



Headteacher Update

2026 - 2027

Tuesday 6th October – General Update

It's hard to believe how quickly the weeks are flying by. We now have just two weeks left of this half term, and as always there is lots happening in school.

Parent Governor Elections

A reminder that we are currently seeking nominations for parent governors. If you are interested in becoming a parent governor, please submit a personal statement outlining why you feel you would be suitable for the role. If you would like any further information or have any questions, please speak to me or one of our co-chairs, who will be happy to help. A copy of the letter can be found on our website: [Old Basford School - Autumn Term 2026-27](#)

Names in Clothing and Belongings

We are seeing an increasing number of unnamed items forming our lost property. Each week we put lost property out so that families can reclaim any missing belongings. However, unnamed items can be difficult to return to their owners. Please ensure that all clothing, shoes, water bottles and any other items your child brings to school are clearly named.

Wellies and Outdoor Wear

As we move into the autumn and winter months, children will need a pair of wellies in school for use at lunchtime OPAL. Please ensure these are clearly named and stored in your child's year group welly shed. We also ask that black trainers are named, as this helps us return them to the correct child at the end of lunchtime. Please also remember we do play outside in all weathers, so we ask that your child has a suitable outdoor coat, ideally waterproof.

Attendance

Good attendance is key to children making the most of their learning opportunities. Please ensure your child attends school every day unless they are too unwell to attend.

If your child is absent, you must contact the school office by **9:00am** to inform us of the reason for their absence. You should then contact the office each subsequent day to provide an update.

If you know your child will need to be absent from school in the future due to a family commitment, please complete a Planned Absence Form, available from the school office, at least six weeks in advance.

If you have any questions regarding attendance, please speak to Mrs Spilsbury, our Attendance Lead.

Parents' Evenings – Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 8th October

This evening marks the first of our two autumn term Parents' Evenings. All parents should now have an appointment booked, either by themselves or with support from the school office. If you are unsure of your appointment time, please check the Arbor app or contact the school office, who will be happy to help. We look forward to welcoming lots of parents into school and sharing how children have settled into their new classes, the progress they are making, and ways in which you can support learning at home.

Arbor Balances

A polite reminder to please check your child's Arbor account regularly and ensure that any outstanding balances for breakfast club, after-school club and school meals are cleared promptly. Maintaining up-to-date payments helps us to manage these services effectively and ensures they can continue to run smoothly for all families. If you are experiencing difficulties with payments, please contact the school office in confidence and we will be happy to discuss how we can support you.

Reception (F2) Open Events

We are delighted to be holding two open events for families with children who will be starting Reception (F2) in September 2027. These events provide an opportunity for prospective parents to visit our school, meet staff and find out more about the wonderful learning experiences we offer. Please help us spread the word to friends, family members and neighbours who may be considering school places for next year. Further details can be found on the attached poster, and the information has also been shared on our Facebook page. We would be grateful for your support in sharing this within our local community.

Scooters and Bikes on the School Site

A reminder that children riding scooters or bicycles to school remain the responsibility of their parents and carers until they are officially on site and under the supervision of school staff. Children should not be left unsupervised on the school grounds before **8:40am**, as this is when staff supervision begins. To help keep everyone safe, we ask that children dismount from bikes and scooters when entering the school grounds and walk them carefully to the designated storage areas. Thank you for your support in helping us maintain a safe environment for all members of our school community.

Dates

Attached to this update are the dates for the remainder of the autumn term. Please take some time to note the parent events so that you do not miss any opportunities to come into school and share in your child's learning and achievements.

Autumn 1

Week Beginning	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5 th October		Pupil Review meetings (Parents) 3:40 – 6:00		Flu Vaccinations (Pupils) – sign up will be required Pupil Review meetings (Parents) 3:40 – 6:00	
12 th October	F2 (parents) Phonics workshop 2:45pm	Y6 (parents) Maths Workshop 9:00am	Y4 (parents) 9am Maths Workshop (Times Tables)	Y1 (parents) 9am Writing Workshop	Show racism the red card (pupils) wear red)
Half term					

Autumn 2

Week Beginning	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 nd November	INSET DAY School is closed to pupils	Individual (pupil) photos			Y5 (pupils) Space Centre trip
9 th November			F2 (parents) Phonics lesson 9:15am		
16 th November Anti-bullying week Road Safety Week	Odd Socks Day (pupils)				
23 rd November	Disco (pupils) 4:30 – 5:30 (F2 – Y2) 6:00 – 7:00 (Y3 – Y6)				
30 th November		Christmas jumpers can be worn for the month instead of OBS jumpers (1 st December onwards)	Nursery (parents) 10:30am Stay and Create Christmas Crafts		

7th December	5:30pm (choir pupils) Christmas in the City event		Y5 (parents) Mini Police Graduation 2:15pm	Christmas Jumper Day (all pupils) Christmas Dinner Day (all pupils)	
14th December	F2 PROUD assembly (parents) 9:00am Y5 PROUD assembly & showcase of learning (parents) 2:45pm	Y2 PROUD assembly & showcase of learning (parents) 9:00am Nursery PROUD assembly (parents) 11am Y4 PROUD assembly & showcase of learning (parents) 2:45pm	Y3 PROUD assembly & showcase of learning (parents) 9:00am Y6 PROUD assembly & showcase of learning (parents) 2:45pm	Y1 PROUD assembly & showcase of learning (parents) 9:00am	
Christmas Holidays					



**Is your child starting school in
September 2027?**

OLD BASFORD SCHOOL

**Parent Open Day:
Wednesday 4th November 9:30 - 10:30am
OR
Saturday 28th November 2:00 - 3:00pm**

**Please contact school to book a place.
01159 785505 or admin@oldbasford.nottingham.sch.uk**

