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Newsletter

Dear Families,

It's less than two weeks until the end of term but we are certainly not winding down yet! We welcomed back Jonathan's Jungle Roadshow this week for KS2 (see page 2) —the Imperial or Emperor Scorpion, that glows a bright green under UV light, was a particular hit! And our Reception children enjoyed a slightly soggy trip to Coate Water, riding on the miniature railway and completing activities to tie in with the topic of Journeys.



Children in Years 2, 3 and 4 have been practising hard for their end of year performance which takes place next Wednesday (9.15am and 2.30pm) and Friday (1.45pm). We hope you are able to come and support them at one of the performances; please book a slot on the My Child at School app.



I am very much looking forward to joining our Year 4 children who will be camping out tonight on the school field; it promises to be a fun evening with a campfire, songs, star gazing and hot chocolate!

Finally, you will be receiving your child's annual report via email today which will include which class your child will be in from September and who their teacher will be. Children will then spend next Tuesday afternoon getting to know their new teacher and classroom.

Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Dance

Nursery : Apple Tree had a fantastic Sports Week! Thank you so much to our parents for your support on Sports Day, the children were amazing! We hope you enjoyed how hard they have worked and being able to play together. We also had a visit from Swindon Town who showed us how to pass and dribble the ball to each other. Jungle Jonathan was a huge hit and we were impressed with how adventurous and curious the children were in touching or holding the animals. We reminded them that it is OK to be nervous, that can make us the best kind of brave! Finally, we joined Miss Lawrence for dance and they all listened and responded to the music in lots of different ways. Well done Apple Tree for your fantastic enthusiasm for all our activities.



Reception: Another busy week full of excitement and exploring! Ash and Oak Tree went on an adventure to Coate Water. We walked from school, had a snack and then went to explore the Garden of Reflection. We used our sense of smell, hearing and touch to collect flowers and used these to make our class names. We then got to ride on the miniature railway, looking out for gnomes, owls, squirrels and screaming when we went through the tunnels. In maths we have been learning about time and money this week, using loose parts to make clocks and lining up to 'pay' for snack.



We all loved taking part in sports day, cheering on our friends, trying our best and most importantly having fun!

Jungle Jonathan came to visit us and we got to hold a millipede and a snake – we were very brave!

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KS1 Year 1 children entered the last two weeks of the school year and have been busy learning about Time. We have been practising the days of the week and the months of the year in chronological order. In true Badbury fashion we took our learning outside and had the best time learning while competing in teams! The last week has been the most memorable of the school year with lots of exciting things happening which the children have been involved in. Jungle Jonathan Roadshow, Skippy John and dancing class with Miss Lawrence were the highlight of the last week. We are very proud of the children's efforts during the sports week and their fantastic enthusiasm during Sports Day!



Year 2 had a very exciting visit from Jungle Jonathan this week where we met a range of creatures and learnt some facts about them. Did you know that the telson (or stinger) of a baby scorpion won't sting as it is not strong enough to pierce through skin? For our topic of volcanoes, we have been creating some art inspired by Margaret Godfrey. We explored different shades of colour through mixing primary colours to make secondary colours, we watched a video on how to draw a volcano and we gave each other feedback for how to improve our work. We can't wait for you to see our paintings at our open house next week!

KS2 In year 3 we have been writing a recount from our Jungle Jonathan visit; the creatures were amazing to see and we all had to be extremely brave. Most of us held a giant snake! In art we have been focusing on the artist Margaret Godfrey and have created our own volcano paintings which have been inspired by her beautiful artwork. We had a great time during sports week and completed lots of different sporting activities; we all felt extremely proud of our achievements and great sportsmanship throughout the week. In classes, we have been busy practising our lines for our performance; we are looking forward to sharing this with you all next week.



This week Year 4 enjoyed their visit from Jonathan's Jungle Roadshow. The children observed and handled a collection of invertebrates and reptiles. All of the children listened really well to Jonathan's presentation and learned some very interesting facts about his creatures. They all handled the animals with care and some children (and adults!) showed a lot of courage! Year 4 would like to thank Friends of Badbury Park for funding this visit for them, we all thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



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Sports Week & Clubs—A message from Mr Sims

First of all, I would like to say that we as a school are so incredibly proud of the efforts and energy shown by your children during our Sports Week last week. In addition to their sports days, all the children were lucky enough to take part in Football, Martial Arts, Dance, Athletics and Skipping lessons across the 5 days where they applied themselves brilliantly. Please see a selection of photos from our Sports Week below, and a video showcasing the activities at the following private link – <https://youtu.be/RV60En4in40>



I am now looking ahead to September and wanted to share our new Sports Club information with you as early as possible, to help you plan in advance.

We want to offer clubs that enable your child to be learning and competing with children of a similar age while also allowing us to give as much individual support and teaching. Please see below a list of available clubs for September 2024 (these will go live to book on My Child at School on 2nd September) that enable your child to be learning and competing with children of a similar age while also allowing us to offer as much support and teaching both individually and as a group.

<u>Monday</u>	
Basketball & Netball Club - 3:15-4:15pm	Year 2 & 3 – 10 Spaces Year 4 & 5 – 10 Spaces
<u>Tuesday</u>	
Girls Only Multi-Sports Club - 3:15-4:15pm	Year 2, 3, 4 & 5 Girls – 16 Spaces
<u>Wednesday</u>	
Year 1 Multi-Sports Club - 3.15-4.15pm	Year 1 Only – 16 Spaces
<u>Thursday</u>	
Dodgeball Club - 3:15-4:15pm	Year 2 & 3 – 10 Spaces Year 4 & 5 – 10 Spaces
<u>Friday</u>	
Football Club - 3:15-4:15pm	Year 2 & 3 – 10 Spaces Year 4 & 5 – 10 Spaces

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Infant Voice festival

We would like to celebrate our Badbury Park KS1 choir for being adventurous and ambitious in their performance. We took them all to perform at the Wyvern as part of the Infant Voice Festival. We were incredibly proud of both their behaviour and their fantastic singing. It can be scary to stand on a big stage and perform for so many people, but they did a wonderful job remembering all of the words and representing our school.

Congratulations! You definitely embodied our 4Bs.



Summer Reading Challenge

You just need to be a member of Swindon libraries to register for the Summer Reading Challenge. It's free and easy to become a library member. You can go to any of [Swindon's 14 libraries](#) or [join online](#).



- ✓ Register at any Swindon Library from 6th July to 8th September
- ✓ See a member of staff at the library desk and tell them you'd like to join the Summer Reading Challenge.
- ✓ Show them your library card and tell them which school you go to. You will then receive your free pack!

Your challenge is to complete 6 reads (reading to a sibling or friend or being read to counts as a read). Each time you complete a read, write down the titles in your free Summer Reading Challenge folder and give them a star rating then reward yourself by adding one of the stickers to your folder. Once you have completed your 6 reads, bring your folder into any Swindon Library and receive your certificate and wooden medal! (while stocks last)

Gardening club—donations please!

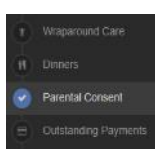


If you are planning on buying new wellies and/or waterproof coats for your child, the gardening club would very much appreciate donations of anything that your child has outgrown. These will be very useful for children attending gardening club who may have forgotten their own waterproofs or just need to borrow something temporarily.



Reminders before the end of term:

📌 Class photos: the deadline for free delivery to school is **Tuesday 16th July**. You can still order online after that date with delivery direct to your home address but there will be a P&P charge.



📌 Parental consent on MCAS: please check on the My Child at School App that the parental consent we hold for your child/ren is up to date. To do this, navigate to the Parental consent section (between Dinners and Outstanding Payments).

📌 Please make sure your child has at PE kit in school every day

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Summer Holidays – Online Safety Resources for Parents

Without the distraction of school, internet usage and gaming is likely to increase. Please see some tips and links below to keep your children safe online



Swiggle is an ad-free, child friendly search engine designed to provide a safer environment for children taking their first steps on the road to safe online searching. Powered by Google Custom Search, the results are filtered using Google SafeSearch and educational resources prioritised. Search terms are also filtered to check that Swiggle is not being used to search for inappropriate content. Try it [here](#)

Gaming plays a significant part in so many children's lives, and it's no wonder why! Click on the links below to try and understand the vast universe of different game genres.

[Press Start with Gaming](#), [Xbox 5 in 5](#), [Playstation 5 in 5](#), [Video Game age ratings](#)



Learn about parental controls as a family [Parental controls](#) can be a way to help protect your child from inappropriate online content. They are specifically designed to safeguard children from age-inappropriate material, such as pornography or adult content. They can be used to restrict the content seen, set usage times, monitor activity, prevent in-app purchases and much more.

Manage screen time : More time at home can mean more time online and this could mean that days are taken up even more by screens. It's good to talk about screentime before the holidays, so everyone in the household is aware of what is an acceptable amount of time and no surprises are met further down the line. A lot of devices and apps now include screentime limits which can be an option to set up if you are concerned about agreements not being met. You can also click on this link [Digital Wellbeing hub](#) for further advice.



Online safety guidance: Online spaces, games and media form a large part of young people's lives. It offers a platform to connect with others and learn about new things. If parents understand the situations they encounter, they will be better placed to offer advice on how to deal with them. Click [here](#) for a printable, pocket size leaflet that gives parents and carers points to consider when it comes to understanding and dealing with online situations.

And finally....**Lead by example!** Children generally react well to clear and consistent boundaries – but if you limit their screen time while not monitoring your own, it can send mixed messages; it is important that you model good behaviour and follow these yourself! Some simple and fair rules, such as no devices at dinner time or before bedtime, can set a better example to follow



Raring2Go!

The summer edition of Swindon's "Raring2Go" is now available online via this link <https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/swindon/summer2024/>

The magazine features articles on 10 great things to do this summer, waterparks around the UK and a selection of family friendly festivals, together with suggestions on things to do if you are staying at home.

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News from Friends of Badbury Park Primary



Summer Fair – Thank You to everyone who came out to support and volunteer. It was an amazing event and we had so much positive feedback that you all enjoyed yourselves. It looks like we've raised around £2,000 overall which is amazing, and we can use to benefit the school and pupils.

Thank you for all the lovely comments and feedback we heard about Jungle Jonathan and Skippy John coming to the school, it makes all the difference to us as Volunteers to hear how much the kids enjoy the things we've supported.

We've still got one more event to go this term, this one is nice we promise, and we aren't asking for volunteers or donations!

HOW TO SUPPORT OUR PTA

Sign up to Easy Fundraising
Raise funds for the school when shopping online.

Become a Volunteer
Help out at our events, or help us to organise them, as and when you can. Just email us: friendsofbadburyparkprimary@gmail.com

Join our Committee
Have your say on the events we run and how our fundraising is spent to support all children within the school.

Follow us on Facebook
Keep up to date with events and news
Friends of Badbury Park Primary School PTA

Scan this code on your phone's camera!

Donate Uniform
Support other families by passing on good quality second-hand uniform.

Share our Updates
Talk to other parents & carers about our upcoming events in case they've missed the information.



Lizzy Bakes is coming on Wednesday 24th July for one final treat sale of the school year, for every cake you buy from Lizzy, she gives us a percentage back to PTA funds which we can use for projects next year.

Thanks for everyone's support this year. Please check out this poster to see how you can get involved and support the PTA going forward

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After School Piano Lessons

WITH LORNA DAVIES

AT BADBURY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Lessons available on Wednesdays 3.30–6.00pm



- MA (Hons) Music/German
- Taught over 200 pupils since 2015
- Music Chair of RWB Arts Festival
- DBS Checked

Recommended
starting age:
Year 2 and
upwards



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School Diary

June 2024

3rd: **Teacher training day (school closed)**
4th: Children return for term 6
8th: FOBBP Craft De-stash sale
w/c 10th: Phonics screening check (Y1)
12th: Meeting for parents of new Reception starters (6.30pm)
14th: Stay and Play sessions for nursery and new Reception starters (3.30-4.15pm)
14th: FOBPPS special person Male/Father's day
18th: Stay and Play sessions for nursery and new Reception starters (3.30-4.15pm)
19th: Meeting for parents of new nursery children (6.30pm)
20th: Class group photos
21st :Year 1 trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park
29th : Summer Fair

July 2024

1st: Sports week commences
2nd : Apple Tree sports and picnic from 10am
3rd: Yew, Maple, Hazel and Willow Sports day from 1.30pm
4th: Ash, Oak, Beech and Pine Sports day from 1.30pm
8th: **Teacher training day (school closed)**
12th: Stay and Play sessions for nursery and new Reception starters (3.30-4.15pm)
12th: Reports to parents
16th: Class swap afternoon
17th: Years 2, 3 and 4 performance
19th : Open house from 2.30pm
25th: End of term

Teacher Training Days 2023/2024

‡ Monday 8th July 2024

Teacher Training Days 2024/2025

‡ Monday 2nd & 3rd September 2024

‡ Monday 6th January 2025

‡ Monday 24th February 2025

‡ Tuesday 22nd April 2025

‡ Thursday 24th July 2025