

# North Baddesley Junior School



Respect. Aspire. Resilient

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been a truly wonderful celebration of reading across our school as we marked World Book Week. I have been incredibly impressed with how enthusiastically the children have embraced the spirit of the week and completely immersed themselves in all of the activities.

World Book Day itself was a particular highlight. The costumes were absolutely fantastic and it was clear how much effort and creativity had gone into them. From classic storybook characters to some wonderfully imaginative choices, the children looked amazing and it was a joy to see their favourite books brought to life throughout the school.

Today has been another brilliant part of the celebrations. The children have been working in mixed groups across the entire school, taking part in our World Book Day carousel activities. It has been lovely to see children from different year groups learning together, supporting one another, and sharing their enthusiasm for books and stories. Older pupils have taken great pride in helping younger children, while the younger ones have enjoyed working alongside and learning from their peers.

The atmosphere around school has been fantastic all week. There has been a real buzz about books, stories, and reading, which is exactly what World Book Week is all about. It has been wonderful to see so many children excited to talk about the books they love and to discover new stories together.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this such a successful and enjoyable week. It truly has been an amazing celebration of reading for our whole school community.



Book Fair Poster winners - well done!

## Student Spotlight – Maths

This week we are proud to shine the spotlight on a group of our pupils who represented the school at a Maths Competition hosted at The Gregg School.

The children demonstrated fantastic teamwork, problem-solving skills and determination throughout the competition. We are delighted to share that they achieved an impressive **2nd place**, finishing only **three points behind the winning school**.

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This was a brilliant achievement and a reflection of the children's enthusiasm for maths, their resilience when tackling challenging problems, and the way they supported each other as a team.

We are incredibly proud of how they represented our school and the positive attitude they showed throughout the event. Well done to everyone involved!

### Cross Country Success

We are incredibly proud of seven of our cross country runners who recently represented Test Valley at the Hampshire Cross Country event.



The competition was extremely strong, with **over 150 runners from across the county** taking part. Our runners showed fantastic determination, resilience and sportsmanship throughout the event.

They all performed brilliantly and represented Test Valley with pride. Their effort, commitment and positive attitude were wonderful to see, and they should be very proud of their achievements.

We wish all of our families a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Head Teacher

#### Reminders

3W Class assembly Tuesday 10:20

Visiting Book Fair – Tuesday, Thursday and Friday in the school hall – entrance via the year 4/6 gate.

Avon Tyrell Meeting - Thursday 5:00

Summer club timetable coming out next week

## **Fundraising for the Piam Brown ward**

One of our parents is raising money for the Piam Brown Ward at Southampton General Hospital. She has shared a little about her personal experience below.

As some of you may know, Bonnie-Jo who is now in year 1, got diagnosed with a brain tumour within her first week of starting school in year R. She should have been spending her time settling into year R and making new friends. Unfortunately, Bonnie-Jo's (and the rest of the family) spent most of her time at Southampton General hospital on Piam Brown ward. As a parent/carer yourself, you can only imagine how this flipped our life's upside. Bonnie-Jo continues to spend a lot of her time there, and thankful the ward staff are out of this world! They have done so much not only for Bonnie-Jo but all of us as a family. We want to give something back to the ward and are in the process of organising a fundraising event, for the ward on Saturday 13th June at 12-4 at North Baddesley Social Club. We would like to invite you all there along with your families and friends to help give back to the fantastic ward that continue to give children such amazing, lifesaving care. During the fundraising day, we will be holding a lot of events to raise money, some of which include raffles and a tombola. If you have anything suitable for prizes and would like to donate, we would really appreciate it. Donations can be left at the school office where I will collect them twice a week. Donations can be anything big or small! If you have your own business and would like to donate from your business (gift vouchers etc) then please also leave some business cards along with your donation, so we can give recognition to your business on the day! We hope to see as many of you as possible on the day, and appreciate any support that you are able to give! Many thanks Laura (Bonnie-Jo's mum)

# Mrs Wildey's Magic Words

Happy Friday everyone,

And thank you sun, you have been so much fun! World Book Week has also brought its own sunshine – a cornucopia of colour and wonder waving through the school with every costume; creativity crammed into each and every corner.

The power of creativity never ceases to amaze Mrs. Wildey – it has the capacity transform our mental health, and the structure of our brain, through the process of neuroplasticity – the brain's ability to form new neural pathways. When we engage in creative activities, different brain regions connect and communicate, strengthening neural networks and improving flexible thinking, problem-solving, and emotional wellbeing.

Getting 'lost' in these creative activities is something positive psychologists refer to as a state of 'flow', a state that has been found to enhance focus and intrinsic motivation, while reducing stress and self-consciousness. As Albert Einstein proposed, 'creativity is your intelligence having fun' – so let's have more fun!

Mrs Wildey

...who will be getting her crafting on this weekend – maybe some painting? But what shall I paint? Most likely some cheese.

## NBJS Community and Well-being Partnership

We would like to invite parents and carers to our next *SEN and Mental Health* 'coffee and catch-up' afternoon on:

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March – 1:30pm – 3:15pm @ NBJS

These sessions will provide an opportunity to share and discuss general issues around SEN and Mental Health, with the aim of providing our community with the resources they need to navigate an everchanging, and sometimes overwhelming, landscape.

Miss. Verlander, Mrs. Jonas and Mrs. Wildey look forward to welcoming you all!

To register your interest in attending this afternoon, please email [school.office@northbaddesley-jun.hants.sch.uk](mailto:school.office@northbaddesley-jun.hants.sch.uk)

## NBJS PTFA Update

To keep up to date with all NBJS PTFA events, please join our WHATSAPP Community



<https://chat.whatsapp.com/HmGKlr8ngp64DGrWygeHin>

We have our Spring Disco arranged for Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March, 4.30pm to 5.15pm for Years 3 and 4 and 6pm-7.15pm for Years 5 and 6. Tickets are available via PTA Events - [www.pta-events.co.uk/nbjs-ptfa/](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/nbjs-ptfa/)

If you need to contact us, please do so via our email address [nbjsptfa@northbaddesley-jun.hants.sch.uk](mailto:nbjsptfa@northbaddesley-jun.hants.sch.uk)



# Attendance figures this week - Well done so close to 97%.....



Please work in [partnership](#) with us to ensure that your child attends school regularly.

<b>Year 3</b>	<b>97.52%</b>
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>97.55%</b>
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>96.46%</b>
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>96.25%</b>



- **Highlighted means it has been added since the original contact and is a new date/event**
- **Highlighted means there has been a change of date from the original date set.**

Dates for the diary

MARCH 2026					
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> , Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> and Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	✓	✓	✓	✓	Visiting Book Fair
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	✓				Year 3W Class assembly to parents (10:20 - 10:45)
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March		✓			Avon Tyrrell Parent Meeting Kit list meeting
Week beginning 16 <sup>th</sup> March	✓	✓	✓	✓	Last week for school led clubs
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March		✓			Drop off Medicines for Avon Tyrrell 8:30 - 9:00
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	✓				Year 3H Class assembly to parents (10:20 -10:45)
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	✓	✓	✓	✓	Open Showcase Afternoon: Whole school curriculum showcase (2.30-3.00pm). Please wait near the year 4/6 gate.
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March					Odd sock days - world Down Syndrome day 21 <sup>st</sup> March
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	✓	✓	✓	✓	Music Showcase (Keyboard, Violin, Cello, Brass) 9:30- 10:30. Please wait near the year 4/6 gate.
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	✓	✓	✓	✓	SCHOOL DISCO (Yr 3 & 4: 4.30 -5.45) (Yr 5 & 6: 6:00 – 7.15)
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	✓				Year 3 WWII Evacuee Dress up Day
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	✓	✓	✓	✓	Music Showcase (Guitar, Woodwind, Percussion) 9:30- 10:30. Please wait near the year 4/6 gate.
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March					R2Beat concert - parents invited 2:30
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	✓	✓	✓	✓	END OF TERM - normal finishing time.
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March - Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	✓	✓	✓	✓	EASTER HOLIDAYS

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# 360° Holiday Camps



If your child receives benefits-related Free School Meals (FSM), they can join us for FREE this Easter

30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH - 10<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2026

AGES: 5 - 12

GET YOUR  
HAF CODE



### WHAT'S ON?

GAMES HOT LUNCH CRAFT SPORTS



BOOK  
ONLINE



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# OUR VENUES

## ROMSEY RAPIDS

SO51 8AF

## HARESTOCK PRIMARY

SO22 6LU

## CRESCENT PRIMARY

SO50 9DH

## BLACKFIELD PRIMARY

SO45 1XA

## SYCAMORE HALLS

RG23 8AB

## ANDOVER LC

SP10 1QP

## KNIGHTWOOD LC

SO53 4SJ

## ST PETERS PRIMARY

SO22 4JB

## PAVILION ON THE PARK

SO50 9LH

## NEW FOREST ACADEMY

SO45 2PA

## CRANBOURNE SCHOOL

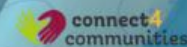
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## GOSPORT LC

PO13 0ZX

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Test Valley Borough Council

# Free Activity Visit

You're invited to  
Test Valleys 2026 free  
Local Nature Reserve  
freshwater dipping activity.

In the sessions children will try pond/river dipping, learn how to safely use nets and then identify creatures while learning more about their habitats or life cycles.

Booking will be on a first come first served basis. Maximum group size 35 pupils. We can accommodate larger groups across two sessions. Please contact us for further information.

If you are interested in a more in-depth chalk stream focused session, Wessex Rivers Trust are offering interactive Source to Sea workshops, in school and riverbank sessions at a river close to you. Please contact [education@wessexrt.org.uk](mailto:education@wessexrt.org.uk) for more information.

To book a place, please contact  
[community&leisure@testvalley.gov.uk](mailto:community&leisure@testvalley.gov.uk)

10am  
until 12  
noon or  
1pm until  
3pm

Tuesdays,  
Wednesdays  
and Thursdays  
in  
May and June

Tadburn  
Meadows LNR  
Romsey

Rooksbury  
Mill LNR  
Andover

Anton Lakes LNR  
Andover

Charlton Lakes  
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