

Brize Norton Primary School

Striving, Helping, Inspiring, Nurturing, Excelling

We SHINE for ourselves and each other with kindness.



NEWSLETTER 12 – 5th June 2026

Head Teacher's News

As we begin the final term of the year, there's a real sense of momentum building across the school. This is always one of the busiest stretches in the calendar, filled with events, celebrations, assessments, trips, and the many activities that bring the year to a meaningful close. We know how much time, energy, and organisation this period demands, for both parents and staff, and I wish to thank everyone in advance for the commitment you continue to show. It is very much appreciated by myself.

With so much happening, clear communication becomes even more important. The Friday memo will remain your central point for updates, reminders, and essential information. Our aim is to make it as supportive and streamlined as possible, helping everyone stay aligned and prepared as the pace of the term increases.

As we move through these final weeks, we also want to highlight the continued importance of strong attendance. Consistent attendance is vital for pupils' learning, well-being, and sense of routine, and we are required to ensure that our records accurately reflect the reason for every absence. Recently and historically, we have been made aware of situations where families have taken holidays during term time but reported the absence as illness. While we understand the pressures families face, we must follow county guidance and record attendance truthfully.

If you intend to take your child out of school for any reason, please request an absence form 2 weeks in advance. This allows us to record the absence correctly and ensures transparency for all involved. Where a holiday is the accurate reason for absence, the appropriate holiday code will be used in these instances, as required by county guidelines and expectations.

Thank you for your continued support and care. Together, we can make this final term purposeful, positive, and memorable for every pupil.

From Mrs Jones and the team here at Brize.

SHINE...



Congratulations to our Year 4s who completed their Multiplication Check this week. They embodied our values, were incredibly supportive of one another, and all did incredibly well – Miss Adams is very proud of you. WELL DONE.

Attendance:

Buccaneers: 96.58%

Hurricanes: 97.14% WELL DONE!

Hercules: 96.45%

Voyagers: 95.35%

Falcons: 96.37%

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Useful Information

Sports Day - 8th June

We are very much hoping that we will be able to run our Sports Day and Family Picnic on Monday. If we have had heavy rain and the ground is too slippery, or the forecast is looking ominous, we will endeavor to make a decision by 8:30am and notify you via text and Dojo if Sports Day is postponed. The backup date is Monday, 29th June.

Reminder of timings:

9:30 – 11:30 - Lower School and Buccaneers

11:30 – 12:15 – picnic lunch

12:30 – 2:30 – Upper School

You should have been notified what house your child is in. Do contact your class teacher or the office if unsure. White t-Shirts are of course acceptable if you are unable to obtain a plain coloured one. Children can come to school in their PE kit.

If we go ahead, Lower School and Buccaneer children must remain in school for the afternoon session after the picnic lunch. For ease, parents who have spectated are welcome to collect their children and younger siblings after the Upper School event. All children are welcome to remain until 3:15pm.

Brize Village Bash – Sunday, 5th July

As always, we are holding a non-uniform day (Friday, 19th June) in advance of the Village Bash which is on the 5th July. Please donate an item for the tombola: beauty and care products, sweet treats, books and stationery, bottles & food products e.g., tins of biscuits, chocolates. All donations gratefully received – this is the BNSA's largest income generator which funds a lot of whole school events. If you are also available to help on the day of the Bash, please do let the office know, and we will pass your details on.

iRock

SPACES NOW OPEN FOR SEPTEMBER! At iRock, children experience the excitement of being in a real band, learning instruments, playing songs they love and building confidence through music. Led by passionate and professional Band Coaches, our fun and inclusive in-school sessions help children develop teamwork, resilience and musical skills in a supportive environment. Every term ends with a live concert performance for family and friends, giving children the chance to shine like real rockstars and celebrate everything they've achieved! Please see the flyer further down for more information if you wish to enroll your child for September.

Brize Fest – 3rd July

We are delighted to invite you to this year's Brize Fest, our family summer celebration, taking place at school on Friday, 3rd July from 4:30pm to 7:00pm.

This year's Brize Fest will include live music from a band, a BBQ, a bar, and a range of fun, free activities for the children.

Family entrance tickets are £10, and both tickets and pre-booking for BBQ food are **now available to purchase** through School Money. To help us plan catering and activities, please ensure tickets are purchased by Friday 26th June.

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Other News....



ACTIVKIDS UK

WE ARE COMING TO YOUR SCHOOL

ACTIVKIDS UK ARE BRINGING ONE OF OUR ATHLETES TO YOUR SCHOOL FOR OUR FANTASTIC FUNDRAISING EVENT. REMEMBER TO PRACTICE YOUR EXERCISES, ASK FOR SPONSORSHIP AND SHOW EVERYONE WHAT YOU CAN DO!

THANK YOU REWARDS

- Everyone receives a sticker for taking part
- Between £5 and £10.00 rewards an A6 Photocard
- Between £10 and £34.99 rewards a signed poster
- £35+ rewards a gold medal and personalised certificate

SCAN FOR MORE INFORMATION: 

Wednesday, 24th June

ActiveKids – Athlete Fundraising Event

On the 24th June, we are going to be joined by **Tyler Panton**, a **GOLD** GB sprinter, who specializes in the 100m and 200m events.

He is going to be leading an inspiring assembly for the children about his journey to success, followed by a fundraising circuit event for the children.

Your child should have come with a sponsorship form earlier this week. Money raised from the event goes towards supporting their charity along with 40% going to the school which will go towards the children's entertainment at the Brize Fest in July. Please can sponsorship forms and money be brought in by **Monday, 22nd June**.



BRIZE FEST

Family Fun Evening

Friday, 3rd July • 4:30pm – 7:00pm • Brize Norton Primary School

- LIVE MUSIC
- BAND PERFORMANCE
- BBQ FOOD
- FUN ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS!

FAMILY ENTRANCE: £10

A GREAT NIGHT OF MUSIC, FOOD & FUN!



Non-Uniform Day!

Friday, 19th June

Bring in an item you wish to donate for the **BNSA Tombola** at the Brize Village Bash!

PRIZE!


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Got Two Minutes?  **Oxford Health**
NHS Foundation Trust

Help shape the future of Oxfordshire's oral health services

SCAN ME



To print a hard copy, please scan:



April-July 2026

Eligible for parents or carers of children aged 2-4 years

Participating in this survey is a simple yet impactful way to contribute to the well-being of your child and others.

your input is invaluable!

The Library
Oxfordshire

READ to the BEAT



...with a **FREE** children's reading challenge at your local Oxfordshire library!

4 July to 5 September 2026

The Summer Reading Challenge 2026: **Read to the Beat** celebrates the joy of reading with a theme inspired by music. Children can discover how books spark creativity and imagination.



Finish the challenge and get your own medal and certificate!

Look out for fantastic new books and activities at your library!

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/libraries
www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk



JOIN AN iROCK BAND THIS SEPTEMBER

New spaces now open!
Choose your instrument today.

DISCOVER MORE

ENROL NOW

Enrol Online

www.irockschool.com/enrol

We're here to help

0330 174 2655

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iRock

As our iRocker school leavers move on to their next adventure, new places are opening for children to start band lessons from September.

About iRock Lessons

- 30-minute band-based music lessons taught by a professional Band Coach
- Lessons take place during school hours
- Easy subscription: cancel at any time, with a first lesson money-back guarantee.
- Open to children aged 4 to 11, regardless of ability or experience
- Children learn popular music while building confidence, teamwork and listening skills
- Pupils can work towards an exam-free RSL Awards music qualification as part of their iRock journey.

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Water safety advice.



Spending time near water can be fun, especially in warm weather, but open water can be dangerous even if you are a strong swimmer. Rivers, lakes, canals, quarries and reservoirs can be much colder than they look, with hidden hazards and strong currents.

- Do not jump, dive or swim in open water unless it is a supervised, designated place.
- Never go near water alone - stay with friends and make sure someone knows where you are.
- Be aware that cold water shock can affect anyone, even strong swimmers, and can make it hard to breathe or move.
- Rivers, canals and lakes may have hidden dangers under the surface such as rocks, rubbish, weeds, fishing line or sudden drops.
- Do not take risks to impress others, including dares, bridge jumps or entering the water for social media content.
- If you fall in, try to stay calm, float on your back, keep your airway clear and control your breathing.
- If you see someone in trouble, call 999 or 112, shout for help, and throw something that floats. Do not go in after them.
- If possible, choose supervised swimming venues or pools instead of unsupervised open water.

Remember: Enjoy the good weather, look out for your mates, and stay safe around water.

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**Fostering
in
Oxfordshire**

Do you know a child being looked after?



In Oxfordshire, we care for some of our most vulnerable children through our fostering service – making sure they are safe, well cared for and that foster carers have the support they need.

Private fostering, where children are cared for informally, still legally requires us to be told.



Sometimes, children are cared for by someone who isn't their parent or close relative without a formal arrangement. This is called private fostering.

What is private fostering?

If you or someone you know is looking after someone else's child for more than 28 days and do not have a formal arrangement with us or a fostering agency, it is called private fostering.

This applies to any child under 16 (or 18 if a child with disability) who is being cared for by someone who is not their parent, guardian or close relative. Close relatives include grandparents, siblings, aunts, uncles, or step-parents.

Let us help

Telling us is a legal requirement so we can make sure the child is safe and well cared for. It also means:

- We can provide support for the child and carer.
- Make regular, six weekly visits to check on progress and answer any questions.
- Be there if things change.

If you know of a private fostering arrangement and believe we are not aware of it, get in touch. You can do this anonymously.

By law we need to be told when someone has a private fostering arrangement in place. If the child is being cared for well, there is nothing to worry about. The law ensures the right support is in place.

Contact Oxfordshire's Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) by phone on **0345 050 7666** or email: **mash-children@Oxfordshire.gov.uk**

Call **01865 323 126** or email: **private.fostering@oxfordshire.gov.uk**

For further information visit: **oxfordshire.gov.uk/privatefostercare**

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Dates for your Diary

w/c 8th June	Sports Week
w/c 8th June	Phonic Screens
Mon, 8th June	Y6 Burford Parent Meeting
Mon, 8th June	Sports Day – Lower school am & upper School pm with picnic lunch.
Tues, 9th June	Basketball workshops
Wed 10th – Fri 12th June	Snowdon Trip
Thurs, 11th June	Hill End Trip for Year 4 and those not climbing Snowdon.
Mon, 15th June	Parkour Workshop
Thurs, 18th June	Lower School Cotswold Wildlife Park Visit
Thurs, 18th June	Cycling Proficiency Test
Fri, 19th June	Non-Uniform Day – Donations for the Viallge Bash
w/c 22nd June	Assessment Week
Tues, 23rd June	Forces Family Afternoon Tea @ 2pm
Wed, 24th June	Tyler Panton – ActiveKids Fundraiser
Thurs 25th & Fri 26th June	Year 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
Mon, 29th June	Back Up Sports Day
Tue 30th June	Yr 2 cricket event at Burford
Wed 1st July	Class photos
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
Fri, 3rd July	Brize Fest – 4:30pm – 7pm.
Tues, 7th July	Upper School Play Performance 1:30pm and 5pm
Thur, 16th July	Irock End of Term Concert for parents @ 2:30pm
Fri, 17th July	Leavers Assembly at 9:15
Fri, 17th July	End of Term – school finish 1:15pm

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