

Thursday 11th September 2025 — Number 2 — Autumn Term



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Headteacher Update

- Well done to all our new pupils who have settled into school life really well this week.
- Thank you to our year 6 buddies who have been so keen to support our EYFS pupils.
- Last week, children from Yew Class took part in some playleader training and reflect here on the opportunity. We had some specialist teachers come in to help us become play leaders. I enjoyed playleader training because we got to work on our leadership skills and then we got to practice leading different games that we will be doing at break times and lunchtimes with children. We had instructions for how to run the games and then we followed the instructions for how to lead the games with children. We tested out the games on other groups. It was really fun and we can't wait to do it with all the children in school!
- Thanks to Mrs Bonfield for working with our pupils to create a wonderful scarecrow - Daisy - for the Wimpole [Scarecrow Festival](#) which starts this weekend. If you visit, see if you can spot Daisy!
- A very big thank you to everyone who volunteers in our school or has expressed an interest in volunteering this year. Our volunteers are really appreciated by the children, be it sewing, coding, Friendship Club, reading, weeding. Please do come to one of the two volunteer sessions listed on Diary Dates - 16th and 30th September - as an annual refresher is required before volunteering this year.
- From time to time, the third party providers for our school systems have an issue. This week, this nationwide issue with the MCAS provider delayed the Learning Links. Where there is a known fault with systems, or the phone, or we have an urgent update, the 'Latest News' section on the front page of our school website is where we post updates for parents.



Collective Worship

In Collective Worship this week, we turn our thoughts to Harvest in Choral Worship as we sing some of our favourite harvest songs such as the Harvest Samba.

Rev Felicity introduces our theme for the half term – love. Love is regarded as the jewel among the virtues – love sums up all the values. Jesus quotes the key commandments of 'Loving God and loving our neighbour as ourselves' – in this way love sums up all that is most important about life. But love must not be 'just words' We are all unique and all have different talents and abilities. We reflect on how we each individually can show love at Petersfield

Puffins Booking Fee & Sibling Discount

The annual Puffins booking fee is now due from each family of all regular Puffins users.

- Please pay one fee per family by selecting the payment which can be found under the 'Products' menu on MCAS.
- Please note, the payment appears on all children's accounts as Puffins is open to all pupils.

The sibling discount has now been applied to the Puffins accounts and should show as a balance on the youngest child's After School Club account.

Before and After School Clubs

There are still some places in our Before and After School Clubs for this term.



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Petersfield Primary School

Day: Friday
Club: After School Club
Activity: Football Club KS1&KS2
Time: 15:15 - 16:15
Start Date: 12th September

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Diary Dates

September

16th Sept - Volunteer Induction - 9am

22nd Sept - Open Classroom - 3:15-3:45. Please do watch the 'Welcome to our Class' video which will be circulated in advance of this session. You are welcome to visit your child's classroom, speak to your child's class teacher and ask any questions you have.

30th Sept - Volunteer Induction - 2:45pm

30th Sept - Yew and Rowan Cake Sale - 3:15pm

Community News

Secondary School Open Evening - Please see below the information for our year 6 pupils and parents regarding the upcoming open evening at BBVC.



Bassingbourn Village College

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Telephone: 01763 242344 Fax: 01763 248122
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Website: www.bassingbournvc.net
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Registered address: Lode Road, Cambridge CB25 9DL

8th September 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

BASSINGBOURN VILLAGE COLLEGE OPEN EVENING

We would like to invite all parents with a child currently in Year 6 to our Open Evening, which this year will be held on **Thursday 18th September 2025**.

This event is designed to provide you with more information on Bassingbourn Village College while giving you the opportunity for you to visit us and meet our dedicated staff and speak to some of our students. Primarily our Open Evening is focussed on those pupils and parents who may be considering Bassingbourn Village College for their child's secondary education in September 2026.

During your visit you will have the chance to see the work of individual departments in order to get a flavour of the educational, diverse and rich experiences we offer our students. Staff and students will be available during the evening to answer any questions and provide information.

Due to the large numbers of people expected during the evening, and in order for the evening to run smoothly, we are asking for you to book a start time at either 5.30pm or 6.30pm. The Principal's address in the main hall will follow your self-tour of the school.

Our PFA (Parents and Friends Association) will be providing refreshments during the evening, and there will be the opportunity to ask questions after the Principal's address.

We also have three open mornings on 24th, 25th September and 1st October at 9.30am. You will need to book a place on these open morning tours if you wish to attend.

To book on any of our Open Events please go to our website and go to the Open Evening tab, which can be found here: [Open Evening – Bassingbourn Village College](http://www.bassingbournvc.net/Open-Evening-Bassingbourn-Village-College).

If you have any queries about the events, please email the school office at office@bassingbournvc.org.

We look forward to meeting you on Thursday 18th September.

Yours faithfully

Mr I Stoneham
Principal

Read all about it!

Thanks to our local authors Richard and Ute Maria, this term, we are again adding a chapter a week to our website as we continue the next exciting instalment of their story. You can find the next chapter on our [Reading is Fun](#) page

YOUUnited

YOUUnited offers support to children and young people aged 5 to 17 with their emotional wellbeing and mental health.



1 - <https://www.cpft.nhs.uk/youunited/>

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The School Office Opening Times

As a result of our budget, and in line with policy in other schools, the school office will be closed at times during the day.

From September 2025, the school office opening times will be:

- 8:30am - 8:45am
- 8:55am - 11am
- 1:30pm - 3:15pm

When the school office is closed, a phone message or email can be used for communication.

When the office is closed, please only come to the office in an emergency or if this has been prearranged with school staff.

During the school day, the phone should also ring for a shorter time. If the phone is not answered, staff are dealing with another matter and cannot come to the phone so please do leave a message.

As you are aware, office staff are also at the entrance gate to support children coming into school in the morning. Therefore, please be aware that if you come to the office at 8:45am, you will need to wait until the school gate has closed and the returning member of staff to be available.

Messages at the gate

Staff are always available at the school gate before and after school should you need to pass on a quick message. Alternatively, you can email the school with more detailed information.

If speaking to staff at the school gate, please be mindful that:

- the members of staff are also there to welcome the children so the short message may need to wait until after all the children have entered.
- There are often a number of parent/carers who are waiting so the message should be short. If more information needs to be communicated, please
 - send the information to office@petersfield.cambs.sch.uk in advance of the gate.
 - briefly inform the staff member of the additional information to be emailed.

- ask to speak to the appropriate staff member, usually the classteacher, at another time, usually after school.

Puffins Communication

Puffins staff are available to speak to when you drop off or collect your child from Puffins. Puffins staff can also answer the phone during Puffins opening hours. Please be aware, during Puffins opening hours, Puffins staff are also supervising the children so may only be able to take a short message.

All emails regarding Puffins should be directed to the Puffins email address in the first instance. Additional bookings should now be made online (3 or more days in advance). Only in an emergency should the school office be contacted in the school day. All other matters will be responded to by Puffins staff in line with our Code of Communication response times.

We are really proud of our staff team, who are dedicated professionals, experienced in seeing the bigger picture and meeting the needs of all children. Our staff work so hard to make school the best it can be for your child. As nothing in life is ever perfect, if you have a concern or a mistake is made, please do speak to the member of staff to enable us to address the matter – making mistakes is a central part of the learning process whatever age we are. Please do take a moment to read our Code of Communication which has been updated as all members of our school community, including staff in their workplace and other parents, are entitled to be treated with respect and courtesy at all times.

