



# Balksbury Federation

## *Across the Playground*



### Sports Day Special

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July



It has been wonderful to see the children finally get to take part in their Sports Day sessions over the past two weeks. The children have demonstrated the federated values of collaboration, perseverance and respect beautifully as they have cheered one another on and worked together to earn house points for their houses. A special thank you goes to our Year 6 Sports Leaders who supported Mr Bensaid in making sure the sessions ran smoothly – well done to you all



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## Fixtures and Festivals

Sports isn't just for Sports Day at Bawksbury! Did you know that this year, the federation has taken part in a huge number of extra curricular sporting activities? This includes **17 football fixtures** and **8 sports festivals**. Our football teams have **won 9** of their matches and **drawn 3** – pretty impressive if you ask us!

Mr Bensaid says: *'It has been wonderful to host so many sporting events here at Bawksbury this year, as well as accompany our sports teams to away fixtures. I have been incredibly impressed with how our teams have conducted themselves when other local schools have been to visit and when we have been the visiting side. Next year, we plan to continue to develop extra curricular sports further and I look forward to introducing basketball as a new sports club in the autumn term.'*



## Swim Galas

It was great to see so many family members on site this week to watch their children swim in our annual Swimming Gala. The children have been working extremely hard in their swimming lessons this year and were very proud to show off their efforts.

**Children will still swim during Arts Week** next week, so please make sure you send in your child's swim kit on their year group's allocated swim day, as normal.



## Plastic Recycling

We are in the process of creating something special for the Arts Festival on the **11<sup>th</sup> July**. To achieve our goal, we still need your clean, plastic recycling! Any empty bottles, containers, tubs or plastic bits and pieces that you can donate would be hugely appreciated! Drop your plastic into one of our Arts Festival bins, or your child's class teacher.



## Collection Arrangements for the Arts Festival

Thank you to all of our families who have handed back in their collection arrangement forms for the **Arts Festival on Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> of July**. If you have not yet done so, please hand the form back in to your child's class teacher as a matter of urgency. We thank you for your continued support.

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# Balksbury Presents...

## The Andover Dance Festival 2025



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# Arts Week 2025

## Here we go!

### Arts Week is Nearly Here

The children are very excited, as next week is Arts Week! Children will have a week jam-packed with activities to enrich their knowledge and experience of The Arts.

### The Theme

This year's theme, **Land and Sea**, highlights the federation's ongoing commitment to nurturing a passion for the planet and sustainability within our children. Children will learn about artists who have been inspired by sustainability and/or the beauty of the planet.

### Activities over the week

Every year group will:

- Create individual art pieces based on an artist and genre
- Respond to a piece of music inspired by the planet or sustainability
- Contribute towards a very special federated sculpture
- Contribute towards a collaborative year group mural
- Explore a range of different arts activities

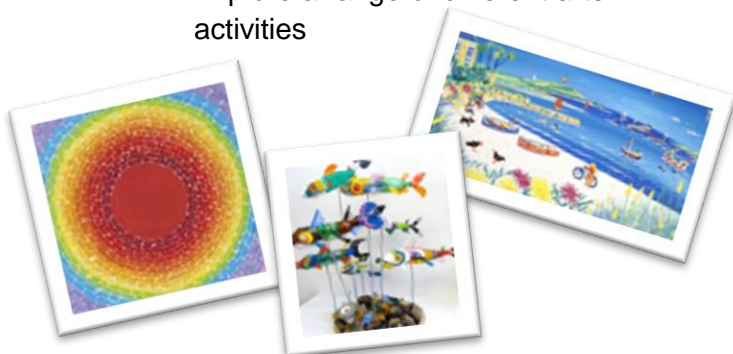
### The Arts Festival

The Arts Festival will take place between **2pm – 4pm on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July** and is set to be a fantastic event for all the family! At the Arts Festival there will be:

- Displays of the children's amazing learning from the week (including our federated sculpture and mural)
- Display of the children's and families' competition entries (winners announced at the Tipi stage at 3:55pm)
- Live performances from our arts clubs
- Delicious food including artisan pizza, candy floss and iced treats
- Cooling cola and lemonade drinks
- A range of exciting activities including: face painting, flower crown making, sand bottle art, glass painting, musical instruments and so much more
- The chance to win prizes on human slot machines, the coconut shy, and the draw of our Arts and PTA Hampers

And so much more!

***We can't wait to see you all there!***



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# CSL Messages

## Support for Families Survey

Thank you for those that have completed the survey that we sent out on the 27<sup>th</sup> June. We are asking parents and carers to let us know what support, if any, they would like to receive from the federation. This may be summer Foodbank vouchers, Balksbury community cupboard, entitlement, attendance support and uniform. There is still time to complete it.

## Uniform Swap Shop

Remember the PTA run our swap shop in the hive. Go along and swap uniform your children have out-grown for the next size up ready for September.

## A Big Thank You



## The Reflaction Garden

We welcomed Councillor Brooks in to see our wonderful reflection garden. Thank you to all those that have helped us over the years to achieve the calming space it has become.

🌿 A quiet space making a big difference 🌿

Balksbury Infant and Junior Schools in Andover recently welcomed Cllr Zilliah Brooks for a tour of their beautiful reflection garden - a calm, sensory-rich space designed to support children's emotional wellbeing.

Funded through a £1,000 Councillor Community Grant in 2023, the garden has become a vital part of school life. It's used daily for quiet playtimes, emotional support sessions, and moments of reflection - especially for children processing grief or big feelings.

Once an unused patch of ground, it's now filled with bamboo, pebbled paths, and memory stones, offering a gentle place to pause, talk, or simply feel safe.

During the visit, Cllr Brooks also heard about 'The Hive' - the school's brilliant PTA-run uniform swap shop - and discussed ways the school hopes to grow the garden with support from the wider community. 🌿



(Article from Test Valley Borough Council)

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## Activities Over the Summer



Searching for community activities and events in the Test Valley area to enjoy with your children during the school summer holidays?

Check out our community events calendar!



<https://unityonline.org.uk/events/>



### COMMUNITY GARDEN EVENT

5<sup>th</sup> Aug 2025 | 1030 - 1230 | Station Community Allotment, Romsey

Families are invited to explore the community garden and uncover the numerous benefits it offers to our local community. Come and sow, grow, and take home the joy!

To book your free place please email [sarah.gisbourne@unityonline.org.uk](mailto:sarah.gisbourne@unityonline.org.uk)



## Poppy Community Garden

East Anton Farm Road, Augusta Park  
Andover, Hampshire, SP11 6RD.

Find us in Poppy Park which is just behind the Augusta Park Community Centre, just further along the path from the play park,

Free gardening club for children 5 – 11 year olds

Contact [info@rootingforandover.org.uk](mailto:info@rootingforandover.org.uk) for more information about booking  
<https://rootingforandover.org.uk/>



## Andover Food Partnership

Supporting our community to flourish!

Andover Food Partnership is a network of organisations working towards a fairer, healthier and more sustainable food system for Andover.

We are working together to make accessing healthy nutritious food available for all.



Email - [afp.coordinator@unityonline.org.uk](mailto:afp.coordinator@unityonline.org.uk)  
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# House Points and Tokens



## House Points

The house with the most points across the federation to date is: Fosbury.



**Fosbury**



## Tokens - Infants

The class with the most tokens in the infant School to date is: Tawny.



## Tokens - Juniors

The class with the most tokens in the junior school to date is: Oak Class .



## PTA Message



We are really looking forward to this year's arts festival next Friday! There is still time for you to grab your PTA raffle tickets to be in with a chance to win some fabulous prizes! Simply pop us an email to [balksburypta@balksbury.org](mailto:balksburypta@balksbury.org), pop into one of the school offices, or find us on the day to buy your tickets. All proceeds go towards purchasing new and exciting equipment for the children of our federation to enhance their learning journeys.

We still have a large collection of pre-loved uniform available in our swap shop! Come along to the Hive every Friday afternoon to purchase or swap your uniform.





**BALKSBURY FEDERATION PTA – SUMMER RAFFLE JULY 2025**  
 A GREAT BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THE COMPANIES THAT  
 HAVE DONATED A PRIZE SO FAR

  
  
  
 Salisbury Escape  
Rooms

  
  
 THREE ATTRACTIONS UNDER ONE ROOF!

  
  
 Waterstones

  
  
 TWINNINGS  
OF LONDON

  
 Domino's

\*\*\*\*\* MORE PRIZES ON THEIR WAY \*\*\*\*\*

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# Achievements from Outside of School

Louie Gill in Palm Class took part in a cycling challenge over the weekend to raise money for Regain. This charity is dedicated to improving the lives of people who have become tetraplegic in a sporting accident.

Louie managed 12 laps of Thruxton race track! What an amazing achievement Louie, well done!



Ivy went to view her beautiful art work at Andover Train Station last week. Your displayed picture can now be admired by many. You should be very proud, well done Ivy!

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# Diary Dates

## July 2025

<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2025</b>	Block 2 After School Clubs – Finish
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2025 – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2025</b>	Arts Week (Arts Festival on Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> (2:00pm – 4:00pm))
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2025</b>	Reports Come Home
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2025</b>	Balksbury's Got Talent Final (in school event)
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2025</b>	Year 6 Production 6:30pm – 7:30pm
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2025</b>	Year 6 Production 6:30pm – 7:30pm
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2025</b>	Year 2 Fun Day 9:00am – 3:00pm
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2025</b>	Year 2 Graduation 2:00pm – 3:00pm (school based)
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2025</b>	Year 6 Fun Day
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2025</b>	Disco Day
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2025</b>	Dolce Disco Day Themed Lunch
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2025</b>	Year 6 Graduation at The Lights 10:00am – 11:00am
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025</b>	Year 6 Graduation 9:15am – 10:15am (school based)
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025</b>	Children's Last Day of Summer Term
<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025</b>	INSET Day
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025</b>	INSET Day
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2025</b>	Summer Holidays

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# Diary Dates

## September 2025

Wednesday 3rd September 2025	INSET Day
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	INSET Day
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	Children's First Day of Autumn Term

## March 2026

Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	INSET Day
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## July 2026

Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Children's Last Day of Summer Term
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2026	INSET Day
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2026	INSET Day

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