



Newsletter Number 4 – 23.10.2026

Diary Dates

October

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

Key future Dates

Easter Fair – March 20th 2027 at the Infant School

Summer Fair - July 4th 2027 at St Mary's Junior School

Today we say goodbye to Mr Bowman. I would like to take this opportunity to thank him personally for all his hard work and for his dedication to our school over the last 25 years. I have worked with Mr Bowman since I joined the staff here in September 2007 and I am truly grateful to him for all the things that he has mended, built and cleared; for all the tidying and maintenance and for keeping our school site safe and looking good. Mr Bowman is extremely proud of our school and the hard work that he has put in has really made a difference. He has saved the school a small fortune in repairs to benches, fences and classroom resources; not to mention plumbing

costs. I will miss his cheery smile and even the odd telling off for things that may trigger the school alarm – I really don't know what we are going to do without him. Who will clear the pond and who will tease me with the odd spider, newt or ghost story!? I would like to wish him all the best for his retirement; it is about time he was forced to put his feet up. We will miss you!

After half term and for the foreseeable we will be without a site manager, so please bear with us if a gate is not open in time; we will be taking on as much of Mr Bowman's job as we can. I have reminded him however, that I do have his phone number for when something goes wrong with the school heating - fingers crossed we don't have any icy mornings!

Open Morning for New Entrants 2027

We have two more open mornings – November 6th and November 23rd. Once the parents have had a look round our Infant School, St Mary's Junior School are also opening their doors so that they can have a look at what the Junior school is like too. So, if you know of anyone with a child starting school in September 2027, please let them know.

Discussion point

This week what will your friends and family come up with for this question?

*Who has been kind to you recently? What did they do?
How have you show kindness to someone else?*

Half term activity ideas

<https://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/press-releases?itemid=10805>

<https://whatsonhampshire.co.uk/listing/basingstoke-spooktacular-half-term/>

Parent Governor

We have had two parent governors elected by your votes this week: Nicola Bishop and Harry Owen. We would like to thank all those who put their name forward, and many thanks to all of you who took the time to vote.

Lost Property

Please come and check lost property before the end of today as there are still many unclaimed items. Anything left that is un-named at the end of today will either be sent to charity or donated to F.O.O.B.S!

Flu Immunisations

If you have not already done so, please complete the Flu Vaccination Form below to decline, or give, consent:

<https://www.hiowhealthcareimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu?schoolcode=SH116039>

School Honey

We raised an amazing £464 from the sale of our school honey. Thank you so much for your support - this will all go towards the welfare of our bees.

Reminders

Please remind you children- as we do too – not to bring toys or other items from home to school. We have started to see a number of these things creeping in and they are starting to get lost or sadly broken.

Please can you remember to try and order your child's lunch at home with them. It helps if you have had a chat about what they would like to order and it helps you to know what your child has eaten at school.

Please can you make sure that your child has a pair of welly boots at school along with a waterproof coat for their outdoor learning afternoon and for playtimes. We try to get the children out in all weathers so having a coat that will not get soaked through is really helpful.

Lastly, please do not park on the single yellow line in the Mead unless you have a blue badge. I have been approached by the residents as I am every year with regards to parking and I have also had a letter from the Parish Council. I have assured them that I am doing all I can!

F.O.O.B.S

Hello from F.O.O.B.S. - After half term we have a busy few weeks!

We have a HappySchoolBag collection booked for Thursday 19th November. Half term would be a great opportunity to dig out some things to donate!

Always a firm favourite with the children, the F.O.O.B.S. Christmas Markets will return again this year! Please bring your donations into school after half term.

Lastly, Letter to Santa kits will also be on sale in November.

Look out for emails from the school with more details on all of these events

Finally, we hope that everyone has a wonderful half term!

Have a lovely half term and we will see you on November 3rd for the Christmas countdown!

Sonia Denning

Attendance to 23rd October 2026

Whole School 97.71%

Mole Class: 97.29%

Hedgehog Class: 98.01%

Dormouse Class: 97.09%

Hare Class: 97.5%

Squirrel Class: 98.72%

Fox Class: 96.14%

Barn Owl Class: 97.72%

Badger Class: 97.94%

Otter Class: 98.57%

