



BASKERVILLE SCHOOL | PARENTS NEWSLETTER – 05th EDITION

FRIDAY | 28TH | NOVEMBER | 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

Head Teacher's Message cont.

Windsor Harborne Consolidation Update

I am pleased to update you on the Windsor Harborne consolidation project. Following extensive consultation with parents, staff and pupils about the possibility of an earlier return of young people from Windsor to the Harborne site, I have compiled a comprehensive evaluative report for our Governing Body. **The full Governing Body will meet on December 8th to make the final decision on whether to proceed with the early return plan.**

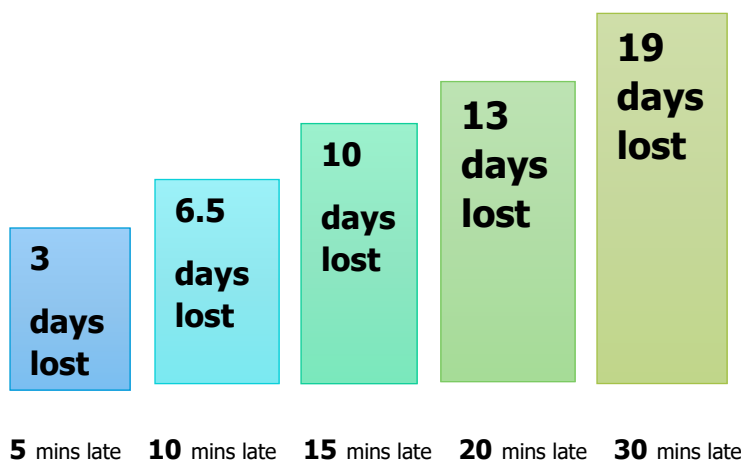
The results of the parent consultation are now available on our school website using the password

harborne2025. I will communicate the Governing Body's decision to all families immediately following the December 8th meeting. Thank you for your continued engagement and support as we work together to create the best possible outcomes for our young people.

Discovery Residential 2025

I am delighted to share that six children from Sycamores and Deers classes enjoyed a wonderful 3-night residential to the Wingate Centre. They had a fantastic time visiting Chester Zoo, sitting around an open fire, and walking in the forest. Pictures of the week are available on our website - the password is **controlled**. If your child attended, I will be in contact to let you know what that is.

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	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 24/11/25

Hedgehogs	80
Rabbits	100
Squirrels	87.5
Otters	100
Cats	82.0
Polecats	84.4
Bats	80.0
Deers	76.4
Foxes	81.6
Badgers	75.0
Kestrels	68.9
Merlins	86.0
Kites	86.7
Oaks	56.7
Bears	79.0
Willows	97.0
Maple	77.5
Elms	84.3
Sycamores	85.7

Well Done to Rabbits and Otters
Class for 100% Attendance this week.

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

MILL1ON

(see page 8 for answer)



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

Head Teacher's message
cont.

New School App Update

Good morning to you all. First and foremost, I would like to thank you for your patience while we continue to get our new school app up and running. There will inevitably be teething problems and I will do my best to keep them to a minimum. There are still many areas being developed and once we have everything in place, I think you will be very happy with it.

In the meantime, if you have any issues or concerns, please contact Jackie Thompson, my PA/Office Manager, at j.thompson@baskvill.bham.sch.uk or call 0121 427 3191 option 5.



● 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!

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.

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!

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.

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.

Independent Work Experience Opportunities

We have several exciting opportunities coming up for students who may wish to take part in **independent work experience placements**. Please note that **transport is not provided**, so families would need to arrange travel.

If you would like your child to be considered for any of the placements below, please email me at p.carbery@baskvill.bham.sch.uk by **Monday 10th November**.

Student of



the Week

Sherwood

Elms – Mark

Maples – Savarah

Oaks – Sachh

Sycamores – Uzodike, Jack, Lewis

Willows – Rory

Deers –

Squirrels - Abdelrahman

Rabbits – Mariya

KS3

Cats – Haider

Hedgehogs –

Polecats –

Otters – Connor

KS4

Bats – Riley

Foxes –

Badgers –

Kites – Erin

Kestrels – Callum

Merlins – Zia

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

Kay Morgan-Green

Allan Lacey

Arron Elderton

Ann-Marie Gilbert

Lucy Case

Areanna Daley



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.

Important Dates

Christmas Jumper Day – Thurs 11th November

Training Day – Mon. 05th January 2026

Training Day – Tues. 06th January 2026

School reopens – Wed. 07th January 2026

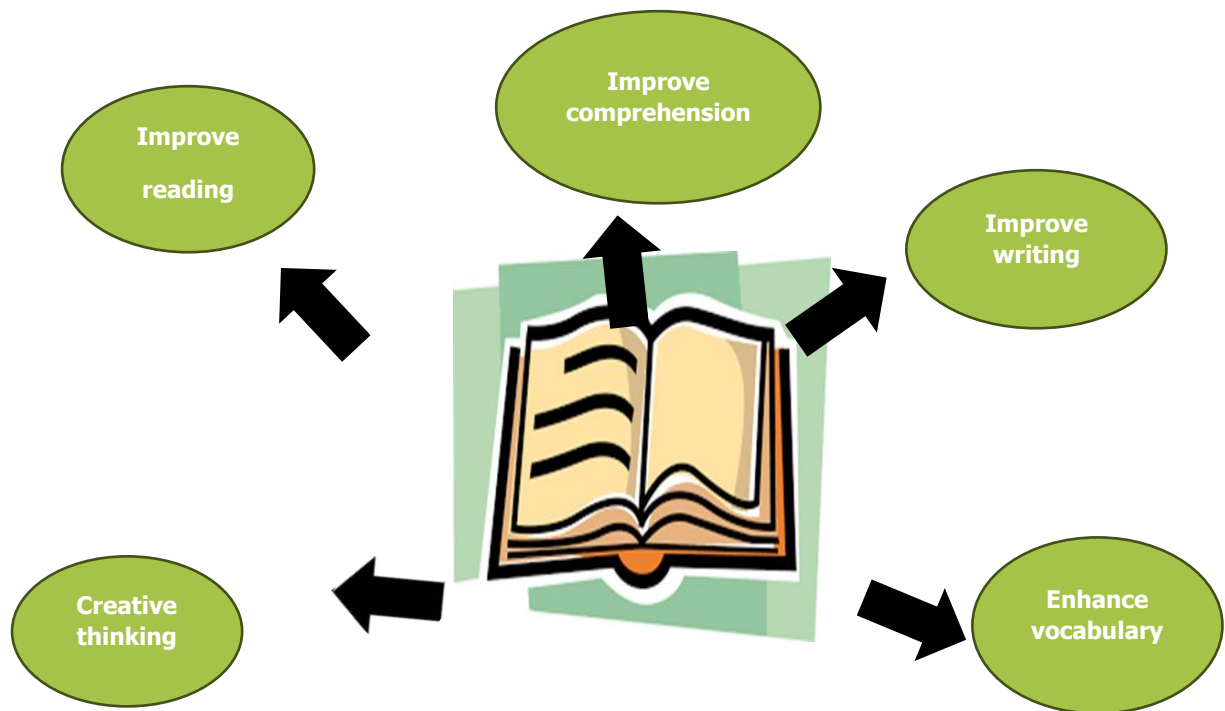
Riddle-Me-This – Answer:

One in a million

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—6th October 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



NEWS FLASH

Residential Trip

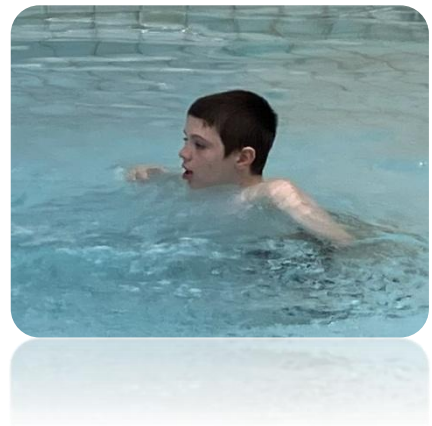
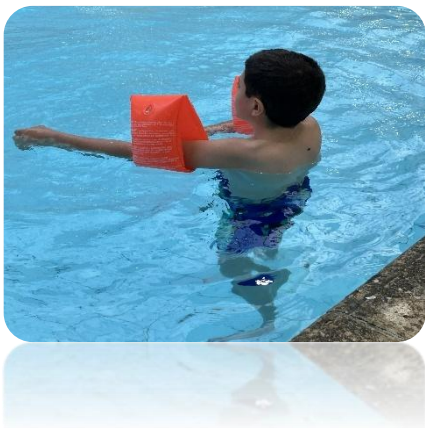
Last week 6 of our Key stage 4 and 5 students from Discovery went on a residential to The Wingate Centre. We had lots of fun and enjoyed, a local area walk, bonfire and toasting marshmallows, a trip to Chester Zoo, a movie night and a gymnastic session. Everyone had a great time and The Wingate Centre are already looking forward to our next visit!





Willows Class – Aquatics Learning

Willows have started their aquatics learning and visited Linden Road Pool. Student's worked hard on gaining confidence to submerge their bodies and begin putting their head and faces in the water. We even began to work on floating and kicking our legs.





Christmas Jumper Day – Thursday 11th December 2025

'Make the world better with a sweater'

On Thursday 11th December 2025, millions of people up and down the country will come together at their workplace, school, or with friends, to make the world better with a sweater.

We are encouraging students to begin the Christmas celebrations on 11th December by coming into school in their best Christmas jumper or clothing/party wear.

All clothing must be acceptable wear for school and **no pyjamas please**.

Christmas Jumper Day is an event to raise money for disadvantaged children through Save The Children Fund. We will not be accepting donations in school this year.

If you wish to donate please do via this link to the website:

<https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/christmas-jumper-day/about/how-to-pay-in-your-fundraising>

Open Theatre – Inclusive Theatre Support (The Rep, Birmingham, week commencing 19th January 2026)

Students will support the Open Theatre team during an immersive, non-verbal theatre show created for young people with learning disabilities. Over three days, students will help audiences engage with performances and experience how theatre can be made inclusive and accessible for everyone. This placement is ideal for those interested in the arts, theatre, or working with people with additional needs.



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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