

Brize Norton Primary School

Striving, Helping, Inspiring, Nurturing, Excelling

We SHINE for ourselves and each other with kindness.



NEWSLETTER 04 – 28th November

Head Teacher's News

There has been quite a lot going on behind the scenes here at the school, with us welcoming advisors from both the academy trust and the county council. We invited the advisors in as part of our continual cycle of evaluation and next steps to continue to strengthen our offer, the focus of their visits were all linked to our school development priorities.

We recently welcomed the Early Years Advisors for a routine visit, and we are delighted to share that their feedback was overwhelmingly positive. They praised the warm, nurturing atmosphere in our Early Years classroom, the high-quality learning environment, and the strong relationships staff have built with our youngest learners. Their report highlighted the children's enthusiasm, confidence, and engagement—reflecting the hard work and dedication of our Early Years team. We are proud of this affirmation and look forward to continuing to build on these strengths.

We were also pleased to welcome our ODST School Improvement Advisor (SIA) for a focused visit on our implementation of cognitive load strategies across the school at the end of last week. The advisor reported many strengths, noting how clearly these approaches are being embedded in classroom practice and how confidently staff are using them to support pupils' learning. The visit highlighted purposeful lessons, well-structured explanations, and supportive learning environments that help pupils stay focused and successful. We are delighted with this positive feedback as we continue to refine and deepen our work in this area.

And finally, we were delighted to welcome the Restorative and Relational Advisor from Oxfordshire County Council, who spent time reviewing our approaches to building positive relationships and resolving conflict across the school. The advisor praised the implementation of our restorative practices, noting the clear impact they are having on children's wellbeing, confidence, and ability to manage challenges. Their feedback highlighted the calm, respectful culture within our school and the positive way pupils engage with one another. We are proud of this recognition and remain committed to nurturing a supportive, relationship-focused environment for all.

SHINE...

Congratulations to Ella Liston, who has been chosen by Little Troopers to visit the Chelsea pensioners in London on Saturday (29th) to take part in a Christmas-themed workshop with them.

Enjoy the experience Ella, well done.



Attendance:

Buccaneers: 89.2%

Hurricanes: 95.15

Hercules: 92.45

Voyagers: 95%

Falcons: 96.65 – Well done

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Useful Information

Parent Governor Vacancy – Come and join the leadership team!

The governing body now has a vacancy for a parent governor - keep an eye out for a letter with more information to be circulated in the next few days - but please consider being part of this important network to support the school and pupils.

Festive Dash - Fun Run – Tuesday, 16th December

A message from our Sports and Play Team:

Santa runs are very popular in the UK - so we have decided to embrace this festive event to stay active, feel good and finish the term full of energy!

On the afternoon of Tuesday 16th December, we are inviting everyone to don their most festive outfit - whether it's Santa, a reindeer or a Christmas tree – the more imaginative, the better! We will then complete 10 laps (or more) of the recreation ground. We have discussed ways of making this fun and exciting, and our plans are underway!! As everyone completes a lap, they will collect a festive sticker, and all children will return to school at the end for hot chocolate and a biscuit.

We will be using this event to raise money for OPAL resources to enhance the quality of play at breaktime for all children – as well as the school council's chosen charity, which is currently being chosen and we will update you shortly. A just giving page will be set up in due course and shared with the school community. We will also be awarding the best KS1 and KS2 outfit with a small prize.

We hope you will take the opportunity to come along on the day to encourage the children - and treat yourself to a hot drink at Humble Bumble!

Thank you for your support

Frankie, George, Finn, Lily, Alice and Teddy

School and Community Council – Festive Act of Kindness

As our acts of kindness were so well received in the village on World Kindness Day, we would like to spread some festive cheer as we approach Christmas. We would like to create some little parcels of Christmas cookies, chocolates and mince pies, that we can attach a Christmas note to, and once again, deliver them around the village dropping them at doorsteps. If you would like to support this, please can you bring a contribution of either mince pies, Christmas chocolates (eg. Roses) or Christmas biscuits (all preferably shop bought) to school on Monday, 15th December and the School and Community Council can become little elves and make up some festive treat bags ready to deliver later in the week.

Restorative and Relational Practice here at Brize – 14th January @ 2:30pm

You may be aware from previous newsletters or interactions with the school, that here at Brize, we pride ourselves on being a restorative and relational school. The team have taken part in the 18-month Oxfordshire County Council's programme and were a part of the first cohort of schools to do this back in 2022. From these strong foundations, we have grown our approach and have further developments regarding this in the new year with 2 new initiatives beginning.

If you would like to find out more about our approach, please do join me over a cup of tea where I will share this with yourselves and answer any questions. Attached to this email is a leaflet which will give you a taster of what we do to support your children for your information.

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Other News....

Anti-Bullying Ambassadors

Earlier this week, our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors went to Chipping Campden to receive accredited Anti-bullying Ambassador training from The Diana Award. This a year-long programme designed to equip pupils and staff with the tools to tackle bullying behaviours and create a safer community school. Our trained Ambassadors will be a super addition to our Restorative Buddies on the playground supporting positive playtimes for all.



Restless Development Triathlon – Abingdon School 26th April 2026

This week, we had a volunteer from Restless Development who spoke to the children about a fun opportunity to take part in a triathlon. This is for children in Key Stage 2.

All the information is attached to this email, so if your child is interested, please do have a read and let the school know if you register as we would love to come and support.

Christmas Post Box – 8th December

The Christmas Post Box will be accepting deliveries from the 8th Dec. Please ensure the child's name (and initial of surname) are on the envelope - the class name will be helpful in speeding up delivery. The School and Community Council are looking forward to delivering the cards...



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JOIN US FOR A COFFEE AND A CATCH UP

Meet our Headteacher & ODST's CEO

Please come along to a drop in session at **Elder Bank Hall** during one of the times listed below to meet our Head and CEO and share your thoughts.

2nd December from 10:00am - 6:00pm
9th December from 4:00pm - 8:00pm

All welcome - drop in anytime.

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Training

One week to go!



Visual strategies

Why visuals work (better than words!)

Practical ways to get visual

Trainer: Becky Loveless



Online webinar **Weds 3rd Dec 2025**
12PM - 1:30PM

Training for all - **parents/carers** and **professionals**

Details and bookings: bookwhen.com/afsotraining

Lunchtime webinar: Visual strategies and how to use them

For parents/carers and professionals

Date: Weds 3 Dec 2025

Time: 12 PM – 1:30 PM

Format: Online webinar via Zoom

This webinar will provide **practical ideas** for visual prompts and strategies to support children and adults – and understand why they work!
The strategies are designed to help autistic people:

- ✓ Try and learn new things.
- ✓ Manage and cope with change.
- ✓ Plan their day and time.
- ✓ Make good choices.
- ✓ Regulate emotions and behaviour.

Cost

Earlybird (for all): £12 (Book by 25 Nov- Sorry, too late for this ticket!)

Parent/carers: £22

Professionals: £35

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Dates for your Diary

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| | w/c 1st Dec | Assessment Week |
| | Tues, 2nd Dec | ODST CEO and Headteacher Drop in (as advertised) |
| | 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 |
| | Tues, 9th Dec | ODST CEO and Headteacher Drop in (as advertised) |
| | 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 |
| | Mon, 15th Dec | Donations of Mince pies, chocolates and cookies to be dropped off.... |
| | Tues, 16th Dec | Festive Dash! |
| | 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 1 | Tues, 13th Jan | Never Such Innocence Charity Art Workshops – Upper School |
| | Wed, 14th Jan @ 2:30pm | Restorative and Relational Practice Parent information session |
| | 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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