

OASIS ACADEMY BENSON NEWSLETTER



PRINCIPALS WELCOME

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to this week's newsletter. We were delighted to welcome so many parents and carers into our classrooms this week. Your presence and engagement mean a great deal to our staff and students. It was a wonderful opportunity to share the learning journey the children will be making this year. To help ensure smooth learning experiences each day, please remind your child to bring their iPad to school fully charged and ready to use. A charged device supports their independence and helps avoid disruptions during lessons. Yesterday we had a brief, precautionary visit from the local police. While they were with us, the children stayed inside. The matter was dealt with swiftly by our staff and open classrooms went ahead, successfully, as planned.

Ms Rachel Medley - Principal

LET'S CELEBRATE

Congratulations to Walters for winning the attendance award last week! Your dedication to coming to school every day and making the most of your learning is fantastic. Well done to all the children for their commitment - keep up the great work!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Dates for you diary!

Wed 1st-31st Oct 2025- Black History Month

Fri 10th Oct 2025- World Mental Health Day

Half Term Holiday - Mon 27th Oct - Fri 31st Oct 2025

Mon 10th Nov - Odd Socks Day

Fri 14th Nov - Children in Need Day

Thurs 11th Dec - Christmas Jumper Day

Term Ends - Fri 19th Dec 2025

Term Starts: Mon 5th Jan 2026

Tues 10th Feb 2026 - Safer Internet Day

Thurs 5th Mar 2026 - World Book Day

Fri 6th Mar 2026 - British Science Week

Fri 21st Mar 2026 - Red Nose Day

Term Ends - Fri 27th March 2026

Term Starts - Mon 13th April 2026

Half Term Holiday - Mon 25th May - Fri 29th May 2026

Fri 5th June 2026 - World Environment Day

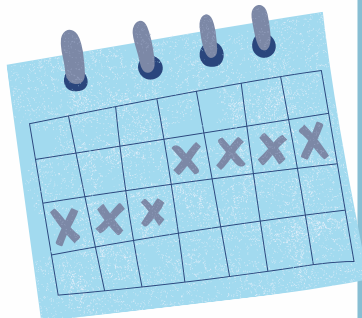
Mon 15th June 2026 - Refugee Week

Mon 16th - 22nd June 2026 - National Sports Week

Term Ends - Fri 17th July

Inset Days

- 17th October 2025
- 13th February 2026
- 26th June 2026
- 1x TBC to be confirmed
- 20 July 2026



CLUBS

Weekly Clubs – Join the Fun!

We are pleased to share the list of weekly clubs currently taking place this term.

These clubs offer wonderful opportunities for pupils to explore new interests, develop skills, and enjoy time with friends outside of the classroom. We still have a limited number of places available in all clubs. If you would like your child to attend, please complete a club registration slip and hand it in to the school office as soon as possible.

Tuesdays:

Year 1 & 2 - Multi Sports Club

Wednesday:

Year 3 & 4 - Handball Club

Thursday:

Year 5 & 6 - Football Club



For more details on any event, please contact the school office or visit the school website.

Reporting Pupil Absences

If your child is absent for any reason, please inform the school by 9:20am on the day of absence. You can either call the school office and leave a message on the absence line, or log the absence directly through your MCAS (MyChildAtSchool) account. Timely reporting helps us maintain accurate attendance records and ensures the safety and wellbeing of all our pupils.

Please can you clearly state your child's name, class and reason.

iPad Use – A Reminder

We kindly ask that pupils refrain from adding charms, stickers, or any decorative items to their iPads. These can interfere with the safe and appropriate use of the devices. We are continuously working with pupils to ensure iPads are used responsibly and for learning purposes only. We appreciate your support in monitoring your child's use of their device at home as well.

Punctuality Matters

We kindly remind all parents and carers of the importance of ensuring pupils arrive at school on time each day. A prompt start supports a calm and focused beginning to learning and helps children settle into their routines smoothly.

- Nursery begins at 8:30am
- Reception to Year 6 begins at 8:40am

Please make every effort to ensure your child arrives by their designated start time. Thank you for your continued support in promoting good punctuality and a positive learning environment.



Online Payment System

Please remember to sign up to MCAS

The MCAS app is available to download on all smart devices. However, we kindly request that it is **not** installed on children's iPads.

Thank you for your cooperation.

To ensure smooth communication and access to important updates via MCAS (MyChildAtSchool), please make sure the school office has your most up-to-date email address on file. If you have recently changed your contact details, kindly inform the office as soon as possible so we can update our records accordingly.

Swimming & PE Timetable

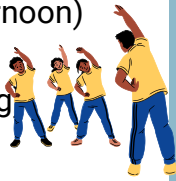
Monday: Year 3 & 4 - (Afternoon)



Tuesday: - x

Wednesday: Year 1/ 2/ 5/ 6 (Afternoon)

Thursday: Reception (Morning)
Year 2/ 5/ 6 (Afternoon)



Friday: Nursery (Morning- Starting in Spring 2026)
Year 3/ 4

Please ensure your child brings appropriate swimwear for their swimming lessons, including a towel and any necessary accessories. For PE days, children may come to school dressed in their PE kit to help maximise lesson time and ensure a smooth start to the day. Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain a well-prepared and active learning environment.

Labelling Clothing and Lost Property

Please ensure that all of your child's clothing and belongings are clearly labelled with their name. This greatly helps us return lost items quickly and efficiently. If your child has misplaced an item, please visit the lost property area the following day to check if it has been handed in. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us keep track of personal belongings.

WELCOME SESSION

Thank You for Attending Our Welcome Session
A huge thank you to all our parents and carers who attended the Welcome Session on Wednesday. It was a pleasure to see so many of you engaging with our staff and showing such enthusiasm for the year ahead. Your support plays a vital role in creating a strong and positive school community, and we truly appreciate your time and involvement.



How would you answer these questions?

- Has your relationship with your children broken down?
- Have you tried everything and feel like giving up, or have you already given up?
- Do you feel like no one really understands how hard it is?
- Are you willing to try something new to restore your relationship with your child?

CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SELF-REFER:

You can scan the QR code or click the link below to fill out the referral form. A member of our team will be in touch shortly.

<https://forms.office.com/e/6e801a0a21>



'I found the whole experience very rewarding especially that you 'listen' and help us 'act' on our school/parent/child interactions.'

If you answered 'Yes' to any of these questions, then we would love to invite you to join us for our next Encounter session!

How does Encounter work?

Oasis Encounter is a program that improves the whole family's mental well-being. Through eight online sessions, our trained coaches offer a supportive and safe space for parents and carers to discuss the realities of parenting.

Our cohorts receive supportive tools and techniques that can help strengthen and protect relationships both with themselves and the family as a whole. You will have the support of a team of experienced practitioners and other parents.

We will walk with you every step of the way!

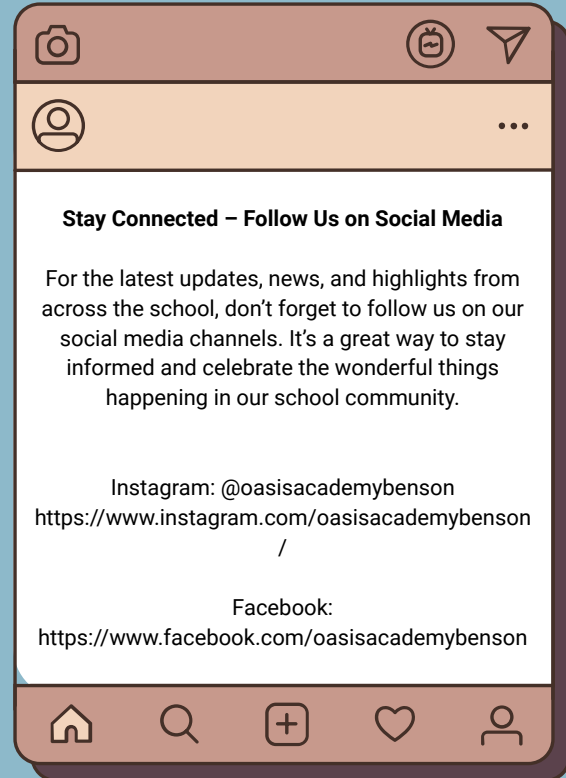
For further information, contact us at:

OasisEncounter@oasisuk.org

'I found the course encouraging and thought provoking and well led. The coaches were empathetic, down to earth, supportive.'



WHAT OUR PARENTS SAY!



Oasis Encounter for Parents:

We are launching Oasis Encounter Course starting week commencing Monday 22nd September with 3 courses to choose from (Monday evenings, Wednesday evenings and Thursday mornings). As you know Oasis Encounter is a therapeutic programme based on the principles of Non-Violent Resistance (NVR), which explores 'connection before correction' and has proven to be effective even where a child has anxiety, ADHD, Autism or struggling to attend school.

NVR is an innovative form of family intervention and can help parents/carers to re-establish a warm, loving and containing parental presence.

The programme provides expert teaching, skills building and a significant amount of peer support as parents will join live on Zoom for an hour and a half each week. There is wrap around support midweek via our WhatsApp group and many parents continue to use this WhatsApp long after the course has ended.

Here is feedback from a parent last year:

'Before coming to this course my relationship with my child was non-existent - we screamed instead of talked. He hit instead of using his words. Our family was miserable. Now finishing I feel like our family has done a 360 - our communication has gained so much more. Our relationship has become stronger, and we are all so present in our family environment. I'm so upset to say it's our last week here. But so grateful for this opportunity as it has changed our family lives forever. Thank you so much.'

Check out our webpage and sign up. On the [Oasis Encounter website](#) you will find a video explaining more about what to expect.