

# Brize Norton Primary School

Striving, Helping, Inspiring, Nurturing, Excelling

We SHINE for ourselves and each other with kindness.



NEWSLETTER 03 – 7<sup>th</sup> November

## Head Teachers News

Welcome back to a brand-new term! We hope you all enjoyed a restful break and are returning refreshed, recharged, and ready for new learning adventures. With Anti-Bullying Week being next week, along with World Kindness Day, this term, our whole-school focus is on one of the most important values we share: KINDNESS.

As introduced to you in the previous newsletter, our School and Community Council is made up of enthusiastic pupils from across the school who are passionate about making a positive difference in our community.

One of their first and very important decisions was to focus on kindness—in our classrooms, in the playground, online, and beyond. To help us achieve this, the School and Community Council has chosen to work with SuperKind.org, a platform designed to inspire, educate, and empower young people to create change through kindness.

### What is SuperKind?

SuperKind.org is an award-winning programme that supports children to become:

- Kind leaders
- Positive role models
- Changemakers in their communities
- Supporters of important causes like inclusion, wellbeing, and sustainability

### What will this mean for our school?

Throughout the year, our School Council will be:

- Leading assemblies and activities that celebrate kindness
- Encouraging everyone to take part in kindness challenges
- Sharing stories of pupils who go above and beyond for others
- Working with SuperKind resources to develop leadership and empathy

We look forward to seeing the positive impact our School and Community Council and SuperKind partnership will have—one small act of kindness at a time! We will keep you updated with our progress.

Best wishes,  
Mrs Jones and the team here at Brize

### SHINE...

We are delighted to celebrate the outstanding achievement of Miss Laura Nelson who has successfully completed their Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA) qualification! Miss Nelson has been working towards this for several months and it is well-deserved – congratulations Miss Nelson.



### Attendance

Buccaneers: 99.5% Well done

Hurricanes: 95.3%

Hercules: 94.7%

Voyagers: 93.2%

Falcons: 96.1%

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## Useful Information

### OPAL BINGO

Thank you for the play equipment donations that have been coming in as part of our OPAL Bingo game. Donations of toys and small parts are welcome all year-round so do keep us in mind but the Bingo drive closes on the 14<sup>th</sup> November. All contributions are very much welcome – especially the prams! The children have missed these. Many thanks.

### World KINDNESS Day – 13<sup>th</sup> November

On Thursday, it is World Kindness Day. We are going to be recognizing this in school as well as within the community with random acts of kindness. As the colour pink is associated with love, care, empathy and compassion, and Magenta (purplish-red) is associated with harmony and kindness, the children are welcome to come into school wearing those colours on their tops along with their PE bottoms and trainers for comfort.

The children will also be coming home with a 30-day challenge – please can an adult in the home sign each act of kindness that the child completes (one per day), and if they complete them all, they can return the challenge calendar to school for a prize.

### Non-Uniform Day – 28<sup>th</sup> November

The BNSA would like to hold a non-uniform day on the 28<sup>th</sup> November. Children are welcome to wear their home clothes and come into school with a present/prize for the tombola stall for the Christmas fayre.

### KS1 Nativities – 8<sup>th</sup> December

Tickets for the KS1 Nativity will be made available shortly on school money for parents of Year 1 and 2 to purchase directly. Please only buy a maximum of 2 tickets per performance; however, you are welcome to buy tickets for both performances if you wish. You will not receive a physical ticket, as we will keep a register and sign you in.

### Odd Sock Day – 11<sup>th</sup> November

This November, our school is proudly taking part in Anti-Bullying Week, a UK-wide event focused on promoting kindness, respect, and positive behaviour. The theme for 2025 is "Power for Good" — a reminder that each of us has the ability to make a positive difference in someone's life.

We will launch the week with Odd Socks Day on the 10<sup>th</sup> November, where pupils and staff can wear their brightest and most mismatched socks to celebrate individuality and what makes us unique. It's a fun way to show that our differences are something to be proud of — and never a reason to be unkind.

Your children are welcome to join in with this – we encourage the 'mismatched' the better!



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## Other News....



### The Sports and Play Council

The sports and play council met last term. They will be the voice of the children, so if you have any ideas about how sport or play could be improved, these are the people to talk to!

The first thing on our agenda was to discuss the sports clubs that we have had in the past and ideas for the future. The children have come up with some questions that they would like parents and children to answer, to help us plan for the year. These questions will be coming home soon.

### Restorative Buddies

Our Restorative Buddies have received training to be able to offer a first level of support to children on the playground who may need it. They are not replacing the adults support, but it is the first step in us supporting children develop their independence in 'minor' conflict resolution with their friends. Our aim is for children to leave us with the social skills they need for the next stage in their journey.



### Harvest Festival

A HUGE and heartfelt thank you for all your generous donations that supported our Harvest Festival. The items were collected by the Witney and West Oxfordshire Foodbank and will be distributed by them to local families who need the support.

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## Supporting our Service Family Community

Last term, Miss Nelson and I held a meeting for our Service Family parents to inform them of how we spend the Service Pupil Premium. Service children make up 28% of our school community; we are committed to supporting these children and their families just as we are all of our families, the funding supports us in effectively doing this.

The Service Pupil Premium (SPP) is additional funding provided by the government to support children who have a parent serving in the Armed Forces. It recognises that these pupils may face unique challenges such as mobility, deployment, and separation from family members.

At our school, we use the SPP to help ensure that our service children feel supported, connected, and able to thrive. This funding is not about academic disadvantage, but about emotional wellbeing and stability.

Here are some of the ways we use the funding:

**Emotional Support:** Providing pastoral care and mentoring to help children manage transitions and family separations.

**Clubs and Groups:** Running lunchtime groups and playtime drop-ins, where service children can connect with others who share similar experiences.

**Transition Support:** Helping children settle quickly when joining or leaving the school due to a posting.

**Resources and Training:** Equipping staff with training to understand and meet the needs of service families.

**Forces Liaison Officer:** Miss Nelson coordinates and provides the support for our children as well as provides a point of connection for the parents.

**Celebration days:** Having focus days such as Camo Day, Purple Up Day, Forces Day among others, to help celebrate the vital roles the parents play, as well as raise awareness and understanding of life as a service child.

It's important that all our pupils understand what life can be like for children from service families. Moving schools, having a parent deployed, or being apart from family members can bring unique challenges. By learning about and talking openly about these experiences, we help build empathy, understanding, and a strong sense of community where every child feels supported and included.

We are proud of our service community and are committed to ensuring every child feels valued and supported.

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BNSA  
*Wreath Making Evening*

Wednesday 26th November  
At 6.30pm  
In Brize Norton School Hall  
£35 a person  
Includes a drink and a mince pie

Message Emma on 07532131296 to book a place

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<b>Dates for your Diary</b>		
Autumn Term 2	w/c 10th Nov	Anti-bullying Week
	Mon, 10th Nov	Odd Sock Day
	Tues, 11th Nov	Remembrance Service – Upper School
	Thurs, 13th Nov	World Kindness Day
	Mon, 17th Nov	Year 1 to 6 Karate taster sessions (PE Kit required)
	Tues, 25th Nov	Antibullying Ambassadors Training day
	Wed, 26th and Thurs 27th	RE Focus Mornings
	Fri, 28th Nov	Non Uniform Day - BNSA
	w/c 1st Dec	Assessment Week
	Mon, 8th Dec	KS1 (Yr 1 and 2) Nativity play for families – 2pm and 4:30pm
	Tues, 9th Dec @ 2pm	IROCK Concert for parents of those who have sessions
	Wed, 10th Dec	Year 1 – 6 Panto Trip – oh yes it is!
	Thurs, 11th Dec	Buccaneers Nativity for families @ 2pm
	Thurs, 11th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day – Save the Children
	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
	Mon, 5th Jan	INSET DAY
Spring Term 1	Tues, 13th Jan	Never Such Innocence Charity Art Workshops – Upper School
	Thurs, 15th Jan	Young Voices – Upper School
	Tues, 10th Feb	Safer Internet Day
	Tues, 10th Feb	Forces Family Afternoon Tea @ 2pm
	w/c 16th Feb	HALF TERM Holidays

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