

Brize Norton Primary School

Striving, Helping, Inspiring, Nurturing, Excelling

We **SHINE** for ourselves and each other with kindness.



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Head Teacher's News

For a short term, it has certainly been a full one, one which has been packed full of enrichment and educational opportunities for the children. It has seen us attending a wealth of partnership events at Burford Secondary School, both sporting and academic. We proudly celebrated Purple Up Day in honor of the Month of the Military Child and hosted a spirited VE Day street party. A stunning drone photo was captured to commemorate our 150th anniversary, and several of our children witnessed the Falcons' first jump at the RAF base. We also participated in an energetic color run, and our Upper School students ventured to London for the Tutankhamun Virtual Experience. All these enriching experiences were made possible by the unwavering dedication of our Brize team, who go above and beyond to ensure the children not only receive a rich educational experience but also create joyful memories during their time at Brize.

Last week saw our Year 6 children take their SATs tests, which take place across the country. These tests bring mixed feelings and opinions from both children and adults. As a school, we strive for academic excellence for all our children, taking into consideration their starting points and individual needs. However, we know that SATs only assess part of the child, not the whole child, and not the most important factors that make them unique and special. The team and I were immensely proud of how our children took the tests in their stride; there were a few nerves, but they weren't phased. Well done, Year 6! You are superstars.

As we look to the final term of the academic, you can see by the diary dates, it is set to be another full term. In history, all the children will be learning about the history of the school and we will be working towards a superb celebration for us all on the 4th July. Do save the date and more information with follow at the beginning of next term.

Wishing you all a restful and peaceful half-term.
Mrs Jones and the team here at Brize.

SHINE



Well done to our Under 9 and Under 11 Quad Kids teams who took part in the Burford Partnership event these past couple of weeks. They represented us superbly. A special thanks too to Mr Jee who took the children on both occasions. Your time after school was very much appreciated.

Attendance

Buccaneers: 94.60%

Hurricanes: 97.03%

Hercules: 96.14%

Voyagers: 97.37%

Falcons: 96.86%

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School News

Classes for 2025-2026

As we approach the final term of this academic year, we are starting to look forward to planning the next one to come. The Year 2 and Year 5 class splits are yet to be done and as such, Teaching Partners have not been allocated to classes as this comes later, but teachers for the classes will be as follows:

Buccaneers: Mrs Lyon
Hurricanes: Mrs Woodham-Davies
Hercules: Mrs Baker
Voyagers: Miss Adams
Falcons: Mrs El-Masri

I am in the process of arranging some days in Term 6 for Miss Adams to come in to start to get to know the children as part of our transition package and our 'Getting to know me' day is scheduled for the 14th July. Letters will go out to parents of our current Year 1s and Year 4s regarding their classes in Term 6. In the meantime, you can find the policy as to how this decision is made on our school's website.

SENCO

Mrs. Baker has embarked on an 18-month NPQ(SEND) course, which will see her become a qualified SENCo in 2026. As of September, she will become the named SENCo for our school. Since she is new to the role, she will be supported by Ms. Ash Fox as Assistant SENCo, whom we are retaining for a further academic year to aid Mrs. Baker in her transition into the role. Mrs. Jones will also be supporting Mrs. Baker in her day-to-day responsibilities. Please direct all queries and emails to the SENCO@brize-norton.oxon.sch.uk email address to ensure that all correspondence goes through the same point and is not lost. Feel free to 'cc' relevant staff members, e.g., class teachers.

Non-Uniform Day – Monday, 30th June

The BNSA is hosting a non-uniform day on the 30th June to support their events for the Village Bash on 6th July. All children are welcome to come to school in their own clothes. The BNSA kindly asks for a contribution for their tombola, such as candles, toiletries, bottles, biscuits, or games. The Village Bash is one of the biggest sources of income for our School Association, so your donations will be greatly appreciated. As you know, all money raised is spent directly on the children.

Rags2Riches – 13th June 2025

We are once again taking part in Rags2Riches and have a collection booked for the 13th June. Please do bear this in mind if you are sorting through any clothing over the coming weeks. Please drop all bags in the parent shelter the morning of the collection. The charity collects most items which are in good condition but not: printed items, school uniforms, workwear, underwear, socks, stained/ripped items or old-fashioned clothes.

Mobile Phones

Just a gentle reminder that only children in our Year 5- and 6-year groups are allowed to bring mobile phones into school to support their growing independence with walking to and from school. If this is the case, the office and teacher should be made aware, and phones are to be handed in on arrival and will be given back before home time. Children in other year groups should not be bringing a mobile phone into school.

Staffing Update

A huge thank you to Mr Jee who has been with us in a full-time capacity in Hercules since January, supporting Mrs Stripe on her journey to becoming a qualified teacher. He is going to be remaining with us in Term 6, but not in this capacity as Mrs Stripe is now teaching full-time. He will still be teaching within Hercules on a Friday, so the children still have consistency for the remainder of the year. Congratulations to Mrs Stripe who has secured her first teaching job in September at a local primary school as well. She has flourished this year, and I am certain will continue to do so as she embarks on her teaching career.

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Mosaic Competition – 6th June

As part of our 150th anniversary, the BNSA is commissioning a mosaic to be made by the children to celebrate our school. It is a 5-panel mosaic, with each panel having one letter of our motto SHINE on it. As we have 5 classes, each of the classes will be creating the mosaic as part of a workshop, but first, we need our designs! This is where your child comes in. Your child is bringing home a piece of paper on which they are to design the mosaic. They can choose the colours and images; they just need to bear in mind that their images will be created out of small tiles. They can think about images that represent our school now, or its past, or ones that represent the values that their board signifies. It can be a scene on its own or a collage of images. All designs are to be handed in to school by the 6th of June. Mrs Jones and the artist will then choose the winning ones, which will be made into mosaics by the children the following week, or, as we did for Brisket, our cow, we may choose a series of images from different entries. The mosaic will be unveiled and shared with the community at the celebrations of the school on the 4th of July. We look forward to seeing the children's designs.

Thank you for all the cupcakes and cookies baked for our sale. The community raised £124.65 which will go towards the 150th celebrations in July.

ICE CREAM FRIDAYS

ICE CREAMS WILL BE SOLD
AFTER SCHOOL EVERY FRIDAY
TO HELP RAISE MONEY FOR
OPAL RESOURCES.

£1 AN ICE CREAM

As we enter the summer months, please do remember to pack your child a sun hat and apply sunscreen before school. We will be encouraging children to drink plenty of water!

Children who have packed lunches will be able to picnic outside, weather permitting.

Lost Property

As the weather is warming up, we are quickly collecting jumpers in our lost property box which aren't named. Please help us to return your child's clothing by naming their clothes.

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150th Anniversary Colour Run



The children had a superb time yesterday taking part in the colour run. They all participated brilliantly, aiming to complete the 10 laps. They supported each other, spurred each other on and did so with smiles on their faces. A HUGE thank you to the community for supporting the event. We exceeded our target of £800 and raised an impressive £1207. This money will go directly to the celebrations on the 4th July – information will follow in Term 6.

A further HUGE thank you to all the volunteers behind the scenes who enabled this event to go ahead: Mrs Rae for taking the lead and co-ordinating the event; Mr and Mrs Woodward for the donation and creation of the T-shirts, the creation of the leaflets, and setting up our JustGiving page; the BNSA for arranging the medals, sunglasses and the ice pops; Mr Leslie (Mrs Jones' dad) for being chief photographer and Miss Glenister and Mrs Rae and her son, Fynn, for the impressive balloon arch. Without all these volunteers, the event would not have been as enjoyable as it was for the children, and they have some lovely keepsakes from the afternoon. A special thanks to Mrs Rae who has been a driving force behind the scenes. You really are appreciated.



Complete the consultation form



ODST Consultation – Proposal for the relocation of the school

Thank you to the parents and community members who attended last night's meeting. ODST are keen to hear all views, those in favour and those who are not. Please do share these with them through the consultation form which can be found using the QR link. The QR link can also be found around the school, in class windows and on notice boards.

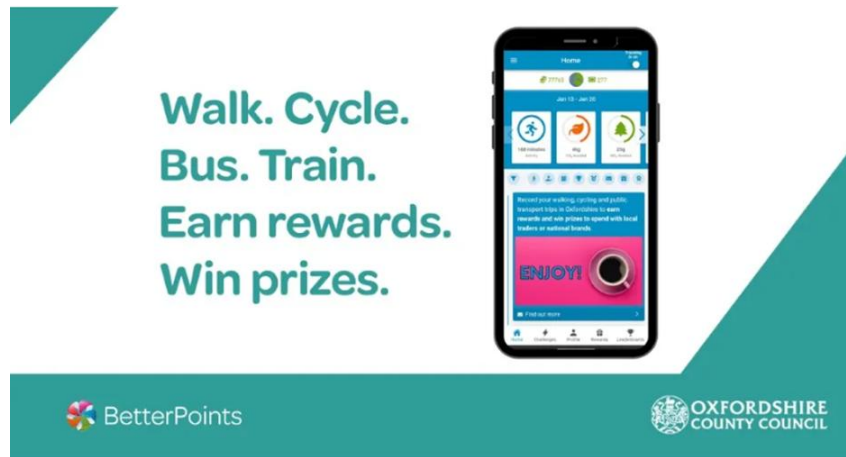
Many thanks.

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Ever wanted to move more but need a bit more inspiration? Got a favourite spot for a cuppa while you're out and about?

Well now you can combine the two with the launch of the BetterPoints Oxfordshire app which has just been launched countywide.

Getting started is easy, just download the free app at <https://oxon.betterpoints.uk/> to your mobile phone and register using your email address, then you can earn BetterPoints when making greener and healthier journeys. Choose to walk, wheel, run, cycle or take the bus or train. Record your trips and see your points total grow.

You can then turn your Better Points into rewards and redeem them at many high street and local Oxfordshire based businesses. Points can be swapped for high street vouchers, spent with local businesses, or even donated to charities.

The app is really easy to use and helps you keep track of your progress. If you step outside Oxfordshire, don't worry. As long as part of your trip takes place within the county boundary you will still earn points.

It's a fun way to stay motivated and make positive changes in your life. By making one change at a time, you can get fitter, be healthier and earn BetterPoints.

Oxfordshire County Council
Active Travel



We are pleased to announce the next date for our very popular Online Workshop for Parents on Responding to Behaviour.

Wednesday 18th June 6.30-7.30pm.

Tickets for this workshop can be purchased via Eventbrite link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/workshop-for-parents-responding-to-behaviour-tickets-1375834811959?aff=oddtcreator>

Tickets only cost £6.12 (£4.99 plus Eventbrite fee).

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Dates for your Diary

26th – 30th May	Half Term
4th June	Year 3 and 4 swimming lessons start
6th June	Mosaic Competition Deadline for entries.
9th – 12th June	Mosaic Workshops
10th June	Year 2, 5 and 6 NSPCC Workshops
13th June	U11 Boys and Girls Cricket
18th June	Yr 5 and 6 Fire Safety Talk
20th June	Sports Day (and picnic family lunch)
Wc 23rd June	Sports Week
23rd June	Year 2 Singing Concert at Burford Secondary School
24th June	KS2 Scootering Workshops
25th June	KS1 Skateboarding Workshops
26th & 27th June	Year 6 Burford Visits for pupils who are moving on there.
27th June	Forces Day
30th June	Non Uniform Day
1st July	Year 2 All Stars Cricket – Burford partnership Event
2nd July	Class Photos
3rd July	Year 6 parents of children attending Burford Secondary transition coffee morning (more information to follow) @ 8:45am
3rd July	Victorian Day and Street Party – whole school
4th July	SAVE THE DATE - 150th Celebrations 5pm – 8pm – more information to follow
11th July	School Reports to go out
14th July	Classes for 2025-2026 Day – Getting to know me day.
16th July	Upper School Performance 1:30pm and 5pm.
22nd July	Leavers' Assembly
22nd July	Term 6 Ends - School Finishes @ 1:15pm

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