



Balksbury Federation

Across the Playground

Friday 12th September

A Message from Miss Thompson

Welcome back! I hope you all enjoyed your summer holiday and have managed to spend some quality family time together.

It is a joy to have the children back with us and to hear all of the lovely stories about what they have been up to over the summer break. A special welcome to all of our new children across both schools who have joined us this year. We are so proud of how you well have settled in.

The children have jumped straight back into school life with great enthusiasm. I have seen some wonderful learning across the federation already and look forward to seeing what the rest of the year holds.



Exciting Updates



By now, you will have seen our flyers explaining the move to email communication from **Wednesday the 1st of October**.

This is due to the School App becoming old technology which will therefore expire.

We are asking all families to make sure the **email address** information we have on Arbor for you is **up to date**.

On **Wednesday 1st October at 9:30am** you will receive a test email. If you do not receive the test email please speak to a member of the Infant or Junior admin team.

On this date, we will also launch our **new website**. The web address will remain the same but the website itself will have a fresh new look with updates to make it even better than before!

Classroom Open Door

We are excited to be opening our doors across the federation on **Monday 22nd September** straight afterschool until 4:15pm. This will give parents the opportunity to drop in to see their child's classroom and informally meet their child's new teacher.

Balksbury Federation's
CLASSROOM
Open Door

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Keeping up With Learning

To find out what your child is learning, please visit the year group page on our website:

<https://www.balksburyfederation.co.uk/year-group-pages/>



Open Mornings for 2026/2027

We will be hosting open mornings for prospective families ready for 2026/2027. If you or someone you know would like to attend please contact the Infant school admin office to book one of the tours. We have multiple time slots available on the below dates:

- Monday 22nd September
- Tuesday 23rd September
- Wednesday 24th September
- Monday 28th September
- Thursday 2nd October
- Tuesday 7th October



Flu Immunisations

This term the Immunisation Service will be offering your child a flu vaccine. The link below provides useful information:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/flu-vaccination-in-schools/flu-vaccination-programme-2021-to-2022-briefing-for-schools>

Please see Diary Dates page. More information to follow.

Parking

We politely ask families to respect our local residents by refraining from parking in resident only parking bays. Please click the link below to see our local traffic management plan:

<https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/balksbury-inf-hants/UploadedDocument/f2e04cb9-e852-4e40-b83c-27979d97e7ce/floral-way-traffic-management.pdf>

There is also a fantastic tool on Hampshire's My Journey website, where you can map out your route to school using public transport. Click the link below to access the site:

<https://myjourneyhampshire.com/>



Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival will be taking place on **Monday 22nd September**. Once again, Balksbury will be supporting Andover Foodbank so if you're able to support, donations would be greatly appreciated.

The foodbank often run low on **tinned meat**, **tinned fruit** and **long-life milk**, although would be grateful for anything you are able to donate.

Your child can bring their donation(s) in from **Wednesday the 17th September** until the morning of **Monday 22nd September**. Donations can be taken into class where your child's teacher will store them until Harvest Festival.



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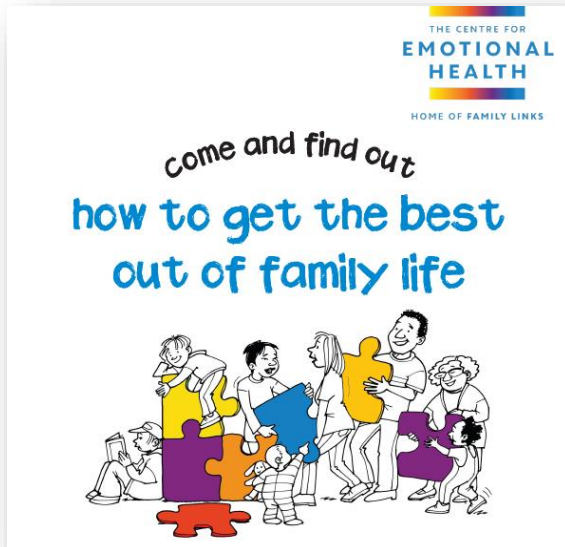


CSL Messages



Calling all Parents and Carers

Fed up of nagging? Having battles at bedtime?
Are you looking for more cooperation at home?
Want family life to be more fun?



This course does not tell you how to raise your children.

It does not criticise, judge or put you down.

We still have a few remaining spaces on the next 10-week Nurturing Programme starting on the 24th September.

To find out more, please contact Cheryl Grinham or Emma Whatley via either Admin Office or email us at community@balksbury.org

Community Cupboard

At Balksbury Federation, we are very aware of the continuing rise of the cost of food and utility bills. This may be having an impact on your family and if it does, we would like to help.

At Balksbury, we have our 'Community Cupboard' stocked with food and toiletries, bring a carrier bag to reception and Mrs Grinham and Mrs Whatley will be happy help.



If we can supply you with any of these items or advice on where you can get more support, please get in contact with either of our Community Support Leads, Mrs Cheryl Grinham or Mrs Emma Whatley via our confidential email community@balksbury.org



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House Points and Tokens



House Points

The House with the most points across the Federation to date is: Danebury.



DANEbury



Tokens - Infants

The class with the most tokens in the Infant School to date is: Skipper.



Tokens - Juniors

The class with the most tokens in the Junior School to date is: Palm Class.



Achievements from Outside of School

A huge congratulations to Emily, Darcy and Libby who were part of the team that won the under nines football tournament in Winchester last week. Well done girls!



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Diary Dates

September 2025

Thursday 18 th September 2025	Openbox Production: WW2 Evacuees – Year 6
Monday 22 nd September 2025	Classroom Open Door
Monday 22 nd September 2025	Harvest Festival
Monday 29 th September 2025	Block 1 Clubs Start

October 2025

Wednesday 1 st October 2025	Communication to move to Email
Thursday 16 th October 2025	Nasal Flu Immunisations
Monday 27 th October 2025 – Friday 31 st October 2025	Half Term

November 2025

Tuesday 4 th November 2025	Openbox Production: Egyptians – Year 5
Wednesday 5 th November 2025	New Year 3 2026/2027 Tours
Thursday 6 th November 2025	New Year 3 2026/2027 Tours
Thursday 6 th November 2025	Fraser Portraits – Individual and Sibling Photos
Monday 10 th November 2025	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 12 th November 2025	Parents' Evening
Thursday 13 th November 2025	Openbox Production: Early Man – Year 3
Friday 14 th November 2025	Jingle Dress Down Day
Monday 17 th November 2025	Year 5 Trip to Science Museum
Tuesday 18 th November 2025	Year 1 Tree Planting
Monday 24 th November 2025	Year 4 Tree Planting at Bury Hill Meadows
Friday 28 th November 2025	Christmas Jingle

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December 2025

Wednesday 10th December 2025	Year R Nativity
Thursday 11th December 2025	Year R Nativity
Tuesday 16th December 2025	Christmas Jumper Day and Santa Claus Visit
Thursday 18th December 2025	Openbox Production: Christmas Pantomime
Monday 22nd December 2025 – Friday 2nd January 2026	Christmas Holidays

February 2026

Monday 9th February 2026 – Friday 13th February 2026	Year 6 Residential Trip to Fairthorne Manor
Friday 13th February 2026	End of Block 1 Clubs
Monday 16th February 2026 – Friday 20th February 2026	Half Term
Monday 23rd February 2026	Start of Block 2 Clubs

March 2026

Thursday 5th March 2026	World Book Day
Monday 16th March 2026	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 18th March 2026	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 24th March 2026	Year 1 Production
Wednesday 25th March 2026	Year 1 Production
Friday 27th March 2026	INSET Day
Monday 30th March 2026 – Friday 10th April 2026	Easter Holidays

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April 2026

Tuesday 21st April 2026	Year 2 Titanic Trip
Wednesday 22nd April – Friday 24th April 2026	Year 4 Residential Trip to Ufton Court

May 2026

Monday 11th May 2026 – Friday 15th May 2026	KS2 SATS Week
Monday 18th May 2026	Year 6
Monday 25th May – Friday 26th May 2026	May Half Term

June 2026

Thursday 4th June 2026	Openbox Production: Moon Landing – Year 1
Thursday 4th June 2026	Butterflies Parent Information Evening
Friday 5th June 2026	Sports Day and Family Picnic
Wednesday 10th June 2026	Openbox Production: Dinosaurs – Year R
Thursday 18th June 2026	Butterflies Session 1
Thursday 18th June 2026	Year 3 Parent Transition Meeting
Friday 19th June 2026	Fraser Portraits Class Photos
Thursday 25th June 2026	Butterflies Session 2

July 2026

Wednesday 1st July 2026	Year 2 Production
Thursday 2nd July 2026	Year 2 Production
Monday 6th July – Friday 10th July 2026	STEM Week
Tuesday 7th July 2026	Butterflies Session 3

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Friday 10th July 2026	STEM Festival
Monday 13th July 2026	Balksbury's Got Talent
Tuesday 14th July 2026	Year 2 Fun Day
Wednesday 15th July 2026	Year 6 Fun Day
Wednesday 15th July 2026	Year 2 Graduation
Thursday 16th July 2026	Disco Fun Day
Friday 17th July 2026	Year 6 Graduation
Monday 20th July 2026	Children's Last Day of Summer Term
Tuesday 21st July 2026	INSET Day
Wednesday 22nd July 2026	INSET Day

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