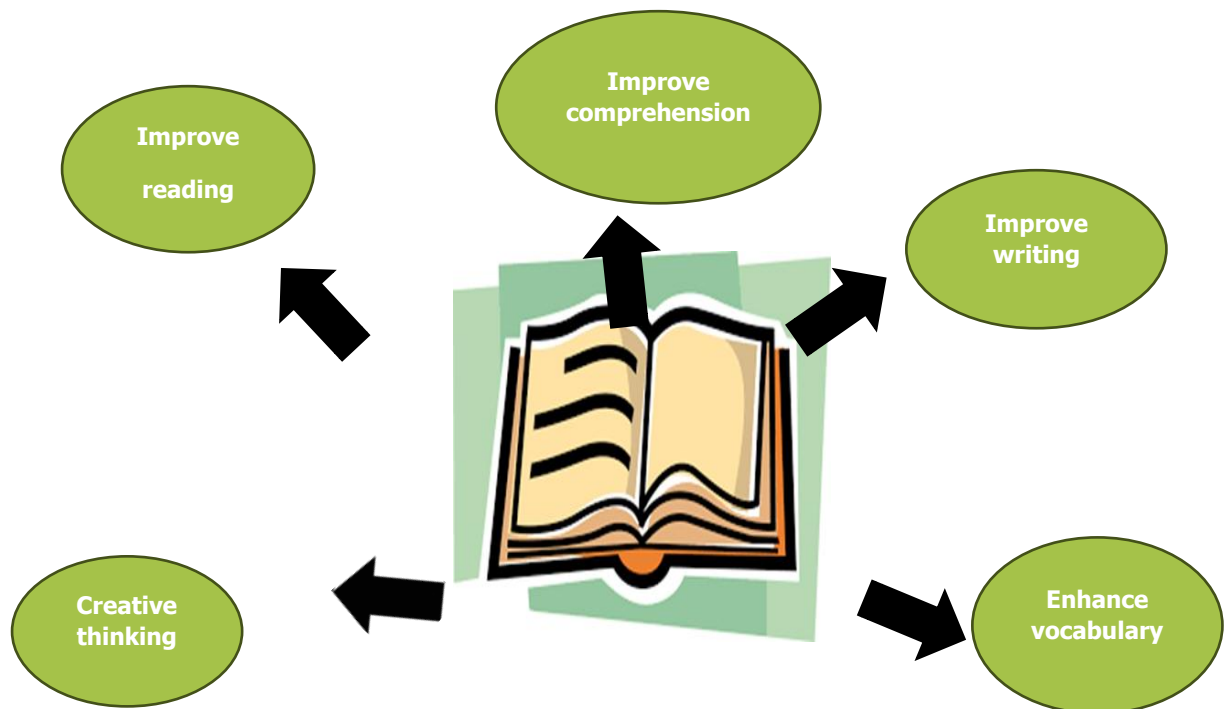
Skills Builder Assemblies

Students have enjoyed three fantastic Skills Builder assemblies so far this term, exploring all eight essential skills for life and work. After half term, we'll be focusing on two key skills each half term to help students develop them in tutor time, different subjects and activities across school.

Reading for Pleasure

20 is plenty!

Children who read for 20 minutes a day....



At Baskerville, we firmly believe that reading is a fundamental skill that not only supports academic success but also fosters a love for learning and exploration. By encouraging your child to read as much as possible, both at home and in school, you are helping to nurture their imagination, expand their vocabulary and develop their critical thinking skills.

We are always excited to see the photos, so please send in pictures of your child reading in various surrounding (eg. living room, backyard, park, in the car etc.). This helps us to understand the ways in which reading is being incorporated into your family's daily life.

Please continue to encourage your child to read as much as possible. We are confident that with your support, they will develop a lifelong love for reading that will serve them well throughout their educational journey and beyond.

Age Restrictions for Social Media

It is very important that your child understands and uses social media appropriately. Whilst there are positives to having social media platforms there are also cases in which they can be harmful if children are not supervised regularly. Please take the time to check your child's use of social media.

What are the age restrictions on social media?

13	13+	16	18
Facebook Twitter Instagram Snapchat TikTok Kik Ask.fm Houseparty Periscope Tumblr Reddit Pinterest	Whatsapp YouTube WeChat Whisper Yubo (13+ means with parental consent)	LinkedIn	Tinder Bumble



Baskerville School Lunch Menu Week Commencing—20th October 2025



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Course 1	Southern Fried Chicken	Beef Burger	Macaroni Cheese	Chicken Curry	Teacher Training Day
Main Course 2	Veggie Fillet	Halal Chicken Burger	Fish Cake	Quorn Curry	
Vegetarian		Quorn Burger			
Side	New Potatoes	Potato Bites	Garlic Bread	Rice Naan Bread	
Vegetable	Sweetcorn	Salad Coleslaw	Peas		
Dessert	Muffins	Iced Sponge	Cookies	Brownie	

Sandwiches & Baguettes are available every day - Please check with the Kitchen and order by 10am



Always Available
Bread crackers
Fruit and Yogurt



NEWS FLASH

Cats Class went to Cadbury World

It was part of The World Around Us topic, studying the local area. Students experienced how chocolate was made in the past, compared to modern technology and they also learnt about the history of the Cadbury brand.





📌 **Beyond Baskerville – Date Confirmed!**

We're pleased to share that the *Beyond Baskerville* event will now take place on **Wednesday 12th November**, from **16:30 to 18:30** in the Delta Building, Harborne Main Site.

This event gives families the chance to meet local colleges, training providers, and day services to explore post-school options.

Confirmed attendees so far include:

- Solihull College
- South and City College Birmingham
- Glasshouse/Argent College
- Sense College
- Forward Day Services
- BMET
- Mencap
- QAC

Sign up link will be sent separately. We look forward to welcoming everyone and seeing our students and families plan their next steps *Beyond Baskerville*.



Do you have any ideas/suggestions on how we can improve this newsletter??? Let all ideas contend. Contact us at: a.daley@baskvill.bham.sch.uk.



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