



# School Newsletter

## Bexton Primary School and Nursery

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**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

Upcoming dates for your diary...

- **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October:**  
Pre-loved School Uniform Sale
- **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October**  
Parents' evening
- **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October:**  
Reception to Year 6 Nasal Flu Spray
- **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October:**  
FOBS Christmas Extravaganza  
Planning meeting 7:30pm
- **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October:** Break up for half term

### HALF TERM HOLIDAY

- **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November:**  
INSET DAY
- **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November:**  
Children return to school
- **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November:**  
Scholastic Book Fair arrives
- **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November:**  
School Photos
- **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November:**  
Year 6 Trip to Blists Hill
- **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November:**  
Year 1 D.T Day
- **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November:**  
FOBs Children's Disco
- **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November:** FOBs Children's Disco
- **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November:** 28<sup>th</sup>  
FOBs Christmas Wreath Making  
7pm
- **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December:**  
Children's Christmas Lunch
- **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December:**  
Christmas Lights Extravaganza
- **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December:**  
Infant Nativity (10am)
- **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December:**  
Nursery Christmas Singalong  
(9:30am)
- **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December:**  
Infant Nativity (2pm)
- **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December:**  
KS2 Christmas Concert-  
1:30pm/6:00pm @ St. Johns
- **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December:**  
Break up for Christmas

### This week's important information!

#### Long Weekends!

Following our reminder about absence requests in the 13th September newsletter, we have now had our first external attendance review of the year. This review has already identified a trend in absences on Mondays and Fridays. While some of these absences are due to illness, we'd also like to remind you that extended weekend breaks involving a Monday or Friday (or both) will not be authorised—we often find out because the children can't help telling us where they've been on holiday!

As we're still early in the term, I thought it would be helpful to remind you that we are required to issue Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) when a child has five days of unauthorised absence. There is increasing pressure from the government to reduce absences nationwide and we are committed to supporting this effort to ensure children are in school as much as possible.

#### Deadline date for payment of debts

As the half-term holiday rapidly approaches, please can we remind all parents that debts for Dinners, Nursery and Dawn2Dusk must be paid in full by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> of October. Thank you.

#### Primary and Secondary School Applications

A reminder that the closing date for Secondary School applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024. For Primary School applications it is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

To apply online and for further information please go to [Apply for September 2025 school place \(cheshireeast.gov.uk\)](https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk) call 0300 123 5012.

#### Parents Evening

A reminder that virtual sessions will be held between 1:30pm and 3:00pm using Microsoft Teams. Face-to-face meetings will be 3:30pm and 6:50pm.

#### Holiday Club October Half Term

Holiday club is now open for bookings via your Scopay account.

The club will now be based in our Pre-School building, where we can fully utilise the purpose-built learning environment, both indoors and outdoors.

We have introduced three options to accommodate the varying needs of our families:

- 8:30 am - 3:30 pm: Full day - £42.00
- 8:30 am - 12:00 pm: Half day - £21.00
- 8:30 am - 6:00 pm: Extended day - £60.00

There will be autumn and Halloween themed activities for the children to enjoy.

### Mrs. Butler's Assembly

This afternoon, Mrs. Butler will be back to visit us in school and the children are hosting an assembly to wish her a proper goodbye! If you didn't get chance at the end of term and would like to pop and say goodbye, she will be outside the Y6 doors at the end of the day.



### FOBS Christmas Wreath Making Event

We would love you to join FOB's Christmas Wreath Making Evening taking place in the school hall on Thursday 28th November from 7.30pm.

The event will be hosted by Eleanor Griffiths and Gillian Jackson, both Chelsea Gold Award Winning Florists who have promised to help even the least artistic parents create a beautiful wreath to get us all in the festive mood.

Please note we are selling the tickets at cost so not making any money on the price, however there will be an option to add voluntary contributions or pre-order drinks when you book tickets to help raise funds for school.

Tickets cost £45. Full details on SCOPAY (Product tab). Tickets will be limited due to the size of the hall so please book early to avoid disappointment.

### Musician of the month

October's musician of the month is Nina Simone. The children have learned about her in assembly and enjoyed listening to 'Feeling Good'. Attached is the home information sheet so that you can enjoy her music together too.



### Year 6 Writing Competition

This week in Year 6 the children have been writing their own stories for a competition. They have spent time editing them and will be writing them up ready to send off next week.



### World Mental Health Day

Today we celebrated World Mental Health Day. It was so lovely to see the children and staff wearing yellow today. Thank you for your generous donation towards YoungMinds! If you haven't done so yet, please donate via our JustGiving page by clicking on this [link](#).



### Happy Birthday!

Thank you, Holly, for your birthday book!

