16th October 2026

Bacton Primary School

This Week

Despite a very wet start to the day, the weather was kind to us for our **Harvest Festival** and we enjoyed a wonderful afternoon of celebration together. Thank you to everyone who attended and donated food.

We welcomed musician Chris Warren, who has written a song in support of **Save the Children**. Children enjoyed learning the song and recording their voices as part of the project. Donations from this year's Christmas Jumper Day will contribute to the charity.

Next Week

Local artist **Hannah Farthing** will be working with children on Monday. Families are warmly invited to view artwork created this half term after school in the hall.

Our second round of school photographs will be on **Monday**. As we continue to review potential photography providers, we would appreciate any feedback on the photographs received.

Our **Reception Open Evening** will take place from **4-6 pm on Wednesday**. We look forward to welcoming families who are considering joining our schools next September.

Children in **Years 3 and 4** will be heading to **Thorpe Woodlands**. This is always a memorable experience and, for many, their first night away from home. We know they will have a fantastic time.

Mendlesham PTA Indoor Car Boot Sale will taking place on **Sunday**.

Important Reminder for Year 6 Parents

The closing date for applications for High School places is **31st October 2026**. Please ensure your application is submitted before this date.

Parent & Carer Focus Group

We would like to invite parents and carers to join our **School Focus Group**. This is an opportunity to:

· Learn about our key priorities and improvement plans for the year ahead.

· Find out more about developments across the school.

· Ask questions and gain a deeper understanding of school life.

· Share your views, suggestions and ideas.

· Work alongside school leaders to help shape the future direction of the school.

Date: 16th November - 3:15. Children may attend after school club free of charge during this session.

We value the perspectives of our families and believe that by working together with parents, carers and governors (a selection of whom will be in attendance), we can continue to strengthen our school and provide the very best opportunities for our children.

We hope to see many of you there!

Reporting Your Child's Absence

Thank you for letting us know when your child is unable to attend school. When reporting an absence, we kindly ask that you provide a specific reason for the absence wherever possible. Unfortunately, terms such as *"ill"* or *"unwell"* do not give us enough information for our attendance records.

Having a clearer understanding of the type of illness affecting our pupils helps us identify if there is an increase in similar illnesses across the school. This enables us to take any necessary steps to protect the health and wellbeing of our school community, including enhanced cleaning or, where appropriate, a deep clean of the school.

Thank you for your support, cooperation, and understanding in helping us maintain a safe and healthy environment for everyone.

Dinner Menu
Week Commencing 19th October

	19.10.26
Monday	Ta-Da Vegetable Frittata (E, Mi)
Tuesday	Meatballs & Pasta(W, B) Can't Be Meatballs
Wednesday	Winner Winner Chicken Dinner (W, E, Mi) Vegetarian Option
Thursday	3 Cheese Pizza (W, Mi)
Friday	Homemade Chicken Nuggets Chips (W)

JACKET POTATO

Cheese (Mi)
Beans
Butter (Vegan)

HELP YOURSELF TO

Pasta (W),
Bread (W)(Mi),
Cheese (Mi),
Crackers (W),
Tortilla Crisps (W),
Wedges,
New Potatoes,
Garlic Bread (W) (Mi),
Salad, Coleslaw,
Mango Salsa,
Veg Sticks,
Seasonal Vegetables

SELECTION CHANGES DAILY

SCHOOL PACKED LUNCH

Bagels/Sandwiches/ Wraps(W)

FILLINGS
Cheese (Mi), Ham

SERVED WITH

Tortilla Crisps (W) or Lentil Rings with unlimited Sides, Salads & Fruit &

Dessert

DESSERTS

Fresh Fruit Platter, Yoghurt, Jelly Daily where available

Homemade Dessert of the Day
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

Friday—Real Fruit Lollies, Ice Cream Tubs

ALLERGENS GLUTEN

W-Wheat
O-Oats
B-Barley
R-Rye
SP-Spelt
GF-Gluten Free

ALLERGENS

P-Peanuts
TN-Tree Nuts
E-Eggs
SE-Sesame
S-Soya
Mi-Milk
CE-Celery
MU-Mustard
F-Fish
Mo-Molluscs
CR-Crustacea
L-Lupin

Diary Dates

19th October - Individual Photos
19th October - Art Show
21st October - EYFS Open Evening
22nd to 23rd October - Year 3 & 4 Residential to Thorpe Woodlands

26th to 30th October
Half Term

6th November - Steel Pan Workshop
6th November - Christmas Jumper Swap Shop for a Donation

Attendance This Week

Robin: 96.67%
Finch: 98.89%
Kingfisher: 93.85%
Owl: 92.4%
Eagle: 95%

Super Learners

To be completed next week