



Balcombe

Church of England
Primary School

"In all that we do we are guided by God"

17 OCTOBER - NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I was delighted to see that so many parents and friends were able to support us in celebrating God's gifts at this time of year by coming along to St Mary's on Tuesday 7th October. We were overwhelmed with everybody's kind donations of food; our Harvest display was bursting at the seams! All of the food will now be used to support families and individuals in the local community.

I would like to congratulate all of the children that participated in the Harvest Festival, they were great ambassadors for the school. Many of those present expressed very positive feedback about how well the children spoke and how confidently they participated. A special well done must go to our Year 6 pupils for the way that they led the service.

Once again, thank you for the kind donations that were sent in for our Harvest collection.

Best wishes,
Ben Turney
Headteacher

Celebration Assembly



Since our last newsletter, the following children have been celebrated:

Joel – Lake Class – being so ambitious in 'Drawing Club' and writing so many letters

Fletcher - Coombe Class – being respectful by always sitting still ready to listen on the mat

Alex G – Forest Class – being ambitious, always determined to complete the writing task and to a fantastic standard

Iris – Spring Class – always being respectful of others and being ambitious by managing her distractions

Indie – Mill Class – getting through a 'my brain hurts' moment to be successful in maths

This week, we have celebrated:

Lacey - Lake Class – showing resilience when writing a story about our superhero.

Charlie - Coombe Class – being ambitious and trying an extra challenge in maths.

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Jacob – Forest Class – being ambitious, working really hard at school and home to improve reading!

Isla - Spring Class – showing resilience when she found the maths hard and going on to ask for more challenging questions.

Children in Need

On Friday 14 November it is Children in Need. To help raise money for this worthwhile charity, in return for a donation, the children can wear their own clothes to school. Please donate via the link below.

[Link to JustGiving page for Children in Need](#)

Safety on School Premises

To ensure the safety of all our community, we kindly ask that you do not park on Westup, particularly at drop off and pick up times. Please pass this message on to anyone who regularly drops off or picks up your child/ren.

Walking Home Alone after a Club

For those children in Years 5 & 6, please remember that after half term children are not allowed to walk home alone after a club due to the fading light.

Upcoming FoBS Events

Cake Challenge

Our competitive Lake parents have been furiously baking all week so be sure to buy some cake after school today to kick off our cake challenges.

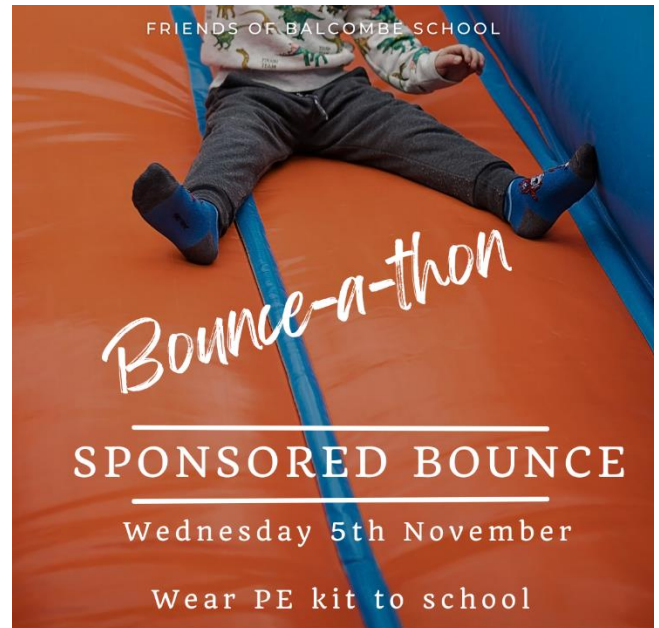
Bounce-a-thon

On Wednesday 5th November, each class will have 20 minutes during the school day to bounce their hearts out on two giant bouncy castles on the school field! To take part, please complete the online [waiver](#) by accepting the terms and

conditions. You can sponsor your child/ren to bounce [online](#).

Key Dates:

- Coombe Cake Challenge - 21st November
- Hot Chocolate Friday & Uniform Sale - 28th November



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Dates for your Diary

Fri 17th Oct – Mill Class trip to RAF Hendon
Fri 17th Oct @3.15pm – FoBS Lake Cake Challenge
Weds 22nd Oct – School Photographs
Weds 22nd Oct @ 3.30-6.30pm – Parents Evening
Thurs 23rd Oct – Flu vaccinations
Fri 24th Oct – INSET DAY, school closed
Mon 27th Oct – Fri 31st Oct – HALF TERM
Weds 5th Nov – FoBS Bounce-a-thon
Thurs 6 Nov @ 9am – Tours for September 2026 admission
Weds 12 Nov @ 3.30pm – Tours for September 2026 admission
Fri 14 Nov – Children in Need, dress in own clothes
Fri 28th Nov @ 3.15pm – FoBS Hot Chocolate Friday
Thurs 4th Dec @ 7-10pm – FoBS Christmas Wreath Making
Thurs 11th Dec @ 9.30am – Nativity
Fri 12th Dec @ 9.30am – Nativity
Fri 12 Dec – FoBS Christmas Fair

Fundraising for School

Donate with
JustGiving™

Remember to join easyfundraising - you can collect free donations for us every time you buy something online. It won't cost you a penny extra, so please help us to raise funds.

REMINDER

Pupil Premium

If you are on a low income making a FSM application can greatly benefit your child.

It is often thought that parents of children in KS1 who currently receive Universal Free School Meals do not need to make a Free School Meals Application for the school to receive Pupil Premium. THIS IS NOT THE CASE.

Please contact the office if you think you may be eligible for Pupil Premium funding. Any accepted applications for Free School Meals (whether or not

your child takes the meal up) attract over £1300 per child per year which the school can use to greatly enhance the resources available for your child both within the classroom and for extra-curricular activities. We may be able to help with school uniform costs, trips and other extra-curricular activities like swimming and music tuition.

Making an application is easy and confidential.

Local Adverts for information



Autumn Half Term Sports Courses

Multi Sports 27th - 29th
Football 27th - 29th
Rugby 30th & 31st
Netball 30th & 31st

9.15 to 3.30 - £25 per day
At Warden Park Secondary
Open to years Reception to Year 9
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