

# Brize Norton Primary School

Striving, Helping, Inspiring, Nurturing, Excelling

We SHINE for ourselves and each other with kindness.



NEWSLETTER 02 – 10<sup>th</sup> October 2025

## Head Teachers News

Dear Parent/Carers,

This week, we been focusing on the important value of kindness. Across classrooms and year groups, we've been exploring what it truly means to be kind—through our words, actions, and attitudes towards others. As part of this focus, we shared the beautifully illustrated book *Kindness Grows* by Britta Teckentrup with the children. The book's powerful message, that small acts of kindness can break down walls and bring people together, really resonated with the children.

The story helps children understand that unkindness can cause cracks and divisions, but kindness has the power to heal, connect, and strengthen relationships. Using the book as a starting point, we held class discussions about how kindness looks and feels in everyday life. Children reflected on times they had been kind, or when others had shown kindness to them. They also thought deeply about how even small gestures—a smile, a kind word, helping a friend—can have a big impact. We have reflected on how we are a team in each class, and as a team, we have the power to make our classrooms a kind, nurturing space to learn and excel which are full of kindness.

As we continue the term, we hope to build on this positive momentum, ensuring that kindness remains at the heart of our school community. After all, as *Kindness Grows* reminds us—when kindness is shared, it only gets stronger. Please do take a few minutes to explore the value of kindness at home, what little acts of kindness can we acknowledge and celebrate from those around us.

Best wishes,  
Mrs Jones and team here at Brize.

SHINE...

Well done to all the children who put themselves forward for a leadership role!

It takes courage, confidence, and commitment to apply, and every one of you should be proud of your effort. Whether or not you were selected, showing initiative and a willingness to lead is an important achievement in itself. You really did show our SHINE values through your presentations and speeches. Well done!



## Attendance

Buccaneers: 98.42% - Well done

Hurricanes: 98.26%

Hercules: 96.01%

Voyagers: 96.67%

Falcons: 96.15%

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## Useful Information

### Cupcake Sale

Thank you for your support with the bake sale last week. We raised an impressive £136.46. This money will go towards funding our Forces Day later in the year. Your support was greatly appreciated.

### Service Families Information workshop – Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> Oct @ 2pm in the hall

We are hosting a Service Families Information Workshop, where we'll be sharing information about how our school supports children from service families and how we use the Service Pupil Premium to make a positive difference.

During the session, we will:

- Explain how the Service Pupil Premium is spent and the impact it has on our pupils.
- Share the ways we support children from service families throughout the year.
- Introduce the role of our Forces Liaison Officer and how they help connect school and home.
- Outline our priorities for the coming year to further strengthen our support for service families.
- Invite you to share your thoughts and ideas on how we can continue to improve.

If you are a member of a Service Family, do come along and join us, please just email the office in advance so we know to expect you.

### Phonic Workshop – Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> October @ 9am – 9:30

We would like to invite the parents of our Reception (Buccaneers) and Year 1 pupils to a Phonic Workshop, led by Mrs Lyon, our Phonics lead. She will be sharing how phonics is taught in school and strategies to support your children at home. If you would like to come along, please email the office so we have an idea of numbers.

### Harvest Festival – Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> October

On Tuesday 21st October, we will be celebrating our Harvest Festival here in school, led by Mrs El-Masri and Rev Barry. As part of this festival, we will be collecting donations for the Witney and West Oxfordshire Foodbank. We would appreciate any donations being brought into school by Monday, 20th October. These will be gratefully received by local families.

### Art Week

This week, our students enjoyed a wonderful Art Week full of creativity and colour! The theme was "The Environment," inspired by the vibrant work of contemporary artist Stephanie Peters.

Children explored her unique style and techniques before creating their own beautiful acrylic paintings based on environmental themes. Next Tuesday, the children will also be taking part in a Workshop delivered by Cygnet Arts where again, they will focus on an artist and a skill and create a piece of artwork.

It was a fantastic week celebrating creativity, imagination, and our shared responsibility to care for the world around us. We hope you enjoyed sharing your child's artwork with them during our open afternoon.

### Can you help!!

We are looking for someone who could paint our school vision 'We SHINE for ourselves and each other with kindness' onto a wall in our shared space. If you know of anyone who is arty and would be happy to give their time for this mini project, please do let Mrs Jones or the office know. Many thanks in advance.

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## New Children Leadership Roles..

We are delighted to announce our new Pupil Leadership Teams for this year. Pupils across the school have taken on a variety of important roles. These roles give children the opportunity to develop confidence, teamwork, and responsibility while helping to make our school an even better place to learn and grow. We are very proud of all our new leaders and look forward to seeing the positive impact they will make this year!



Our School Council



Mrs Jones' Personal Assistant and our Head Student



Our House Captains



Our Service Children's Champion

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<b>Dates for your Diary</b>		
	Thurs, 16th Oct	Phonics Parent Workshop @ 9am
	Tues, 21st Oct	Harvest Service (chn only)
	Tues, 21st Oct	Service Families Information Workshop
	Wed, 22nd & Thurs 23rd Oct	RE Focus mornings
	w/c 27th Oct	HALF TERM Holidays
	3rd Nov	INSET DAY
	Wed, 5th	Voyagers 1st Swim Lesson (weekly hereafter for this term)
Autumn Term 2	Thurs, 6th Nov	Parents Evening (3:30 – 8pm)
	Fri, 7th	School Remembrance Service
	w/e 10th Nov	Anti-bullying Week
	Mon, 10th Nov	Odd Sock Day
	Thurs, 13th Nov	World Kindness Day
	Tues, 25th Nov	Antibullying Ambassadors Training day
	w/c 1st Dec	Assessment Week
	Mon, 1st Dec	KS1 (Yr 1 and 2) Nativity play for families – 2pm and 4:30pm
	Tue 9th Dec	IRock concert for parents @ 2.30pm
	Wed, 10th Dec	Year 1 – 6 Panto Trip
	Thursday, 11th Dec	Buccaneers Nativity for families @ 2pm
	Wed, 17th Dec	Year 3 Carols at Church @ 4:30pm
	Thurs, 18th Dec	Christmas party/Lunch/Jumper Day
	Fri, 19th Dec	End of Term 2 – School finishes at 1:15pm
	22nd Dec – 2nd Jan	CHRISTMAS Holidays
	Mon, 5th Jan	INSET DAY
Spring Term	Thurs, 15th Jan	Young Voices – Upper School
	Tues, 10th Feb	Safer Internet Day
	w/c 16th Feb	HALF TERM Holidays

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