Newsletter October 2026

Dear Families,
As we reach the end of a busy and successful half term, I would like to thank pupils, staff and families for their continued support.
October has been filled with wonderful learning opportunities, school trips, sporting events and acts of kindness. We were pleased to welcome so many families to our parent meetings, which provided a valuable opportunity to discuss children's progress, and it was lovely to see our Governing Body attending.
We wish everyone a restful half-term break and look forward to welcoming you back for another exciting term ahead.
With warmest regards,
N Philpott

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Read our report

A Prayer by Harley.

Heavenly father, Help us to follow in your footsteps and do as you did. Please help our school to be more respectful with Thank you for our new toys because people are not always treating them with respect. families and friends because it means we will never be lonely at home or school. Amen



A reminder that regular attendance at school is vital for children's learning, confidence, and wellbeing.

Year R 97%
Year 1 97.7%
Year 2 98.2%
Year 3 97.8%
Year 4 98.2%
Year 5 98.1%
Year 6 98.7%
Whole School 98%

National Average – 95.9 %
Bracknell Forest – 96.1%

Well done Year 6 – taking the lead!





Diary Dates	Class	Event
Friday 25th September	Year R and 6	Buddy Assembly 9am
Monday 28th September- Friday 2nd October	Year 6	Residential Trip to Oakwood
Thursday 8th October	Year 2	Class Outing to Windsor Castle – all day
Friday 9th October	Year 6	Oakwood Assembly 9am
Friday 16th October	ALL Year 4	Donate for Foodbank Harvest Festival – Year 4 parents invited to attend 9am
Monday 19th October Wednesday 21st October	ALL	Parents Evenings
Friday 6th November	Year 2	Class Assembly 9am
Wednesday 11th November	ALL	Individual Photos
Thursday 12th November	Year 5	Trip to London – all day
Friday 20th November	ALL	ODD SOCKS DAY (anti-bullying week)
Monday 30th November	Year 5	Christingle Assembly 9am
Friday 4th December	Year 3	Class assembly 9am
Friday 4th December	Y5 GIRLS	Girls STEM day at 3M
Thursday 10th December Friday 11th December	Year R/1/2	Nativity @ 1.30pm on both days
Tuesday 15th December	KS2	6pm Carol Service @ Church
Friday 18th December	ALL	Pantomime in school
Monday 4th January	ALL	INSET DAY
Thursday 28th January	Year 1	Trip to Milestones Museum
Friday 28th May	ALL	Sports Day
Monday 7th June	ALL	INSET DAY
Wednesday 21st July	ALL	INSET DAY

ARE YOU ENTILTED TO CLAIM FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS?

Applying for Free School Meals is simple and could unlock extra support and resources for your child and our school.

Apply for free school meals | Bracknell Forest Council

WINTER UNIFORM

Just to remind families that children should now be wearing the correct winter uniform. Please ensure all items are clearly named.

We would also like to remind parents that the white shirt and tie have now been phased out. Pupils should wear the current school uniform, as outlined on our website and in our uniform guidance.

Thank you for your continued support in helping all children take pride in their appearance and represent our school community well.



Summer Uniform 1:

(Worn from start of the Summer term to end of September)

- St Joseph's branded Jumper/cardigan
- Royal blue polo shirt
- Grey Shorts or trousers
- Plain Grey or black Socks

Black Shoes

Summer Uniform 2:

(Worn from start of the Summer term to end of September)

- St Joseph's branded jumper/cardigan
- Light Blue Checked Summer Dress
- Plain grey or white socks

Black Shoes

Winter Uniform 1:

(Worn from October to end of Spring Term)

- St Joseph's branded jumper/Cardigan
- Royal blue polo shirt
- Grey Skirt, grey pinafore or grey trousers
- Plain black or grey socks or Tights

Black Shoes

PE Kit:

To ensure all children look similar and smart we ask that all children follow the PE uniform:

- Royal blue St. Joseph's branded T-Shirt
- Navy blue round neck St. Joseph's branded PE Jumper
- Royal Blue Shorts (plain)
- Navy blue jogger bottoms.
- PLAIN running shoes
- Plain white/black socks

Swimming Kit:

- Swimming costume – no bikinis
- Goggles
- Swimming cap
- Flip flops, crocs or sliders

Well done to our Year 6 Altar server who was part of the Bishop's visit at the weekend. We are proud of you.



YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL

At the end of September, Year 6 headed off to Oakwood for an unforgettable week of adventure and discovery. Throughout the week, the children embraced new challenges, developed their teamwork skills, built lasting friendships and created many wonderful memories. From exciting activities to plenty of laughter along the way, it was a fantastic experience for everyone involved. Here are some of the highlights from their week!























THANK YOU FOR THE HARVEST DONATIONS



Dear Generous Father,

Thank you for our food bank heros: for their kindness, generosity and compassion to help those who are less fortunate.

Give them joy in knowing that they are caring, loving and helpful people.

We give thanks to these wonderful people.

Amen

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our harvest food bank collection. The food bank team were absolutely delighted with the generosity of our school community and asked us to pass on their sincere thanks. Year 4's Prayer Bear was lucky enough to accompany the donations on their visit to the food bank and enjoyed seeing first-hand the difference our contributions will make to local families.





Music of the Georgian Era and Art Exhibition

Readings from the journals of Mrs. Papendiek



31st October | 7:30pm - late

Here at St. Joseph's Catholic Church

ST JOSEPH'S PTA

September Fundraising

£150.80

Bracknell Forest Lottery	£11.50
Donut Sale	£138.58
Easyfundraising	TBC paid quarterly

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Bracknell Forest LOttery

We thank you for all your support!

St Joseph's RC Primary PTA

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UPCOMING EVENTS 2026



NOV 14TH

LINE DANCING

Come join us for a fun evening of Line dancing led by our Friday after school dance teacher Kelly Wilkins

£10 a ticket and must be booked in advance adults only



OCT 24TH - NOV 1ST

SPONSORED READATHON

We are challenging all pupils to get reading this Oct half term and collect some sponsorship money along the way! Who can read the most?!



DEC 4TH

FESTVE DISCO

Calling all our pupils to get their boogie on and join us for a festive fun disco!



DEC 18TH

SCHOOL PANTO

The whole school will be treated to a performance of Aladdin in school. Performed by an external theatre company



Raise funds for us for FREE this Christmas

Simply become one of

St Joseph's Primary School, Bracknell

supporters on easyfundraising

8,000+ retailers will donate to us whenever you shop with them

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2 DAYS OF BASKETBALL-FOCUSED CAMP PACKED WITH ENERGY, PLUS A VARIETY OF OTHER ACTIVITIES FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO MIX THINGS UP.
FOR AGES 5-16 YEARS OLD

DAY 1
MONDAY 26 OCTOBER

DAY 2
TUESDAY 27 OCTOBER

ACTIVITIES

- Basketball Skills & Matches
- Games
- Colouring / Arts&Crafts
- Halloween Prizes
- Other Sports & Fitness

£40 A DAY

LOCATION
KINGS ACADEMY,
BINFIELD, RG42 4EX

TIME 10AM - 4PM



BOOK HERE www.cobrasbasketballclub.com/bookings

PLAY NOW

TO BOOST OUR FUNDRAISING



- Help give our fundraising a boost
- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- Win up to £25,000



Supporting Bracknell Forest Lottery

BUY TICKETS:

Go to: https://www.bracknellforestlottery.co.uk/support/st-josephs-rc-primary-school-pta

And search for: St Josephs

GambleAware 18+

Supporters must be 18 years or over

Eco Rewards

Rewarding Green & Active Travel

Incentivising green travel & healthy lifestyle choices since 2014

At Eco Rewards we are passionate about promoting and sustaining green travel and healthy behaviours. Our unique reward scheme offers incentives to achieve long-term behavioural shift.

Eco Rewards offers rewards and incentives for schools, businesses and communities to encourage greener travel, healthy lifestyle choices and reduce local congestion.

Cycling, walking and active travel journeys can be reported by scanning QR codes with our new App, or web based online reporting using existing fitness apps. *(Communities close to the centre of Bracknell can tap a smart tag or e+ card on the blue readers).*

League tables (between other schools, houses or year groups), prize draws, medals and carbon savings calculator keep motivation high. Participants can log their routes, achieve goals, encourage others, and help to save the planet.

We will calculate your points, carbon savings and green miles. Over time, participants will see their carbon savings grow, both as an individual and as a community. Participants can take part in special challenges, be entered into prize draws and access discounts and cash-back from thousands of well- known online retailers. You can also get special offers and vouchers from local shops such as your local bike store.

The scheme will involve the parent/carer escorting the child to school (or older pupils) **scanning the QR code with our new App** and submitting the journey report for each child. You only need to register once via the App or online.

Discounts and Cash-back from 1000's of Well-known Online Retailers Including:

PUREGYM, John Lewis, Waitrose, Sainsbury's, Iceland, COSTA COFFEE, currys, cineworld, ocado, NESPRESSO, M&S, CAFFÈ NERO, Morrisons, Argos, Harvester, LloydsPharmacy Online Doctor, Boots, deliveroo, TESCO



Eco Rewards motivates people through:

Reporting	Walking, cycling and green travel can be reported through our App using QR codes, smart tags, smartcards or online reporting
Rewards	The rewards, discounts and cash-back are funded by 1000's of well-known online retailers – saving £100s
Engagement	League tables, prize draws, badges and carbon savings calculator keep motivation high
Data	Useful anonymous data analytics gathered through surveys, data reporting and carbon saving calculations

"Hi eco-rewards. Many thanks - this scheme really gets me walking and active. Kind regards, Andrew"

We capture the location to ensure the report was made at the QR code location and multiple reports do not count! We only need one report per day as we collect home to school return distance and mode of travel on registration. We process the data anonymously for reporting back to the school and you will be able to see your green miles and carbon savings in your account. We do not share individual journey reports and we do not record mobile numbers used. Family members can also join in by registering via the App, to get assigned a unique ID.

Collectively participants could save on fuel costs and reduce their CO_2 emissions by 1000s of tonnes.

So, join Eco Rewards, get active and see your carbon savings grow.



Have you tried our new updated App yet?

You can use the APP to record your green and active journeys at **150 locations** around Bracknell

The APP registration can be linked to an existing smart tag or e+ account, so you won't lose your existing totals

Scan the QR signs or self-report journeys in the APP. Links to **local offers, rewards** and **latest news**

See your total points, green miles and carbon savings in the APP

Eco Rewards

Some of the fantastic new features in the latest version of the App are:

- Improved, easier to use setup and registration process
- Map links to show nearest QR signs to your location
- Earn and view your certificates
- Journey planners including links to local bus and rail
- Update profile if you change school or move home
- Links to exciting local offers, discounts & rewards



Download Our App

Log your green and active miles, check your carbon savings, take part in special challenges and prize draws, and access discounts and cash-back from thousands of well-known online retailers

www.ecorewards.co.uk/bracknell



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Eco Rewards

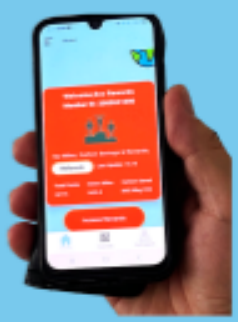
Rewarding Green & Active Travel

Bracknell Forest Council

How to participate:

1 Download our app & register to activate

(select your organisation & group)



Google play

Download on the App Store



2 Scan QR codes from the app on your smartphone to report every active journey or self-report online

3 Watch your carbon savings grow! Get special discounts, prizes & cash-back rewards. Compete against other schools, businesses or communities!

Register once, then scan QR codes regularly to be entered into prize draws

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Bottom Meadow
Sandhurst
epc
Charters School
Ascot
ULTIMATE SCREAM
ARE YOU READY TO BUILD YOUR
ULTIMATE SCREAM TEAM?
SIGN UP TODAY
Mon 26th - Fri 30th
October 2026
Bottom Meadow, Sandhurst
Tues 27th - Thurs 29th
October 2026
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Supporting Your Children Workshops 2026 / 27

To book a space email Inge.Taylor@bracknell-forest.gov.uk

All sessions unless stated otherwise **take place at The Bracknell Open Learning Centre**

Once you have completed an enrolment form your space will be confirmed

Please only book if you are *going to be able to attend* to avoid other parents missing out









Each of the following courses is a **standalone 2-hour session,** is universal (not specific for SEND), and is for the adults supporting **not** the children themselves so **please arrange childcare if needed**

Supporting Children to Overcome Anxious Thoughts / Worries Exploring how anxiety affects primary aged children using simple, effective techniques to support them to overcome their Anxious Thoughts & Worries.	
Monday 16th November 2026	**6.30 – 8.30 pm**
Monday 18th January 2027	**9.30 – 11.30 am**
Thursday 25th February 2027	**6.30 - 8.30 pm**
Tuesday 18th May 2027	**9.30 - 11.30 am**
Wednesday 23rd June 2027	**6.30 – 8.30 pm**
Managing Behaviour in a Positive Way Supporting parents of primary aged children develop positive behaviour strategies and handle challenging behaviours with confidence and care.	
Thursday 5th November 2026	**6.30 – 8.30 pm**
Monday 11th January 2027	**6.30 - 8.30 pm**
Tuesday 23rd February 2027	**9.30 - 11.30 am**
Thursday 13th May 2027	**6.30 - 8.30 pm**
Parenting your pre / early-teens in a Positive Way (aged 10 – 13) An insight into parenting, looking at positive behaviour strategies, different ways to strengthen communication / connection with your pre-teen child.	
Let me know if you would like to be on the list for future dates	
Parenting your teen in a Positive Way (aged 13 – 16) A session focused on using positive approaches to guide teenage behaviour, building stronger communication and connection during the teen years.	
Let me know if you would like to be on the list for future dates	
Encouraging Resilience – Keep Calm and Bounce Back Gain practical tips, leaving you inspired & equipped to help primary aged children bounce back stronger; no matter what life throws at them	
Let me know if you would like to be on the list for future dates	
Transition to secondary school Gain practical tips, share experiences, and learn how to support your child through the exciting, sometimes challenging transition to secondary school.	
Monday 5th July 2027	**6.30 - 8.30 pm**
Transition: Reception to Year 1 and beyond The move from Yr R to 1 is a big step in your child's learning journey. Session helps parents understand what the transition involves and how to support.	
Thursday 1st July 2027	**6.30 - 8.30 pm**
A healthy night's sleep Support for parents of primary aged children to gain practical tips to help children build healthy, lasting sleep habits	
Let me know if you would like to be on the list for future dates	**6.30 - 8.30 pm**
Reducing Sibling Rivalry A supportive session giving parents of primary aged children the tools to strengthen sibling bonds and create a calm, connected family environment.	
Let me know if you would like to be on the list for future dates	
Family Dynamics Family life comes in many forms for primary aged children. Session offers practical guidance navigating varying dynamics.	
Let me know if you would like to be on the list for future dates	

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PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

OUR 19TH ANNUAL

FIREWORKS NIGHT

FRIDAY, 6 NOV

GATES OPEN: 6:00PM & FIREWORKS 7:30PM

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