

HELLO SUMMER



Balksbury Federation

Across the Playground

Friday 24th April

Welcome Back

It hardly seems possible, but here we are in the final term of the academic year. Mr Frowd has been busy this week preparing the swimming pool for it's much anticipated opening in the coming weeks. Don't forget to consent on Arbor if you haven't had a chance yet. Thank you so much to those of you who have made a contribution towards the upkeep of the swimming pool. We are hugely grateful for any support to keep such a wonderful resource running.



Preparations are also well underway for Sports Day on **Friday 5th of June**, and children have begun practising events in their P.E sessions ahead of the big day! Families are warmly invited to join us for a picnic lunch on the day, and we look forward to sharing this special event together.

Dream It, Built It, STEM It!

Exciting plans are also taking shape for a fantastic STEM Week for the children, followed by our **STEM Festival on Friday 10th July**, which will be open to the wider community.

We love working closely with our local community to create inspiring opportunities for the children. If you, or someone you know works in Science, Technology, Engineering or Maths and would like to be involved in our STEM events, please email Miss Bolton via either of our admin offices.



A Big Congratulations

We would like to say a big congratulations to Miss Fitzpatrick who celebrated her wedding during the Easter holidays. Miss Fitzpatrick's new name is now Mrs Mundy.

Just a Reminder

Just a reminder that our Community Support Leads (CSLs), Mrs Grinham and Mrs Whatley can be found on the playgrounds before school. They are able to relay a message to your child's teacher or answer any queries you have. The teachers will then be able to welcome and support all children into class.

If you require a longer discussion with the teacher or a CSL, an appointment can be arranged by calling either admin office or email adminoffice@balksbury-inf.hants.sch.uk for the Infant School and adminoffice@balksbury-jun.hants.sch.uk for the Junior School.

Ordering Uniform

To guarantee your new school uniform arrives before the start of the new school year, please place your order with stitch-a-logo no later than **Friday 31st July 2026**.

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**BACK TO SCHOOL
ONLINE AND INSTORE CUT OFF
DATE**

To guarantee your new school uniform arrives before back to school, please place your order online or instore no later than

Friday 31st July 2026

Orders placed after this date are not guaranteed to arrive in time, but we will try our best!

July 31

Opening Hours
Monday to Friday 10:30AM-5PM

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THE CUT OFF DATE!

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CSL Messages



Are you a parent/carer with pre-school or school-age children?
Are you looking for a bit of support from a friendly face?



Parents Empowered by
Andover Schools



Family Support Workers from PEAS will be running a parent drop-in at ACE on Bridge Street, Andover Town Centre, on the following dates:

6 & 27 February, 20 March, 17 April,
01 May, 05 June, 10 July

For anything family related, if we can't help you directly, we can signpost you to someone who can.

No need to book
Just stop by and grab a cuppa.



Selected Friday's

When: 09.30 - 11.30

Where: 13-17 Bridge St,
Andover

Community Cupboard

At Balksbury Federation, we are very aware of the continuing rise of the cost of food and utility bills. If this is having an impact on your family, we are able to help.



It could be the day before payday and the cupboards are looking empty - come in and grab something for dinner. The Community Cupboard is available to all our families because there are times when we all struggle.



Our 'Community Cupboard' is stocked with food and toiletries, all you need to do is bring a carrier bag to reception and ask for Mrs Grinham or Mrs Whatley and we will be happy to help. Alternatively, you can contact us via our confidential email community@balksbury.org

Andover and Winchester Community Public Health 5-19 Drop-In at ACE

(Your local School Nursing Team)

... Need a bit of advice, support or reassurance?
We're here for you.

Our friendly Public Health team can help with:

Emotional wellbeing
& mental health

Healthy eating &
lifestyle

Toileting &
bladder/bowel concerns

Child development &
behaviour

Growth, height &
weight worries

Oral health &
hygiene

Parenting support &
guidance

Parenting support
& guidance

For parents, carers & young people (5-19 years)
No question is too small

Drop in at ACE - no appointment needed

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Prefer to message? Text a School Nurse:

07507 332 417

Supporting our community to
grow, thrive and feel their best



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House Points and Tokens

House Points

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



Sidbury



Tokens - Infants

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



Tokens - Juniors

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



PTA Message



BAG 2 SCHOOL



Bag2School is a free eco-friendly fundraising scheme that helps schools, businesses, community groups, local councils, and charities raise funds through textile recycling as well as spreading textile recycling awareness.

Simply fill a black bag with old but good quality clothes, or textiles and Bag2school will make a donation to the PTA in exchange! It's a great way to de-clutter and support your PTA at the same time!

The following items can be donated:

- Clothes
- Paired Shoes
- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves and Ties
- Socks
- Belts

Our next collection will be on THURSDAY 21ST MAY 2026

Please leave all donations **BEFORE 9AM** at the top of the junior school drive.

Thank you!

CAN YOU HELP YOUR PTA?

As a small team, we are always on the lookout for new volunteers to join us in raising funds for our schools. This could be by helping us at treat sales, helping with the ACE food donations or helping to source raffle prizes.

We also have our uniform swap shop which always needs a bit of support! Meeting attendance is optional and we really appreciate any time you can donate!

ACE food donations / Treat sales / Uniform swaps and sales all take place on Fridays at the hive. 3pm - 3:30pm.

If you are interested in lending a hand, please pop an email to balksburypta@balksbury.org

THANK YOU!



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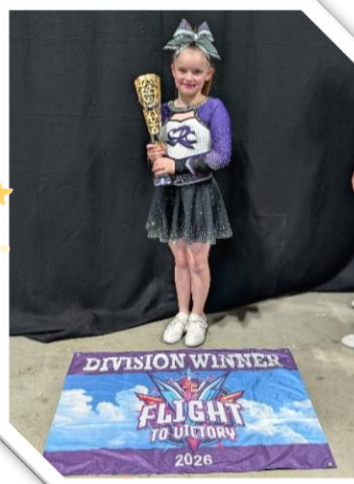
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Achievements from Outside of School

Back in March, Scarlett took part in her first cheerleading competition in Farnborough. Although she was initially really nervous about performing, she showed such resilience and took to the floor with amazing confidence. Her team won the U12 division and we couldn't be prouder of her. Well done Scarlett.

Ellena from year 4 attended her first gymnastics competition last weekend, competing against other gymnasts from as far away as Northern Island. Ellena won a silver medal and two bronze medals; she also won best hair! Well done Ellena, what a wonderful achievement.



In the Community

FEST **Andover's family festival**
with a focus on young people

SUNDAY 26TH APRIL 2026
10AM - 3PM | Andover High Street

FAIRGROUND RIDES | DANCERS | SINGERS | FOOD STALLS | HENNA ARTISANS | THERAPY GOATS | FIRE ENGINE | FACEPAINTING | PERFORMERS | ACTIVITIES | ARTS & CRAFTS | ICE CREAM | YOUTH GROUPS, CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS ...and so much more

FREE TO ATTEND Let us know that you'll be there by scanning the QR code. For more information, please visit www.afestandover.co.uk

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Help Your Local School WIN EQUIPMENT!

Get ready to participate in our exciting token collect competition and help your school stand a chance to win amazing prizes.

Prizes

- **1st Prize: £1,000 Amazon Voucher**
- **2nd Prize: £500 Amazon Voucher**

Collect tokens printed in the publication above from Monday 11th May until 3rd July 2026.

Terms and Conditions: Newsquest terms and conditions apply. Visit Newsquest Prize Competition Rules and Newsquest Privacy Policy for more information. No Photocopies Accepted: Only original tokens will be counted. Only registered schools can enter, and no two schools can combine their token collections. Prizes are non-transferable and no cash alternative is available.

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Dates to Remember

Diary Dates

May 2026

Thursday 7 th May 2026	Year R Trip to Hillier Gardens
Monday 11 th May – Friday 15 th May 2026	KS2 SATs Week
Wednesday 20 th May 2026	Year 4 – Parents v Kids Timestable Challenge 2:30pm-3:15pm
Monday 25 th May – Friday 29 th May 2026	May Half Term

June 2026

Thursday 4 th June 2026	Openbox Production: Moon Landing – Year 1
Thursday 4 th June 2026	Year 3 Butser Farm Trip
Thursday 4 th June 2026	Butterflies Parent Information Evening (for new Year R families)
Friday 5 th June 2026	Sports Day and Family Picnic
Monday 8 th June – Friday 12 th June 2026	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Week
Wednesday 10 th June 2026	Openbox Production: Dinosaurs – Year R
Thursday 18 th June 2026	Butterflies Transition - Session 1
Thursday 18 th June 2026	Year 3 Parent Transition Meeting (3:30pm – 4:30pm)
Friday 19 th June 2026	Fraser Portraits Class Photos
Monday 22 nd June – Friday 26 th June 2026	Bikeability Week – Year 6 (more information to follow)
Tuesday 23 rd June 2026	Year 4 Mini First Aid
Wednesday 24 th June 2026	Andover Dance Festival 4:00pm – 9:00pm
Thursday 25 th June 2026	Butterflies Transition - Session 2

July 2026

Wednesday 1 st July 2026	Year 5 Taster Day at John Hanson 9:00am – 12:00pm
Wednesday 1 st July 2026	Year 2 Production (2:00pm)
Thursday 2 nd July 2026	Year 2 Production (2:00pm)
Friday 3 rd July 2026	Year 2 Country Dancing Festival
Monday 6 th – Friday 10 th July 2026	STEM Week (12:00pm – 4:00pm)
Tuesday 7 th July 2026	Change Up Morning and Butterflies Transition - Session 3 (KS1 and KS2 Children spend the morning with their new class teacher and class)

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July 2026

Friday 10 th July 2026	STEM Festival 2:00pm – 4:30pm
Monday 13 th July 2026	Balksbury's Got Talent
Monday 13 th July 2026	Children's School Reports Come Home
Monday 13 th July 2026	Year 6 Production 6:00pm
Tuesday 14 th July 2026	Year 6 Production 6:00pm
Tuesday 14 th July 2026	Year 2 Fun Day (more information to follow)
Wednesday 15 th July 2026	Year 6 Fun Day (more information to follow)
Wednesday 15 th July 2026	Year 2 Graduation
Thursday 16 th July 2026	Year 6 Graduation at the Lights 9:00am – 12:00pm (more information to follow)
Friday 17 th July 2026	Disco Fun Day
Monday 20 th July 2026	Year 6 Graduation 9:15am
Monday 20 th July 2026	Children's Last Day of Summer Term
Tuesday 21 st July 2026	INSET Day
Wednesday 22 nd July 2026	INSET Day

September 2026

Tuesday 1st September 2026	INSET Day
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February 2027

Monday 22 nd February 2027	INSET Day
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April 2027

Friday 30th April 2027	INSET Day
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July 2027

Tuesday 20th July 2027	INSET Day
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Wednesday 21st July 2027	INSET Day
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