



BASKERVILLE SCHOOL | PARENTS NEWSLETTER – 01st EDITION

FRIDAY | 19TH | SEPTEMBER | 2025

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

Building Works Update

I hope you've been following the progress of our exciting building project on our website, which continues to move at an incredible pace. It's quite amazing how quickly everything is happening - the old building is now being knocked down, which we all find rather sad as it holds so many memories, but I know we're all eagerly looking forward to our fantastic new facilities. There is a new access road around the back of the school so we can take a lot of the materials away without impacting upon the main car park. The disruption to school has been quite minimal – and of course the children love to watch the destruction by the cranes and bulldozers.

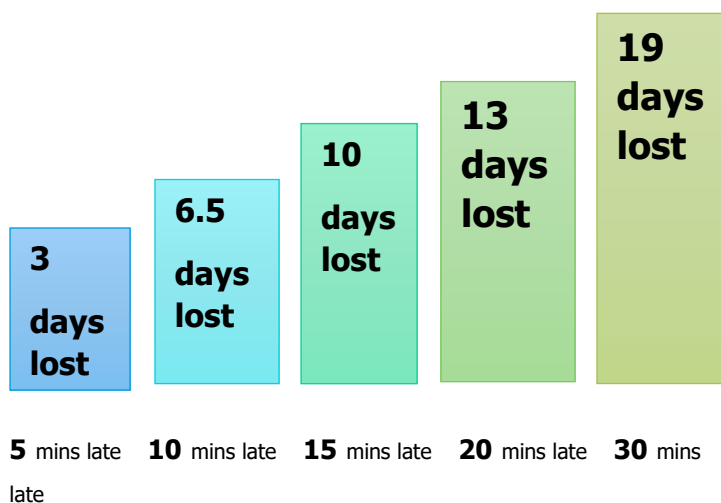
Headteacher Recruitment

The interviews for the new headteacher will be taking place on 29th September.

I'm pleased to let you know that we have a very strong field of candidates, and we hope to make an appointment for January 2026.

Head Teacher's message cont. on p.5-6

LOST MINUTES = LOST LEARNING



How does your child compare?

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

Attendance

Class Attendance percentages



W/C 19/09/25

Hedgehogs	82.5
Rabbits	100
Squirrels	92.5
Otters	88.7
Cats	81.0
Polecats	86.6
Bats	67.0
Deers	69.1
Foxes	84.0
Badgers	86.7
Kestrels	73.3
Merlins	90.0
Kites	79.6
Oaks	82.5
Bears	89.2
Willows	96.7
Maple	86.2
Elms	87.1
Sycamores	97.1

Well Done to Rabbits 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 9 for answer)

LOVE/HATE

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

"Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today."

Malcolm X

Dear Parents (new /returning),

We thank God for a new Academic Year with our children ready to learn.

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you all to the new Academic Year 2025/2026. On behalf of the Pastoral Team, I extend a warm welcome to each of you. We are delighted to have you as partners in your children's educational journey. We hasten to say, starting a new academic year is always exciting since it marks a fresh beginning and provides us with ample opportunities to learn, grow and explore together.

At Baskerville School, we firmly believe education is a collaborative effort between the school, the parents and the learners. We value your active involvement and recognise the significant role you play in supporting your child's education. Together we can create a strong foundation for their future success.

Throughout the academic year, we aim to provide quality education that nurtures curiosity, critical thinking and creativity in all our learners. We encourage our learners to explore their interests, develop well-rounded personalities and gain essential life skills and we are delighted our results speak for us.

We are committed to maintaining open lines of communication and establishing a strong partnership with you. Please feel free to approach us with any queries, concerns or suggestions. Our doors are always open to you, and we also welcome your active participation in school events and parent-teacher meetings.

We look forward to working hand-in-hand to make this academic year a memorable and enriching one for all our students.

Kind regards,

Areanna Daley

Pastoral Manager, Family Support and Engagement

Head Teacher's message cont. from p.1 **Lunches at Windsor School**

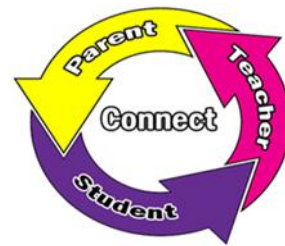
I am aware of concerns about the quality and quantity of lunchtime meals at Windsor. I want to assure you that I am actively pursuing this matter to ensure our students receive the proper nutrition they deserve. In the meantime, we are supplementing all meals with additional sandwiches, yogurts and crisps to make sure no child goes hungry during the school day.

Your feedback

I know this period of change can bring questions and concerns, so I want to remind you that I value your feedback enormously. Please don't forget that you can share your views completely anonymously by using the QR code I've provided - this gives you a confidential way to let me know how you feel about any aspect of our school operations during this transition period. Your input helps me ensure I'm supporting our whole school community as effectively as possible whilst we prepare for our wonderful new chapter ahead.

Sports Hall

As a result of the sports hall being knocked down, we are having a temporary sports hall constructed on the Harborne site. This will hopefully be fully operational after half term, which is super news especially for the footballers. (picture on p.5)



A strong partnership between parents and teachers creates a supportive learning environment and fosters consistency in expectations. By working together, parents and teachers can create a secure and supportive environment where children can thrive safely and with confidence.

Join us to learn how The Westminster Specialist College empowers **19-25-year-olds** with SEND to develop the skills and knowledge to be successful in the world of work.



75%

of 24/25 cohort achieved
paid employment

**TWS Specialist College - DFN Project Search
Supported Internships
Open Event - 30th September 2025**

3.30 ARRIVAL

**4.00-5.00 PRESENTATIONS FROM STAFF, PARENTS AND
INTERNS**



SCAN ME

43 Rowley Village, Rowley Regis, B65 9AS
Please register your attendance via the QR Code above or contact us at
01215616884

Student of



the Week

Sherwood

Elms – Jed, Hafsa

Maples – Ridwaan

Oaks – Justin

Sycamores – Uzodike, Lewis

Willows – Micyas

Deers – Ryan

Squirrels - Oliver

Rabbits – David

KS3

Cats – Oscar W.

Hedgehogs – Connor

Polecats – Donovan

Otters – Stephen

KS4

Bats –

Foxes – Xavier

Badgers – Mahnoor

Kites – Samuel

Kestrels – Josh A.

Merlins – Aaryan, Mary

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:

A thin line between love and hate



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.

Education Visits

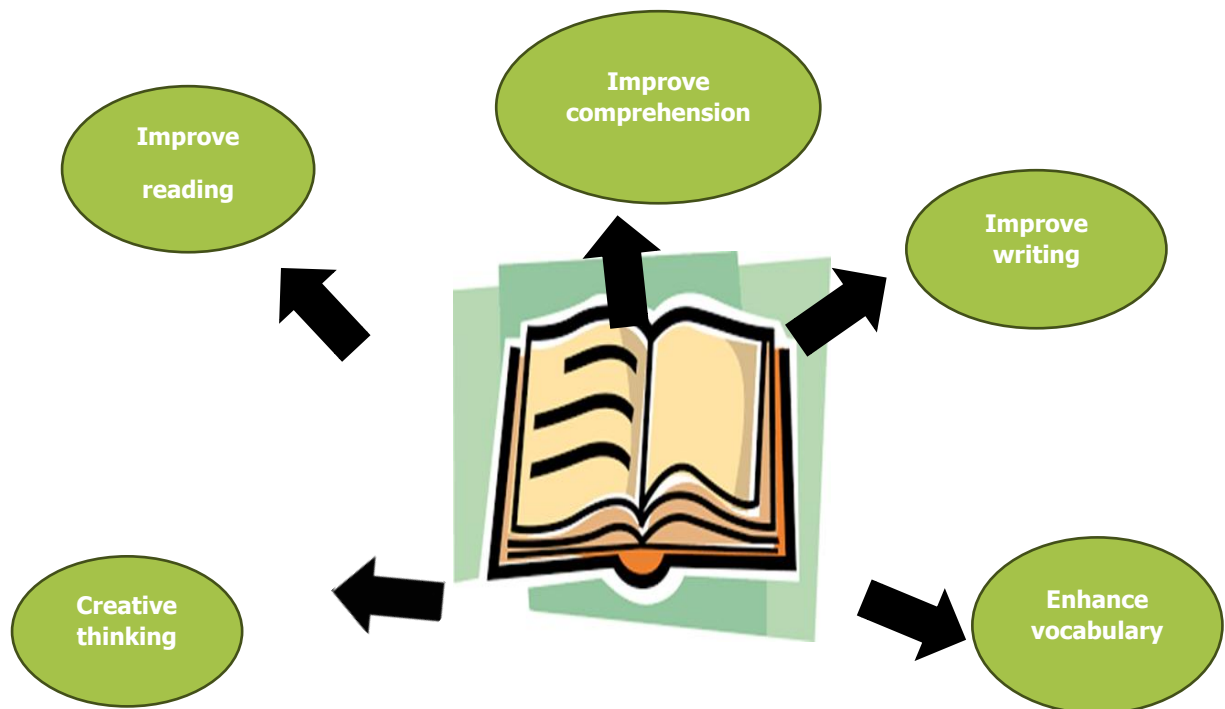
Merlins Class has been to Martineau Gardens where they are gaining work experience as part of their Employability and Community Inclusion lessons.



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—22nd September 2025



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Course 1	Creamy Chicken Slice	Beef Lasagne	Chicken Drumsticks	Roast Gammon	Cheese & Tomato Pizza
Main Course 2	Cheese & Onion Pasty	Vegetable Pasta	Quorn Fillet	Quorn Sausage	
Vegetarian					
Side	New Potatoes	Garlic Bread	Veggie Rice	Roast Potatoes Yorkshire Pudding	Chips
Vegetable	Sweetcorn	Broccoli		Mixed Veg	
Dessert	Cookies	Eclairs	Rice Krispie Cake	Sponge Cake	Choc-Ice

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



Always Available
Bread crackers
Fruit and Yogurt





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connecting sight, sound and life

Sense College East

Sense College East is a specialist further education college for young people aged 16-25 with special educational needs.



TouchBase Pears, 750
Bristol Road, Selly Oak,
B29 6NA



To visit on our open day on
Wednesday 1st October, please
complete this booking form:



<https://forms.office.com/e/fS3YzUPEWM>

