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Welcome to Our Autumn Term Newsletter!

It's been a fantastic start to the new school year! The children have settled into their new classrooms beautifully, embracing fresh routines, diving into exciting new topics, and forming new friendships along the way. Their enthusiasm and hard work have been truly inspiring.

We've already enjoyed some brilliant topic days that brought history to life in unforgettable ways. Year 3 stepped back in time for a hands-on Stone Age Day, Year 4 explored the world of the Anglo-Saxons, and Year 2 experienced the drama and discovery of the Great Fire of London. These immersive experiences have sparked curiosity and creativity across the school.

Looking ahead, Year 6 are preparing for their exciting Avon Tyrrell residential, a chance to build independence, teamwork, and lifelong memories. And of course... we're starting to whisper about the C word — Christmas — but shhh, let's not say it too loudly just yet!



DSLs—Designated Safeguarding Leads

Just a reminder for you all of our Designated Safeguarding Leads.

Miss Lyddon (Headteacher) is the DSL for the school.

The three Deputy DSLs are:

Mrs Holdsworth (Deputy Headteacher),

Miss Khan (SENDCo) &

Mrs Hawkins (Family Link Worker)

Ask your children if they can remember where the 'blue poster' is in the classroom!

Prefects – Leading by Example

I've been absolutely overwhelmed by the fantastic applications received from so many of our Year 5 and 6 children for the role of prefect. It's been wonderful to see such enthusiasm, responsibility, and pride in wanting to contribute to our school community.

We have two prefect roles this year:

Purple Prefects – who support with parent and carer tours, helping to showcase our school with confidence and kindness.

Blue Prefects – who take on important lunchtime duties, including sorting dinner tokens, ticking off names, and of course, the most sought-after job of all... serving puddings!

I'm really looking forward to working closely with all our prefects. A huge well done to everyone who applied — your effort and resilience, especially if you weren't successful this time, is something to be proud of.

Inspiring Future Scientists: Year 6 Girls Attend STEM Workshop with AWE

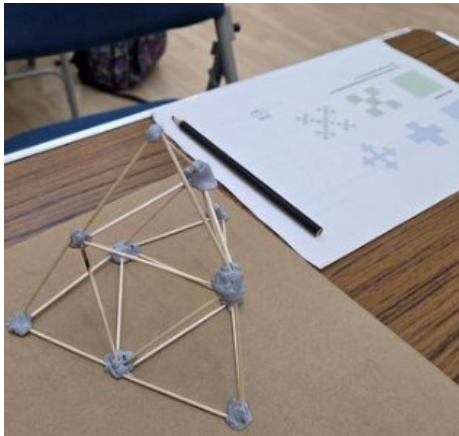
Six of our Year 6 girls recently had the fantastic opportunity to attend a STEM workshop run by AWE, aimed at encouraging more girls to explore careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. The day was packed with a wide range of hands-on activities, all led by AWE's inspiring STEM ambassadors.

Throughout the day, the pupils heard from women currently working in STEM roles at AWE, as well as learning about pioneering female figures from both the past and present. It was empowering and inspiring to see how these role models have shaped—and continue to shape—the world of STEM.

The girls explored the fascinating work of Mary Cartwright, a trailblazer in the field of chaos theory, and experimented with fractals—never-ending, complex geometric patterns—by creating their own models using Blu Tack and cocktail sticks. We were incredibly impressed by their perseverance and problem-solving skills during this activity.

The group also discovered the work of female volcanologist Katia Krafft and recreated their own volcanic eruptions using the dramatic 'elephant toothpaste' experiment. Later, they learned about Lucy Jones—known as 'the Beyoncé of Earthquakes'—and even built their own seismographs to measure movement. It was truly a jam-packed, exciting, and thought-provoking day that captured the pupils' imaginations and curiosity.

A huge thank you to the AWE team for organising such a fantastic and inspiring experience!



Welcome

Welcome to Great Binfields!

We've recently said goodbye (for now!) to Miss Hanafin, who is expecting her baby in mid-November. We're all very excited for her and will keep you posted with any baby news once she's ready to share it.

We're also delighted to welcome some new members to the Great Binfields team:

A warm welcome to Miss Walsh, who has taken on Miss Hanafin's role in Year 6. She will be supporting our older children and also providing some ad hoc cover elsewhere in the school.

Miss Howard has joined our LSA team in Year 4. Miss Howard is a former pupil of Great Binfields and is now considering a career in teaching—it's wonderful to see one of our own returning to inspire the next generation!

And finally, a big welcome to Ms Naisbitt, who has joined our lunchtime team. We're thrilled to have her on board supporting our children during the busy lunch period.

We're so pleased to have all three new team members join our school community and look forward to the positive contributions they'll make!

The Great Fire of London!

Year 2 had a fantastic day celebrating their learning with a special event all about the Great Fire of London. The highlight of the day was a visit from Ben at Treehouse Theatre, who transported us all the way back to September 2nd, 1666. Through exciting storytelling and immersive role play, the children became part of history!



Crafty conkers:



CONKER SNAKE

Thread conkers and add eyes.



Halloween spider cookies:

Show Racism the Red Card

Years 4, 5 and 6 all took part in Show Racism the Red Card workshops. Years 4 and 5 took part in their 'Fans of the Future' workshop, whilst Year 6 focussed on 'Hate Crime.' The aims of the workshops were: To educate young people about the causes and consequences of racism and to explore the various forms racism can take.

To empower young people to challenge racism in the communities in which they live, providing them with relevant knowledge and information to enable them to do this.

To help young people prepare to play an active role as citizens in an increasingly multi-cultural society.

To enable young people to develop good relationships and respect the differences between people, regardless of their ethnicity, faith, culture or nationality.

The children got a huge amount from the sessions and gave many thoughtful contributions. It gave them a safe forum to have discussions and ask questions that they may not usually feel as confident about. The children were very engaged and we were really proud of their attitudes towards the sensitive topics being discussed.



Thank You

Great Binfields

Primary School

for supporting



with your Harvest Collection

We rely on your donations to continue supporting local families in crisis.



You donated a total of

299kg

which is equivalent to

712 meals

Year 6 Bring Ancient Greece to Life with a Play-in-a-Day!

Year 6 had the incredible opportunity to take part in an *Ancient Greece*-themed *play-in-a-day*, exploring the powerful themes of *War and Peace*. With the expert guidance of the amazing Ben from Treehouse Theatre Company, the children brought their learning to life in a fun, engaging, and unforgettable way.

Dressed in fantastic costumes—thank you to everyone who helped make that happen!—the children fully embraced their roles and immersed themselves in the world of Ancient Greece. Their enthusiasm and commitment were clear to see, and we were so impressed by how confidently they delivered their lines. There are definitely some budding actors and actresses in this year group!

This exciting day was the perfect culmination of our half-term topic. In class, we've also been exploring the Ancient Greek alphabet, discovering words with Greek origins, and learning about the many gods and goddesses of Greek mythology. The play helped tie all this learning together and gave the children a chance to showcase their knowledge in a creative and meaningful way.



Saxon Day & Treehouse Theatre Workshop

The children had an amazing time during **Saxon Day** and looked absolutely fantastic in their Saxon outfits – thank you to everyone who helped make them look the part!

Throughout the day, the children got stuck into a range of hands-on activities, including making **Saxon brooches**, crafting **helmets**, and trying their hand at **rune writing**.

A real highlight of the day was the **Treehouse Theatre workshop**. The children loved getting involved and threw themselves into the performance with enthusiasm and confidence. They gave a **superb final performance** at the end of the day – we were so proud of them!

It was a brilliant day of creative learning and historical fun!



Stone Age Day in Year 3

The children in Year 3 had an amazing time on Tuesday as they stepped back in time for Stone Age Day! A huge thank you to all the Year 3 parents for your incredible support with the costumes — the children looked absolutely fantastic!

One of the biggest highlights of the day was spending time in the woods. The children truly got into character through role play activities such as hunting, shelter building, and even fire making! The fires were then used to cook a hearty meat and vegetable stew, which the children had the opportunity to taste in the afternoon. While not everyone was keen to try it, plenty came back for second helpings!

Another standout activity was creating Stone Age clay houses, inspired by the ancient settlement of Skara Brae. The children showed fantastic perseverance and creativity, with most houses taking over an hour to complete — the results were impressive!

It was a fantastic day full of hands-on learning and memorable experiences. We can't wait for the next theme day!



Miss Murrells welcomed a baby girl called Frankie. Frankie arrived safely on 1st August weighing 8lb7oz. We can't wait to meet her!



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Halloween fun in Basingstoke town centre
Wednesday 29 to Friday 31 October



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Things to do during October half-term

WHAT'S ON September -
December 2025

Southampton
City of Opportunity

SOUTHAMPTON
CITY COUNCIL

OCTOBER HALF TERM



Dress for
mess at all our
workshops

Wizard School

Mon 27 and Tues 28 October | 10.30am, 12pm or
1.30pm | Tudor House | £8

Art for All: Pumpkin Printing (4+)

Mon 27 October | 10.30am, 12.30pm or 2.30pm |
Art Gallery | £8

Art for All: Clay Cats and Witches' Hats (4+)

Tues 28 and Thurs 30 October | 10.30am, 12.30pm
or 2.30pm | Art Gallery | £8

Art for All: Frankenstein's Clay Creations (6+)

Wed 29 October | 10.30am or 1pm |
Tudor House | £8

Art for All: Spooky Luminaries (6+)

Wed 29 Oct | 10.30am, 12.30pm
or 2.30pm | Art Gallery | £8

Art for All: Pigments and Potions (5+)

Fri 31 October | 10.30am, 12.30pm or
2.30pm | Art Gallery | £8

Art for All: Clay Ghostly Galleons (6+)

Fri 31 October | 10.30am, 12.30pm or
2.30pm | SeaCity | £8

Halloween at Tudor House


Thurs 30 October | 10am – 5pm (last admission
4.15pm) | Tudor House | FREE

Creep down to Tudor House... if you dare – it's the
home of Halloween! Meet the friendly spirits in the
Banqueting Hall and take part in loads of spooky, fun
activities throughout the day!

Small charges will apply on the day for activities.

Culture Club for Kids: Half-term Activity Days (6½ - 12 yrs)

Week Theme - Spooky Autumn!

 Drop off your young people

Mon 27, Tues 28, Wed 29 Oct | 9am – 4pm
(drop off from 8.45am) | SeaCity | £35 per day |
£90 for all three

Get creative, explore our collections and learn new
stuff while making really cool things at our themed
activity days!

Happy
Halloween



See venue websites for further details on events and to book
seacitymuseum.co.uk | tudorhouseandgarden.com | southamptoncityartgallery.com

