

Brize Norton Primary School

Striving, Helping, Inspiring, Nurturing, Excelling

We SHINE for ourselves and each other with kindness.



NEWSLETTER 09 – 27th March 2026

Head Teacher's News

As we reach the end of a wonderfully busy and productive term, I want to take a moment to reflect on everything the children have achieved. It has been a term full of energy, curiosity and hard work, and I am incredibly proud of the progress made across the school.

One of the standout highlights has been Science Week, which brought an extra buzz to our classrooms. The children threw themselves into hands-on investigations, problem-solving challenges and whole-school experiments with real enthusiasm. Their questions, creativity and teamwork were a joy to see, and the week reminded us all of the importance of nurturing a sense of wonder about the world.

Earlier this month we completed our Assessment Week, giving teachers a valuable snapshot of each child's current attainment. You will have now received your child's attainment update via email. These updates are designed to give you clear, honest information about how your child is progressing. The information obtained helps teachers to plan where their next steps lie. If you have any questions or would like to discuss the information further, please do contact your child's class teacher.

Alongside this, families of children with SEN support plans will have received updated learning plans. These outline the strategies and targets we are using in school to help each child thrive. As always, we value your partnership and welcome your feedback so that we can continue to tailor support effectively. At the beginning of next term, we will be seeking your parent voice on our SEN provision, so do keep an eye out for the survey.

To round off the term, we enjoyed a very special visit from the Easter Bunny, much to the delight of the children. It was a lovely way to end the term on a joyful note and celebrate the hard work everyone has put in.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. I hope you all enjoy a restful and happy break, and I look forward to welcoming the children back for another exciting term ahead.

Best wishes as always,
Mrs Jones and the team here at Brize.

SHINE...



A HUGE thank you to Mrs Keeble who has been with the school for 11 years as our Office Manager. She has been a real asset to the school and will be greatly missed by the team; we all wish her well in her well-deserved retirement. She has shown all our values and done so with kindness throughout. We will miss you Mrs Keeble, enjoy your retirement.

Attendance:

Buccaneers : 97.9%

Hurricanes : 98.8% Well done

Hercules :94.9%

Voyagers :93.8%

Falcons : 95.3%

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Useful Information



Staff Update

I am pleased to inform you that we have recruited 2 new members to our team who will be joining us after the Easter break. Some of you may remember Mrs Bowhill who was with us last year as a Teaching Partner for a fixed time. She is returning to us on a permanent basis and will be supporting in the Lower School classes as well as running interventions for us in the afternoons. We are looking forward to welcoming her back.

We have also successfully recruited a midday supervisor. Mrs Ann Townsend will be joining us and has previous experience of working in schools as a Teaching Assistant and Lunchtime Supervisor. I have shared with her our vision for lunchtimes and the OPAL provision, and she is looking forward to joining us and supporting our efforts to ensure lunchtimes are full of activities and fun for all.

Term 5 Clubs

Next term, Mrs Jones will be running a KS2 Girls Football club on a Friday after school until 4:15. There will be voluntary contribution of £15 for the term and the money will go directly to lunchtime provision and play equipment for the children. If you would like your daughter to join, please do email the office and they will set up a payment and take relevant information.

Mrs Rae, Mrs Bostock and Miss Glennister will be running cycling proficiency for our older children on a Monday. Details have gone out but do contact the office if you have any queries.

Ms Henley will also be continuing her hockey club for KS2 on a Thursday after school. It's not too late to join, do contact the office if you would like information regarding this club. There is a £10 voluntary contribution to attend this club.

Rags 2 Riches Collection – Thursday, 23rd April

The BNSA have once again arranged for a Rags2Riches collection for our school. All donations of unneeded clothes can be dropped off the morning of the collection in the parent shelter on the playground. Any bags can be used e.g. bin liners. Please click the link [here](#), if you wish to find out more about what you can and can't donate.

Many thanks, in anticipation of your support.



ECO VR Workshops – 15th April

A HUGE thank you to the BNSA for funding the up-and-coming VR workshops for each class. The children will get to experience Virtual Reality with an eco-theme in advance of Earth Day the following week. What a wonderful opportunity of the children to look forward to on their return to start the Summer Term.

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Other News....



Meet our **NEW** Parent Governor... Mr Josh Spencer

"It's a real pleasure to be able to help support the school as an incoming parent governor. We live in the centre of Carterton, and have been a part of the community here for over ten years. We love the sense of community, and it's lovely to be able to contribute in this way.

For a day job, I sell electric trucks (sorry to those of you I bore with this in the playground!), and want to help decarbonise our society. It will be a focus area to help Mrs Lyon as the sustainability lead for the school with how we support the children with their learning around this exciting key challenge facing all of us in the years to come.

I'm always around for a chat if you have any questions, and hope to share more about the journey of a parent governor in the coming months and years."

BNSA - Easter Fundraising Fun!


We are excited to be sending home tubes of Smarties this week, as part of a fun fundraising initiative for our school!


 Step 1: Enjoy the Smarties (the best part!)

 Step 2: Refill the empty tube with as many 20p coins as you can

 Step 3: Send it back into school

Over the Easter break, why not politely ask family and friends for spare 20p coins? You could even earn some by helping out at home—get creative and play it your way! Maybe a sneaky £1 coin could be added in if they do something to really SHINE ✨

 Once returned, hand your tube to your teacher, who will add your contribution to the class total chart.

 Prize Alert! There will be a special treat for the class that raises the most money for the school!

 We'll send out a few reminders after the Easter break—so keep collecting!

Thank you for your support and happy collecting! ❤️

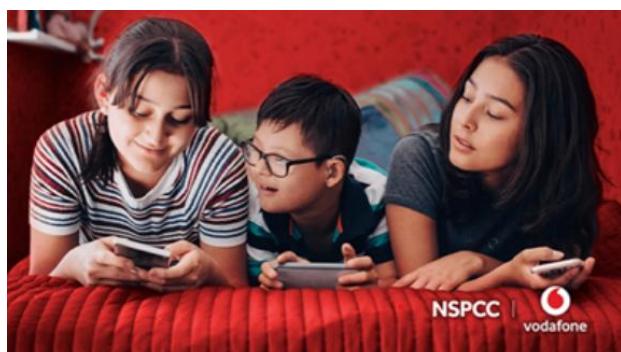
There will be a dairy free treat coming home with the Smarties for those who are unable to enjoy them. Pupils can nominate a friend or family member to help to empty the tube!

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Is your child ready to have their own phone?

The NSPCC offers a wealth of information on their website to support parents. Please click [here](#) if you would like to learn more about supporting children of different ages in their use of technology.

April is the month of the Military Child. A dedicated time to celebrate the resilience, courage and daily sacrifices of children from Armed Forces Families. With 40 children within our community coming from a service family, raising awareness and supporting these children and families is something we are passionate about. Today we celebrated 'Dandelion Day' (nationally the 5th April) in preparation of raising awareness for next month when we return to school. It was lovely seeing all the children in yellow, showing support of those within our community.

Support Evening

— for Parents and Carers of —
Brize Norton Primary School (SEND)

Join Us for a Support Evening

Are you a parent of a child at Brize Norton Primary School with special educational needs? Come along to our friendly and informal support evening to connect with other parents, share experiences, and find advice and encouragement.

Date	Thursday, 23 rd April 2026 19:30 onwards
Venue	The Chequers Inn, Brize Norton
Contact	Abby: 0771 7672243 Jen: 07850 034929

Everyone is welcome – whether you're seeking support or simply want to meet others in a similar situation. We look forward to seeing you there!



Nestled away in the centre of Bampton is a small charity shop with a big heart. Bampton Village Community Shop has been a huge supporter of our school, responding to our grant applications and donating more than £5000 to projects over the past few years, which we have put towards the redevelopment of our play spaces and equipment. Once again, they are supporting us with a further £2000 donation for our play development.

A HUGE thank you for the grant aided by Bampton Charity Shop.

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Dates for your Diary

w/c 30th March	Easter Holidays
Mon, 13th April	Term 5 begins
Wed, 15th April	Eco VR Workshops for each class
Fri, 17th April	Upper School Brize Book Bunch meeting for those who have read the book <i>Puzzled</i> by P.J. Nichols.
Wed, 22nd April	Earth Day
Thur 23rd April	Rags 2 Riches collection
Thurs, 23rd April	National Cricket Day – Cricket sessions for all classes.
Fri, 24th April	Purple Up Day – come dressed in purple!
Thurs, 30th April	RAF Falcons Launch Day – for Service chn in Upper School
Fri, 1st May	INSET DAY
Mon, 4th May	Bank Holiday
Fri, 8th May	VE Day
w/c 11th May	Year 6 SATs week
Wed, 13th May	Burford Secondary School Information meeting for parents of chn in Year 4 and 5 – 3:20 in Voyagers' classroom.
Thurs, 14th May	Buccaneers – Farmer Gows Visit
Thurs, 21st May	Year 5 Enrichment Day – Burford Secondary School
w/c 25th May	Half Term
w/c 1st June	Year 4 Multiplication Check
w/c 8th June	Sports Week
w/c 8th June	Phonic Screens
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
Thurs, 11th June	Hill End Trip for Year 4 and those not climbing Snowdon.
Thurs, 18th June	Paralympic Athlete Assembly and Workshops
w/c 22nd June	Assessment Week
Tues, 23rd June	Forces Family Afternoon Tea @ 2pm
Thurs 25th & Fri 26th June	Yesr 6 Induction Days @ Burford
Fri, 26th June	Armed Forces Day
w/c 29th June	SEN Review Week

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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 reception 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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