



Balksbury Federation

Across the Playground

Friday 2nd May

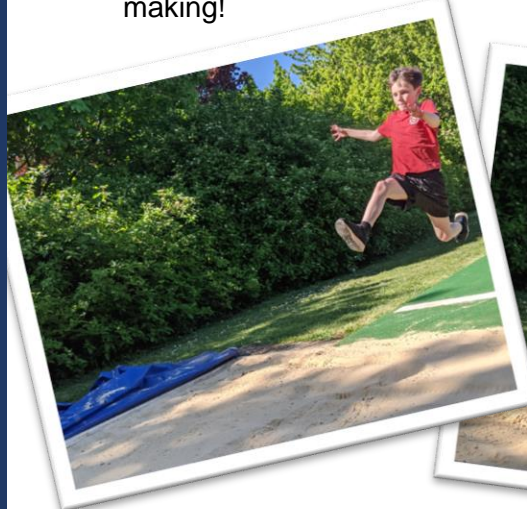
Welcome Back



Welcome back to our families, we hope that you had a wonderful Easter and managed to enjoy the sunshine. We have certainly felt the benefits of the warmer weather over the past week or so, with the swimming pool officially open and the polytunnel filling up; summer seems to be on its way!

This week our staff received training from Mr Bensaïd on how to support our children when using the long jump. Eager to get started, Miss Hackman took Athletics Club to try it out.

Judging from the photos, I think it's fair to say we have some future Olympians in the making!



Book Fayre

Thank you to all of our families who supported us by visiting our Book Fayre last week. We raised over £500 meaning we have earned £250 in book vouchers for our school. Congratulations to Teddy who won our book fayre prize draw. He was very happy with his £50 worth of free books! Miss Bolton will be seeking advice from the children on how the vouchers should be spent and which books they would like to see in their libraries, in the coming weeks.

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Balksbury Federation Presents

The Arts Festival



Friday 11th July



The Arts Festival is back this year, bigger and better than ever! This time, our theme will be:



'Land and Sea'



We will be linking our passion for the planet to art inspired by sustainability, listening to music inspired by our wonderful world and so much more.

To help make our vision work, **we need your help!**

We need as much clean plastic recycling as possible.

We are collecting:

- Plastic bottles, (drinks, toiletries etc)
- Bottle top lids
- Disposable plastic tubs and containers



We also need folded cardboard.

Plastic recycling can be placed in our **Arts Festival Wheelie Bins**, which can be identified by the paint splat posters on their lids and fronts. The wheelie bins will be placed by our entry gates on the playground.

Keep your eyes peeled for more Arts Festival news coming soon!

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Being a Sun Safe Federation

With the warmer weather on its way, we wanted to share some key information with our families on how we can work together to keep our children 'Sun Safe' at Balksbury.

Sun-hats

Over the summer term, please send a sun hat in with your child to wear at playtimes, lunch times and outdoor activities. The best level of sun protection is provided by hats with a longer back to provide shade for your child's neck.

Teachers will support by reminding children to put on their hats before going outside.



Sun hats available to purchase here:

<https://shorturl.at/7Qb9>



Sun-Cream

On days where UV levels are high (above 3) please apply sun protection to your child before school. Please feel free to send your child in with their own sun cream for them to re-apply during the day. Although teachers are not able to support in re-applying sun cream, they are able to keep an eye to ensure they don't apply too much!



Shade

The federation ensures that there is plenty of shade for children during outdoor activities such as P.E, playtime and lunchtime. Adults at the federation will monitor children during sunny days to ensure they access shade where appropriate.



Sun Safe Education

All children at the federation have recently taken part in our Sun Safety whole school assemblies where they have learnt the importance of sun protection. Sun Safety is also taught within our federated Health and Wellbeing Curriculum.



Skcin Accreditation

We are a Skcin Accredited Sun Safe School!

For our Sun Safety Policy click the link below:

[sun_protection_policy-3.pdf](#)

For a parent information leaflet on Sun Safety, click the link below:

[skcin-booklet-1.pdf](#)



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Competitions

Art at the Station

Don't forget, our Art at the Station Competition closes on **Wednesday the 7th of May**. We have been blown away by the entries we have had so far, but do keep your art work coming in! For more information on what you need to do to enter, click the link below:

<https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/balksbury-inf-hants/UploadedDocument/248117c1-b5ed-47b3-b4f2-3335c68c46e5/art-at-the-station.pdf>



Win a Book Bundle

Our 'Win a Book Bundle' competition is still running and open until the 23rd May. Remember if you read at home from Monday to Friday you will get a raffle ticket to enter into our draw to win £50 worth of books. Click the link below for more information:

<https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/balksbury-inf-hants/UploadedDocument/d91a7fcd-1138-41e7-b9e6-5957d50094f2/win-a-book-bundle.pdf>

House Points and Tokens

House Points

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



DANE BURY



Tokens - Infants

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



Tokens - Juniors

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



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Diary Dates

May 2025

Wednesday 7th May 2025 – Friday 9th May 2025	Year 4 Ufton Court Residential
Monday 12th May 2025 – Thursday 15th May 2025	Year 6 SATs Week
Tuesday 13th May 2025	Year R Hillier Gardens Trip
Thursday 15th May 2025	Dolce Endangered Species Lunch
Friday 16th May 2025	Year 6 Trinley Estate Trip
Monday 19th May 2025 – Friday 23rd May 2025	Year 6 – Bikeability
Monday 26th May 2025 – Friday 30th May 2025	Half Term

June 2025

Wednesday 4th June 2025	Butterflies Transition Evening 4:30pm – 5:30pm
Monday 9th June 2025 – Friday 13th June 2025	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
Thursday 12th June 2025	Open Box Year R – Dinosaurs
Thursday 12th June 2025	Year 3 Butser Farm Visit
Tuesday 17th June 2025	New Year R Children - Butterflies Session 1 2:00pm – 3:00pm
Wednesday 18th June 2025	Open Box Year 1 – Moon Landing
Thursday 19th June 2025	Fraser Portraits Class Photos
Thursday 19th June 2025	Year 2 to Year 3 Parents Transition Meeting 3:30pm – 4:30pm
Friday 20th June 2025	Sports Day with Family Picnic 9:00am – 3:00pm (Juniors 9:30am-12:00am and Infants 1:00pm-3:00pm)
Tuesday 24th June 2025	New Year R Children - Butterflies Session 2 2:00p – 3:00pm
Monday 30th June 2025 – Friday 4th July 2025	Swim Gala Week (More information to follow)

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July 2025

Tuesday 1st July 2025	Change Up Morning 9:30am – 12:00pm New Year R Children – Butterflies Session 3
Wednesday 2nd July 2025	Year 2 Production 1:30pm – 2:30pm
Thursday 3rd July 2025	Year 2 Production 1:30pm – 2:30pm
Friday 4th July 2025	Year 2 Country Dancing Festival
Friday 4th July 2025	Block 2 After School Clubs – Finish
Monday 7th July 2025 – Friday 11th July 2025	Arts Week (Arts Festival on Friday 11 th)
Monday 14th July 2025	Balksbury's Got Talent
Monday 14th July 2025	Year 6 Production 6:30pm – 7:30pm
Tuesday 15th July 2025	Year 6 Production 6:30pm – 7:30pm
Tuesday 15th July 2025	Year 2 Fun Day 9:00am – 3:00pm
Wednesday 16th July 2025	Year 2 Graduation 2:00pm – 3:00pm (School Based)
Wednesday 16th July 2025	Year 6 Fun Day 9:00am – 3:00pm
Thursday 17th July 2025	Disco Day 9:00am – 2:30pm
Thursday 17th July 2025	Year 6 Graduation at The Lights 10:00am – 11:00am
Friday 18th July 2025	Year 6 Graduation 9:15am – 10:15am (School Based)
Friday 18th July 2025	Children's Last Day of Summer Term
Monday 21st July 2025	INSET Day
Tuesday 22nd July 2025	INSET Day
Wednesday 23rd July 2025	Summer Holidays

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