



Newsletter Number 13: 27.3.2026



March

27.3.26 – End of Spring Term

April

13.4.26 – start of term

MAY

4.5.26 – BANK HOLIDAY

8.5.26 – Sports Afternoon – details to follow

15.5.26 – YR Disco

19.5.26 – 7pm Parent Meeting for those New to YR September 2026

20.5.26 – Joint coffee morning at St Mary's Junior School

22.5.26 – INSET DAY

25.5.26-29.5.26 – HALF TERM

JUNE

11.6.26 – Year 2 Sea City Trip

19.6.26 – Class Photographs

JULY

5.7.26 -Summer Fair

8.7.27 – Joint coffee morning at St Mary's Junior School

10.7.26 – Rock Steady End of Year Concert

13.7.26 – 2pm Y2 Leaver's Show

14.7.26 - 9:30 Y2 Leaver's Show

17.7.26 – Family Picnic with St Mary's Junior School – details to follow

21.7.26 – Y2 Leaver's Party

22.3.26 – Last Day of Term

How have we only got one term left in this academic year? Thank you for all your support – your children have all worked extremely hard since Christmas and deserve a break before the Summer term fun begins. I hope you all have a good Easter break and hopefully we can enjoy some more spring weather.

Talk Point

Tell us about a moment this week when you felt proud of yourself or someone else. What made that moment matter?

- Supports emotional literacy
- Builds empathy as family members listen
- Creates positive reflection and bonding

INSET Days for 2026/2027 Academic Year

The following INSET days for next academic year have been agreed with St Mary's Junior School and approved by our governors.

Tuesday September 1st 2026

Monday November 2nd 2026

Friday December 18th 2026

Monday February 22nd 2027

Friday May 28th 2027

F.O.O.B.S

Thank you to everyone who joined us at our Easter Fair last weekend. This year's event was lots of fun, filled with some very creative crafts and games for the children. And thanks for all the donations - both for the ever-popular chocolate tombola as well as the cake stall.

Please note a date for your diary- Friday 17th April will be our next HappySchoolBag charity clothing collection. See separate email for more details.

Wishing you all a wonderful Easter break.

CAR PARK VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

Our car park runs most smoothly on a Monday afternoon when Richard Lilleker our Chair of Governors dons his high viz and takes the school camera out on duty assisting you all to park. If there is anyone who is equally passionate about the parking situation and would like to follow Richard's example, then please let me know – we would be most grateful!

After School

Please can I remind everyone that the school site should be vacated promptly after school. Balance trail equipment should not be used after school due to our insurances not covering any accidents that happen on our school site that occur after school hours. Often the playground and the field are used for after school clubs and as next term progresses, the bee hives will be opened promptly at the end of the school day to allow for Y2 Bee keeping. There will be more information on this as the weather improves.

Staff Profile - Charlie Murden

From a very young age, I knew I wanted to work with children, inspired by my mum, who was a childminder. I loved helping her and being part of that environment, which sparked my passion for supporting young learners. At 16, I became a swim teacher after three years of volunteering as a water helper. I continued teaching swimming alongside my studies at college and university, where I completed a degree in Psychology. During my final year, I particularly enjoyed studying Developmental and Educational psychology, which ultimately led me to pursue a PGCE. I joined Old Basing Infants five years ago, and I can't believe how quickly that time has gone. It has been a truly rewarding experience, and I feel very lucky to be part of such a wonderful school community. In my spare time, I have rediscovered my love of reading, especially psychological thrillers. I also enjoy walking my dog (when she's not being too naughty!) and spending time catching up with friends.

SENDCo Support Sessions

Mrs Thompson, our Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities Coordinator, has extra SENDCo Support appointments available each half term if you would like to meet with her if you have any specific questions you would like to ask about your child that you have not yet discussed with either Mrs Thompson or your child's class teacher. These appointments are open to parents of children who are on our SEND register but also to any other parents who would like to discuss concerns they may have about potential additional needs. SEND does not only relate to learning difficulties or physical disabilities but also to social, emotional and mental health difficulties too. The next SENDCo support appointments will be available during the school day on Friday 1st May and Friday 19th June. If you have an issue you would like to discuss further and would like to

book an appointment for either of these dates, please contact Mrs Thompson directly on k.thompson@oldbasing.hants.sch.uk

Junior Park Run

It was extremely pleasing to hear on Monday that so many of our children took part in the Junior Park Run at Stratton Park last Sunday. A number of children came straight to me on Monday morning to tell me about how proud they were of completing the run and some even told me that they beat Mr T-V! I hope to hear more success stories from children taking part in Junior Park Run in the coming weeks.



KS1 Football Festival

Last Friday, 10 children went with Mr T-V to the Vyne Secondary School to take part in the Basingstoke Key Stage 1 Football Festival. The team played 6 matches against schools from across Basingstoke. They scored lots of goals, showed tremendous amounts of teamwork and had a lot of fun. For some, it was their first experience of taking part in football matches and it was a pleasure to see all the children with such big smiles on their faces throughout the afternoon.



Please see the attached guidance regarding absences for holidays, a flyer for local SEND support and one from Rock Steady.

Have a fantastic Easter break!

Best wishes,
Sonia Denning

Attendance to 27th March 2026

Whole School – 96.89%

Mole Class: 96.59%

Hedgehog Class: 96.53%

Dormouse Class: 95.26%

Hare Class: 97.64%

Squirrel Class: 96.96%

Fox Class: 97.83%

Barn Owl Class: 97.1%

Badger Class: 96.41%

Otter Class: 97.5%