



Newsletter Number 6: 21.11.2025

November

24.11.25 – 9.15am New Year R Open Morning for 2026-2027 intake

27.11.25 - Pantomime

28.11.25 – FOOBS Christmas Market

December

11.12.25 – UNICEF Day for Change

12.12.25 – 2pm Rock Steady Concert for the parents of those children who attend

15.12.25 – 2pm YR Nativity Performance

16.12.25 – 9:30am YR Nativity Performance

18.12.25 – Christmas jumper day and Christmas Lunch

19.12.25 – INSET Day and end of term

January

5.1.26 – First day of term all children in

19.1.26 – Family afternoon 2-3:15pm – info to follow

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Hampshire Library Service

Hampshire Library Service are pleased to be working together with Connect4Communities once again this year to provide signposting and support for members of the community struggling with the cost-of-living crisis. Basingstoke Discovery Centre is holding a drop-in Warm and Welcome Event on Thursday 4th December 10am to 12pm. There is no appointment needed.

Remembrance Sunday







We were lucky to have two families representing our schools at the Remembrance Sunday Services. One took place at St Mary's Church and the other at the Basingstoke Cenotaph at the War Memorial in town. Thank you to Emma and Jessica Edwards and Elsie and Max Lillywhite for representing our schools so admirably.




Language of the Half Term

Did you know that in our school community, 25 different languages are spoken? We are so lucky to have such a diverse range of languages and it is very important to us that we celebrate, and raise awareness of this with the children and our school community. We will be choosing one of these languages each half term to learn more about as a school community. The children will be learning some key phrases which they will use in school and we will also have signs around our school in both English and the half termly language. This half term, the language we have chosen is **Portuguese**. To ensure our translation of the key phrases is accurate, we will always check it with a family who speak the language. For a closer look at the image below, and if you would like to learn more about the language alongside your child, please see the separate attachment.


Our language of the half term is: Portuguese
In our school community we have 4 families who speak Portuguese.
Our families come from both Brazil and Portugal.

 Olá Hello	 Adeus Goodbye
 Obrigado Thank you	 Por favor Please
 Bom dia Good morning	 Boa tarde Good afternoon


Please use Google Translate to help with the correct pronunciation <https://translate.google.co.uk>



Country: Portugal
Capital: Lisbon



Country: Brazil
Capital: Brasilia



Staff Profile

Fi Wood – Breakfast Club and Lunchtime Supervisor

I have worked at Old Basing Infant School for 28 years, so it is clear to say that I enjoy my job and working with children! I have three adult children all of whom attended both Old Basing schools and now my grandchildren do the same. I have an active life in the village and I can regularly be found walking my dogs on the Common. I enjoy Pilates, knitting and escaping to the New Forest in my caravan. More recently I have enjoyed adventures visiting my son who now lives in Dubai.

Safeguarding

Some safeguarding information sent from County for you re Roblox.

We have been made aware of a pop-up that is appearing on Roblox, encouraging children to download an app called pollybuzz (or pollyfuzz in some spelling cases). The app seems quite simple where children are asked questions, and it generates an Artificial Intelligence ‘friend’ – this starts off quite innocently but then begins to show extreme content (including suicide, self-harm and pornography). It may be helpful to remind children about not clicking on pop-ups in games and to report anything that is worrying or inappropriate to a trusted adult. Roblox has parental controls and instructions of how to put these on can be accessed via this link: [Parental Controls Overview – Roblox](#)

[Support](#) . Please note - parental controls will stop some pop-ups, but not all, so appropriate supervision is still required.

Hello from F.O.O.B.S!

Thank you for all your donations for the Happy School Bag collection on Tuesday. We raised a fantastic £300!

The much anticipated Christmas Markets are being held next week! Monday for the Juniors with online sales of Tinsel Tokens closing yesterday. Friday for the Infants with online sales for Tinsel Tokens closing on Wednesday. If you don't buy Tinsel Tokens, please send your child with cash, if they would like to take part.

Letter to Santa Kits were sent home with your child yesterday. Please send replies into school the week commencing 1st December.

Talking point

“Would you rather be able to fly like a bird or swim like a dolphin?”

Have a wonderful weekend,

Sonia Denning