



BASKERVILLE SCHOOL | PARENTS NEWSLETTER – 17TH EDITION

FRIDAY | 27TH | JUNE | 2025

WELCOME

Welcome to the latest edition of our fortnightly newsletter. We are excited to share some of our most recent achievements and updates with you.



Message from Headteacher- Mr. Lacey

Headteacher Appointment

I wanted to share an update about our headteacher recruitment process - while we met with some wonderful candidates during the recent interviews, the Governors felt it was important to take more time to find exactly the right person to lead our school forward. They have decided to re-advertise the position, and I'm genuinely excited about the opportunity to continue working alongside your children and families until we welcome our new headteacher at the latest by Easter 2026. I want to reassure you that this careful approach shows just how much we value Baskerville School and demonstrates our unwavering commitment to ensuring your children receive the outstanding education they deserve every single day.

Read Write Inc- Parents afternoon

The recent Read Write Inc. parents workshop was a tremendous success with over 16 parents attending. The feedback from parents is that they found the afternoon extremely valuable. We intend to run further workshops on the autumn term.

Parents Evening

I hope you found the parents evening rewarding. We tried to balance progress information and also to give you some information about next steps. If you have any feedback on how we can improve the evening, please let me know.
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Medical Appointments

A gentle reminder, please book medical appointments outside of school hours to avoid disruption to students' education. We however understand this is not always possible. Please also ensure appointment letters are sent in or emailed to reception for attendance purposes.

School should be informed at least 48hours before appointments and a copy of the letter should be seen.

Transition visits

Windsor transition visits are well under way for our Year 9 students. Paul Carbery our Careers Advisor has produced a timetable for students to attend Windsor and partake in transition activities.

Group B – July 07th

Quote of the Day

"Today a reader, tomorrow a leader."

Margaret Fuller

Attendance

Please see class attendance percentages below.



W/C 23/06/25

Hedgehogs	97.1
Rabbits	94.0
Squirrels	93.6
Otters	92.0
Cats	75.6
Polecats	81.8
Bats	66.0
Falcons	80.6
Deers	93.3
Foxes	75.6
Badgers	60.0
Kestrels	78.0
Merlins	87.5
Kites	80.0
Oaks	65.7
Bears	91.4
Willows	94.3
Maple	82.9
Elms	95.0
Sycamores	74.0

Well Done to Hedgehogs for 97.1% attendance



***Online Parents Evening coming soon**

We're organising two Online Parent Information Sessions on the evening of Monday 8th July, focused on next steps after Baskerville. More details will be sent out next week to parents and carers of Year 10, 12, and 13 students—keep an eye out!

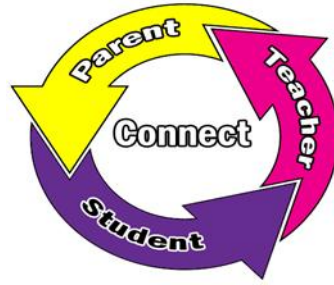
Riddle-Me-This

(see page 6 for answer)

LEAST

Promoting Positive Mental Health

- ✓ Find activities you enjoy
- ✓ Join clubs or groups
- ✓ Build and maintain healthy relationships
- ✓ Don't be afraid to ask for help
- ✓ Aim for 8-10 hours of sleep and establish a regular sleep schedule.
- ✓ Limit screen time before bed



A strong partnership between parents and teachers creates a supportive learning environment and fosters consistency in expectations. By working together, parents and teachers can create a secure and supportive environment where children can thrive safely and with confidence.

Up Coming Events

Make UK

Trip on the 14th of July to Make UK, based on engineering and Manufacturing. Class TBD.

Career Advisor

Francis from Happy Careers will be coming in to deliver both group and individual guidance on:

- Friday 4th July
- Thursday 10th July



37-39 Gate Lane, Sutton Coldfield, B73 5TR

Offering a variety of fun and inclusive leisure activities for children with disabilities, including those on the autism spectrum, and their families. This includes After School Clubs, Term Time Clubs, Out of School Clubs and School Holiday Clubs. [0121 824 0508](tel:01218240508)



Allens Cross Community Association, 24 Tinkers Farm Road, Northfield, Birmingham B31 1RH, United Kingdom

Forest School is for neurodivergent children to explore and learn in nature. Through hands-on activities, they build confidence, creativity, problem-solving skills, and learn to manage risks.

[0121 4783310](tel:01214783310)



What we do: -

Support the mental health and wellbeing for autistic children and young people aged 8 to 16 years, by providing 1:1 support and/or a small group basis.

Spending time in nature and using our animals we aim to support mental Health, improve confidence and self-esteem and provide short respite to parent /carers.

(Parents / Guardians, Local Authorities, Health Care Commissioners and other Professionals can make referrals).

We also provide a resource for schools and other groups including children's parties. Please get in touch via email if you are interested in booking our space.



Sherwood

Elms – Monrajan

Maples – Whole Class

Oaks – Thomas

Sycamores – Alphin

Willows – Mark

Deers – Noah

Rabbits – Ibrahim

KS3

Cats – Jessica

Hedgehogs – Jack

Polecats – Riley

Otters – Blythe

KS4

Bats – Jaydone

Foxes – Jaden

Badgers – Samuel

Kites – Amber

Kestrels – Jaylea & Caleb

Falcons – Dawud

Merlins – Mary

Student of the Week:

Each week a student is acknowledged for their achievements, efforts or positive qualities. Award can also be for good behaviour or for demonstrating any of our core values.

Well done to all the students nominated for Star of the Week.



Congratulations to our students who have completed their exams.

2 Students completed GCSE Maths

8 Students completed Entry Level Maths

9 Students completed Entry Level English/Science

Acknowledging the effort and dedication put into studying and sitting the exams is important and no doubt a significant accomplishment. So huge **CONGRATULATIONS** to the teachers who prepared these students and to the students, **WELL DONE** for persevering to the end.

We knew you could do it and we are proud of you.

Congratulations

"The Top is reached by striving"

Online Safety Tips

What parents/carers need to know about keeping children safe online.

- Use parental controls
- Limit screen time
- Choose age-appropriate content
- Foster open communication about online activities
- Ask who their online friends are

Safeguarding

Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility. Please reach out to any member of the Safeguarding Team here at Baskerville if you have any concerns.

David Wilkes

Sam Bowater

Kay Morgan-Green

Allan Lacey

Wayne Tulloch

Ellie Allen

Joy Baker

Arron Elderton

Term Time Dates

School Closes – July 21st, 2025

School Reopens – Sept 01st 2025

Half Term – Oct 27th – 31st 2025

Term Ends – Dec 19th, 2025

Lego Competition



We are pleased to announce the winner of the recently concluded Lego Competition is **Josiah Pitches** from Polecats class.

CONGRATULATIONS!

The competition was open to all students (individually or as a class team). This provided the opportunity for students to think big, be imaginative and show us what they believe our fantastic new school building should look like. Well done to all the students who participated.

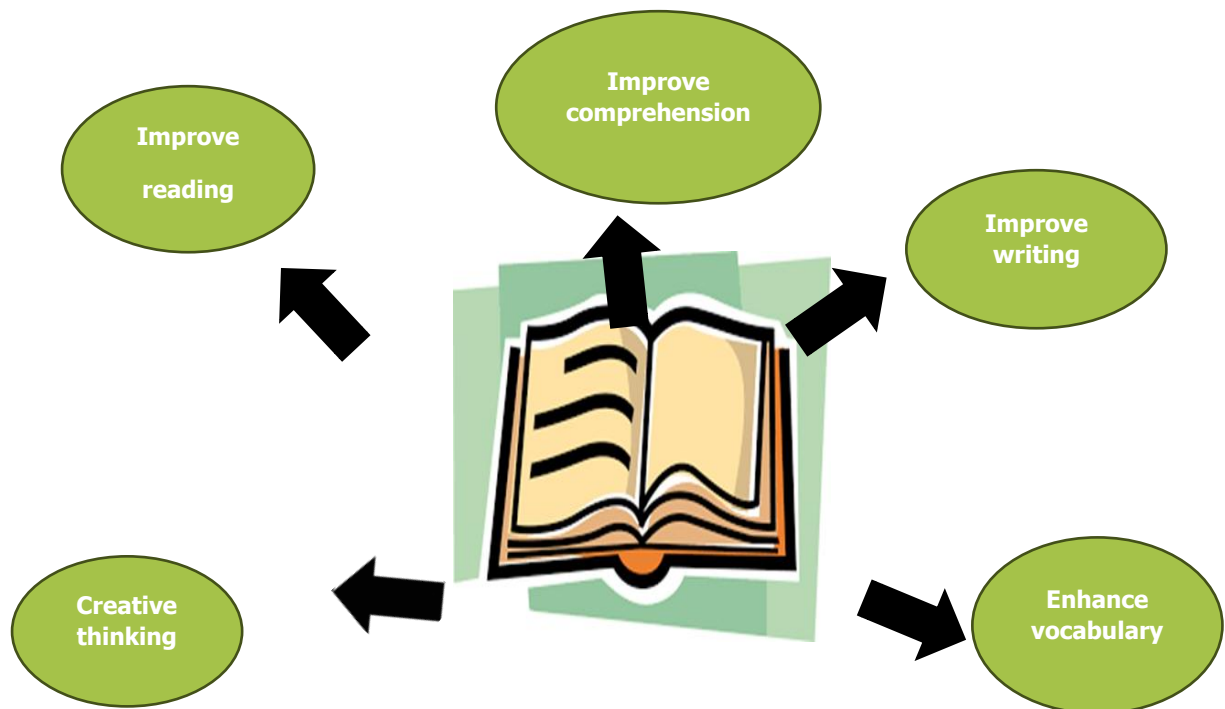
Riddle-Me-This – Answer:

Last but not least

Reading for Pleasure

20 is plenty!

Children who read for 20 minutes a day....



At Baskerville, we firmly believe that reading is a fundamental skill that not only supports academic success but also fosters a love for learning and exploration. By encouraging your child to read as much as possible, both at home and in school, you are helping to nurture their imagination, expand their vocabulary and develop their critical thinking skills.

We are always excited to see the photos, so please send in pictures of your child reading in various surrounding (eg. living room, backyard, park, in the car etc.). This helps us to understand the ways in which reading is being incorporated into your family's daily life.

Please continue to encourage your child to read as much as possible. We are confident that with your support, they will develop a lifelong love for reading that will serve them well throughout their educational journey and beyond.



Featured: Josiah Pitches - Polecats

Age Restrictions for Social Media

It is very important that your child understands and uses social media appropriately. Whilst there are positives to having social media platforms there are also cases in which they can be harmful if children are not supervised regularly. Please take the time to check your child's use of social media.



Residential

6 Key Stage 3 Discovery students had a wonderful time at The Wingate Centre in Cheshire for their 2 night residential. They had lots of fun exploring all that the centre had to offer, including 2 beautiful playgrounds, a sports hall, lounge and sensory room. 2 busy Gymnastics sessions and seeing lots of animals at Chester Zoo. The students stopped off at Sandwell Valley Country Park on the way back to Birmingham. A fantastic time was had. **Well done everyone!**



STAR OF THE WEEKgoes to all the students on Residential

- ❖ Rory Cunnell Jake Smith
- ❖ Oliver Smith Nicholas Bolton
- ❖ Penelope Hales Azaan Shah



Kites Cook Up a Celebration!

Students from Kites class marked the end of their 6-week cookery course with a fantastic celebration event, where they prepared and served lunch for their families and members of the local community. It was a proud moment for everyone involved, showcasing the skills and confidence the students have developed. A huge thank you to Northfield Neighbourhood Network Scheme for funding the project, Allens Cross Community Association for hosting, and to Michelle and Ellie for being such inspiring and supportive cookery teachers.



Year 9 Transition to Windsor Campus

Over the last two Mondays, Year 9 students have been taking part in transition visits to our Windsor campus. These sessions are designed to help them prepare for the move in September by giving them a chance to tour the site, take part in taster lessons, and meet some of the older students and Windsor staff. It's been fantastic to see their confidence grow as they begin to feel more familiar and comfortable in their new setting.

College Transition Days Underway

Several students have recently been taking part in transition visits to local colleges, supporting their move from Baskerville to post-16 education. These visits include tours, meeting key staff, and getting a feel for college routines. One group preparing to move on to South and City College's Foundation Learning programme took part in their first transition visit last Wednesday, where they had the chance to explore the campus and begin building familiarity with the setting. These sessions are a vital part of helping our students feel confident and ready for their next steps.



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Course 1	Southern Fried Chicken	Beef Burger	Macaroni Cheese	Fish Fingers	Chicken Nuggets
Main Course 2	Southern Fried Quorn	Quorn Burger		Fishless Fingers	Halal Nuggets
Vegetarian					Quorn Nuggets
Side	Vegetable Rice	Wedges	Garlic Bread	New Potatoes	Chips
Vegetable		Salad Coleslaw	Sweetcorn	Peas	
Dessert	Muffins	Arctic Roll	Lemon Sponge	Eclairs	Choc Ice

Sandwiches & Baguettes are available every day - Please check with the Kitchen and order by 10am



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Fruit and Yogurt



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