

Brize Norton Primary School

Striving, Helping, Inspiring, Nurturing, Excelling

We SHINE for ourselves and each other with kindness.



NEWSLETTER 06 – 23rd January 2026

Head Teacher's News

Welcome back to a new term.

January brings with it fresh beginnings, New Year's resolutions, and a sense of optimism for the year ahead. We hope everyone has returned feeling refreshed and ready for the exciting opportunities this term will bring.

There is also a great deal to look forward to as we continue to provide rich and meaningful experiences for our children. Upper School have already enjoyed attending Young Voices, and we have many exciting events ahead, including Science Week and Sports Week. Preparation is also underway for the Snowdon visit later in the year, alongside a range of other enrichment days designed to enhance learning beyond the classroom. Further information about these events and opportunities will be shared in this and upcoming newsletters.

At half term, we are going to be saying goodbye to Ms Fox who has been working with us as an Assistant SENCO. She has been invaluable in supporting the children and the team behind the scenes here at Brize. ODST require her expertise in other schools. I will continue to work alongside Mrs Baker as part of her training to be the school's SENCo come September. Ms Fox however will still be involved with the school from time to time. All SEND enquiries are to continue to go to your child's class teacher in the first instance and if needed, be sent to the senco@brize-norton.oxon.sch.uk email address. Mrs Baker's dedicated SENCO time will be on a Tuesday and Friday morning from Term 4.

At Easter, we will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Keeble, our Office Manager. Mrs Keeble has been with the school for 11 years and has been an incredibly very valued colleague. She is set to retire and enjoy life with her family. I am sure you will join us in wishing her all the best when the time comes; she will be greatly missed here at Brize.

We look forward to a positive and productive term ahead.
Best wishes, from myself, and the team here at Brize.

SHINE...



To all the children and families who supported in our fundraising efforts prior to Christmas. The sale of nativity tickets raised £220 and the Festive Dash raised a superb £720, half of which will be going to Sobell House. The money raised will be going towards purchasing more resources for playtimes which we will share with you in due course. Many thanks for your support with this.

Attendance:

Buccaneers 96.6%

Hurricanes 98.7%

Hercules 99%

Voyagers 94.1%

Falcons 100% - Well done

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Useful Information

Parent Governor Update

Before the Christmas holidays, we advertised for 2 new parent governors to join our team here at Brize. We had one candidate for the vacancies, and that individual will now be put forward to the Trust for their review. With one vacancy still available, do come and speak to Mrs Jones if you may be interested in joining – no experience necessary, just an enthusiasm and commitment to supporting the leadership in enabling our school to SHINE.

Snowdon – Parent Meeting – 29th January @ 15:15

For those who are taking part in the Snowdon visit in June, we are holding an initial parent meeting next week, which will take place in the Falcons Classroom. H5 Adventure Company, who we are booking with, will be leading the meeting and will be available to answer any questions you may have. We will then book in a further meeting nearer the time with Mrs Rae, as she is the school's visit lead for the trip.

World Book Day – 5th March

We are excited to be celebrating World Book Day with a Bedtime Stories theme. Children are welcome to come to school in their pyjamas on the day and may bring slippers if they wish to change into them. As part of our celebrations, children can take part in Extreme Reading by sending in photos of themselves reading in interesting places, positions, or situations. We will also be holding a Design a Potato Character competition. Please see the attached poster. Many other activities are planned for throughout the day by the team, but more information will follow in due course. We look forward to a fun and creative World Book Day celebration!

The Importance of Reading

Regular reading at home plays a powerful role in helping children develop confidence, vocabulary, and a deeper understanding of the world around them. Just a few minutes each day can make a meaningful difference to their progress and enjoyment of learning.

To further support children in meeting age-related expectations, we have introduced a reading fluency check. This short assessment helps us understand how well children read with accuracy and speed, allowing us to tailor support where it's needed most.

Families will receive more information about their child's reading progress and next steps at the next Parents' Evening.

Uniform Expectations – A Quick Reminder

To help everyone feel prepared and ready for learning, please support us by following our uniform expectations:

- PE kit only on PE days: Children should arrive in full school uniform on all other days.
- Hair tied back: Long hair should be secured for safety and comfort.
- No makeup: Pupils should come to school with a natural appearance.
- No jewelry: This helps keep everyone safe during play and learning.
- Navy skirts, trousers, leggings, shorts.

Thank you for helping us maintain high standards, a consistent community feel and a positive learning environment.

Parents Evening – Wednesday, 11th Feb

We will be holding the next parents evening in the last week of term. Appointments will be available from 3:30pm until 8:30pm. Due to time constraints, one 10-minute appointment is offered per child. The sign-up sheet will be made available in classroom windows the week before. The office will alert you to when, via a Text.

Quiz Night

Brize Norton Village Bash Committee are hosting a quiz night on Fri 6 Feb at 7.15pm at the Elderbank Hall @ £5 a head; up to 6 per team and monies raised will go towards the school.

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Other News....

Oxfordshire School Term and Holiday Dates - 2026/27

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School Holiday
 Public Holiday
 Proposed Inset Days

2026 – 2027 Term Dates

Teacher working days include six INSET days

Young Voices – Birmingham Arena

The children had an absolutely fantastic experience joining a choir of over 6000 children performing at the Birmingham arena. The feedback from both the children and parents, who watched, has been overwhelmingly positive. We look forward to offering the opportunity again in 2 years' time.



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How we agree to LEARN...

Listen carefully. 

Enter ready.  

Aim for high quality. 

Respect the rights. 

Never call out. **One Voice**

Our behaviour **SHINEs** when we are **ready, respectful and safe.**

As a school, we consistently strive for high standards to ensure the children of Brize get the best opportunities here at school. This term, we have introduced a new LEARN policy which breaks down our 3 school rules of Be Ready, Be Respectful, Be Safe when in the classroom. This policy provides consistency across the school and a shared language and expectation for the children to enable them to thrive. SLT will be monitoring the implementation of this policy through learning walks as well as speaking with the children to hear their views.

Update on the proposed relocation of Brize Norton Primary School

Thank you once again to those of you who attended our drop-in sessions about the proposal to move to the new building at the end of last year. Your feedback was hugely valued and appreciated.

We appreciate that there is lots of interest in when the Department for Education will make a final decision about our future. At this stage, we have heard nothing further – but we will let you know as soon as we do.

Term 4 to 6 KS2 Hockey Club – Thursdays 3:15 – 4pm

Children in years 3 to 6 are invited to an after-school hockey club which will take place on the astro every Thursday with Ms Henley. Children will need to be in PE kits and have trainers. A mouth guard is also required if the children are to use wooden hockey sticks and hard balls.

This club is going to run all the way through to the summer holidays. Children can attend one term, two or all 3. The cost for the club is £10 per term (6 weeks). Please email the office by half term if you require a space for Term 3 and a payment will be made available on School Money.

Term 4 KS2 Girls Football Club – Mondays 3:15 – 4pm

Girls in Years 3 to 6 are invited to join Mrs Rae for an after-school football club. This will take place on the astro so PE kit and trainers required. If your child would like to join, please email the office by half-term. It will begin the first Monday after the break. Children are to be collected from the playground at 4pm.

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Dates for your Diary		
	Thurs, 29th Jan @ 15:15	Snowdon parent information meeting – Falcons Classroom
	Thur 5 Feb AM	Yr 3 multi skills event at Burford
	Tues, 10th Feb	Safer Internet Day
	Tues, 10th Feb	Forces Family Afternoon Tea @ 2pm
	Wed, 11th Feb	Parents evening – 3:30pm – 8:30pm
	w/c 16th Feb	HALF TERM Holidays
	w/c 9th March	Science Week
	w/c 9th March	Assessment Week
	Thur 12 March AM	Yr 4 street dance event at Burford
	w/c 16th March	SEN Review Week
	Thurs, 19th March	Year 6 and Buccaneers Height and Weight measures
	Tues, 24th March	Year 4 MFL Day @ Burford
	Wed, 25th March	World Maths Day
	Thurs, 26th March	Irock Concert for parents @ 2:30pm
	Fri, 27th March	End of Term – school finishes @ 1:15pm
	w/c 30th March	Easter Holidays
	Mon, 13th April	Term 5 begins
	Thur 23rd April	Rags 2 Riches collection
	Fri, 24th April	Purple Up Day
	Fri, 1st May	INSET DAY
	Mon, 4th May	Bank Holiday
	Fri, 8th May	VE Day
	w/c 25th May	Half Term
	w/c 8th June	Sports Week
	Mon, 8th June	Sports Day – Lower school am & upper School pm with picnic lunch. <i>Information to follow</i>
	Tues, 9th June	Basketball workshops
	Wed 10th – Fri 12th	Snowdon Trip
	w/c 22nd June	Assessment Week
	Tues, 23rd June	Forces Family Afternoon Tea @ 2pm

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	Thurs 25th & Fri 26th June	Yesr 6 Induction Days @ Burford
	Fri, 26th June	Armed Forces Day
	w/c 29th June	SEN Review Week
	Mon, 29th June	New Reception parent meeting @ 4:30pm
	Tue 30th June	Yr 2 cricket event at Burford
	Wed, 1st July @ 3:45	Stay & Play – New Reception starters
	Thurs, 2nd July	Stay & Play – New recpetion starters @ 3:45pm
	Fri, 3rd July	New class experience day
	Fri, 3rd July	Reports out
	Tues, 7th July	Upper School Play Performance 1:30pm and 5pm
	Fri, 17th July	Leavers Assembly at 9:15
	Fri, 17th July	End of Term – school finish 1:15pm

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