



Newsletter 2: 25.9.26

Diary Dates

October

- 2.10.26 - FOOBS Y2 DISCO
- 7.10.26 – 7:30pm FOOBS AGM – see information from F.O.O.B.S below
- 9.10.26 – Individual photographs – see information below
- 11.10.26 – FOOBS Trail Run
- 14.10.26 - 9:15 – Open Morning for new YR 2027
- 20.10.26 – Parents evening 3:30pm -6pm
- 22.10.26 - Parents evening 3:30pm -6pm
- 23.10.26 – Be Bright Be Seen Day – information to follow
- 26-10.26 – 30.10.26 HALF TERM

November

2.11.26 – INSET DAY

- 6.11.26 - 9:15 – Open Morning for new YR 2027
- 6.11.26 – YR Phonics and Reading Presentation on the school website
- 9.11.26 – 13.11.26 – Friendship Week
- 10.11.26 – YR Q&A on TEAMS
- 11.11.26 – Flu immunisations
- 13.11.26 – Children in Need
- 23.11.26 - 9:15 – Open Morning for new YR 2027
- 27.11.26 – FOOBS Christmas Market – Information to follow

December

- 11.12.26 – UNICEF Day for Change
- 14.12.26 – 2pm YR Nativity
- 15.12.26 – 9:30am – YR Nativity
- 17.12.26 – Christmas Jumper Day

18.12.26 – INSET DAY

End of Autumn Term

It hardly seems possible that the end of September is upon us already and that we began our Open mornings for new YR entrants in 2027. The Year 2 children did an amazing job showing parents around our school and they did this with such pride; it was a pleasure to see. They received many positive comments from the adults they were showing round. If you know of anyone who is looking for a school place for YR starting in September 2027 then the dates are amongst those listed above.

Thank you for the concerted effort that all parents are making each morning to follow the parking regulations; things are certainly calmer in the carpark at the start of the day than they have been in recent years. We do have a few children who require support to come in to school in the morning so please continue to be vigilant when driving in and out of the carpark.

Hello from F.O.O.B.S

FOOBS Fun Run The countdown is on... just 18 days to go! Join us on Saturday 11th October, with gates opening at 10:30am. Entries are still open, so there's plenty of time to get involved. Whether you're running, walking or cheering everyone on from the sidelines, we'd love to see as many families as possible there.

Entries are available via the F.O.O.B.S. website:

www.foobs.weebly.com

Year 2 School Disco, Our Year 2 Disco is taking place on 2nd October. Tickets are going on sale next week, so keep an eye out for further information.

F.O.O.B.S. AGM – 7th OCTOBER

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on 7th October at 7:30pm at Old Basing Infants.

Everyone is welcome to come along! It's a great opportunity to hear about what F.O.O.B.S. has achieved over the past year, find out what's coming up, and see how you can get involved with supporting the school and our children.

We look forward to seeing lots of you at our upcoming events.

Talk Point

What is the best thing about your new class at school?

Talking about this together encourages children to reflect positively on their start to the year, share their feelings and experiences, and develop a strong sense of belonging. It is also a lovely opportunity for families to find out more about friendships, learning and what their child is enjoying at school.

Richard Lilleker – Old Basing Infant School Chair of Governors

How can I help the school help my child? How can I learn more about the school? How can I give something back to the school? How can I be sure the school is doing its best for my child and others? These are the questions that started my governor journey in 2018, could they be the start for you in 2026?

We need to recruit two parent governors – this role is specific to parents of children at the school (there is also a vacancy for a non-parent, if you know someone who might be interested). It is a volunteer role and usually needs a few hours per month. Our role is the strategic overview of policies, financial decisions and curriculum attainment. There are specific responsibilities within the board of governors, and training is available as required.

My current main roles are Chair of Governors and Safeguarding. As Chair I have some statutory responsibilities but for the most part I enjoy having the overview of the school. I work closely with Mrs Denning but I keep to a 'layperson' and 'strategic' position – I'm not trained in education, and the day-to-day operational management is the headteacher's responsibility. My safeguarding role is more of a double-check to ensure as far as possible that all policies and procedures are followed.

'The more you know the more you realise you don't know'. I didn't realise how little I knew about education. As a parent at the classroom door, we often don't see the passion and professionalism of the staff. As I continue to learn and develop my own skills, I have learnt about the challenges facing the school; and I hope I've added my own tuppence worth along the way. It is very rewarding to be even a small part of such a talented team.

There is always a joyous vibe in the school but you feel like a VIP when your child sees you in school as a governor. My youngest child is currently in Year 1, having had the older two pass through the school, St Mary's and beyond. I started as a parent governor, then joined the board as a co-opted.

My own professional background is dentistry. I love it when the children call me 'governor-dentist' when me and the crocodile puppets visit and teach toothbrushing!

I passionately feel primary education is the crucial foundation of a lifetime of learning, so we owe it to our children to give our every effort, even when time and resources are against us.

Richard

Library Donations

Thank you for the donations of books that we have received – we would welcome any more and any time so please bear us in mind if you or any of your friends are having a clear out!

Honey

There are still a few jars of honey left so if you would like a jar, please ask at the office.

School Values

There is an activity attached to this newsletter about our school values. There is no need to print this out or return it to school but it would be great if you could chat this through with your child and reinforce these values at home.

Individual Photographs

The school photographer will be in school on the morning of October 9th. **Please send your child to school in their full uniform and not in their PE kit on this day.** The photographer will be able to take photographs of your child with their siblings from 8am; if this is something you would like to do, please make your way to the courtyard wait at the entrance to the hall to be called in.

Parents Evening Appointments

If you haven't signed up for a parents evening appointment yet, please do so via your SCOPay account. The dates are Tuesday 20th October and Thursday 22nd October 3.30pm to 6.00pm. If you have any problems signing up, please contact the school office.

Have a lovely weekend!

Sonia Denning

Attendance to 25th September 2026

Whole School – 98.44%

Mole Class: 97.2%

Hedgehog Class: 99.3%

Dormouse Class: 98.5%

Hare Class: 97.9%

Squirrel Class: 99%

Fox Class: 97.9%

Barn Owl Class: 98.8%

Badger Class: 98.6%

Otter Class: 98.8%