



Growing Lifelong Learners

BOSMERE JUNIOR SCHOOL

Handbook for Parents/Carers Academic Year 2023 – 2024

Welcome to Bosmere Junior School!

This handbook is intended to answer some of the most frequently asked questions about the day to day running of the school; it is full of useful information.

The handbook will be updated from time to time during your child's time at the school. Changes to information will be headlined in Bosmere News.

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SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN

The staff and governors of Bosmere Junior School are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff members and visitors to share this commitment.

Our Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy can be seen on the school website and a paper copy is held in the school office.

Our Designated Safeguarding Leads are Mrs Robinson, Mr Adam and Mrs Lever.



If you have any enquiries, please visit the staff at the school office who are always happy to help.

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SCHOOL STAFF

Headteacher: Mrs Kathryn Robinson Deputy Headteacher: Mr John Adam

Teachers (* Phase Leader / ** Year Co-ordinator / * Additional teacher)**

| Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Mrs Lucy Barnard | Mrs Leanne Austen** | Mrs Aly Dawson | Mrs Lorna Browne |
| Miss Ellen Dawes** | Mr James Baker* | Mr Olly Kershaw** | Miss Becky Calcott** |
| Miss Ellie Rankin | Mr Paul Sherlock | Mr Isaac Parrack | Mrs Charlotte Reed* |
| Mrs Helen Baker*** | Mrs Nicola White | Mrs Sue Shore | Mrs Sally Smith*** |

Learning Support Assistants (*HLTA)

| Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
|----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Mrs Kim Chapman | Ms Zoe Carew | Mrs Emma Dunn* | Mrs Sarah Buckwell |
| Mrs Karen Day | Ms Tracy Conway | Miss Michelle Faithfull* | Mrs Justine Clark |
| Mrs Claire Faithfull | Mrs Tracy Cronin* | Mrs Holly Jordan-Norris | Miss Tina Emery* |
| Mrs Lisa Kemp | Miss Michelle Faithfull* | Mrs Vicky Morgan | Mrs Louise Wright |
| Mrs Emma Marsh | Mrs Debbie Page | Mrs Fionna Pullen | |
| Mrs Jan Morris | Mrs Sarah Simpson | | |
| Mrs Gem Terry* | | | |

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| SEND and Able and More Able Co-Ordinator: | Mr John Adam |
| Spanish Teacher: | Mrs Helen Baker |
| Librarian: | Mrs Rebecca Dunn |
| Home School Link Worker / ELSA: | Mrs Karen Lever |
| ELSA: | Mrs Lisa Kemp |
| Sport Coach: | Mrs Fionna Pullen |

Administrative Staff:

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| Admin Manager: | Mrs Alison Reilly | SIMS Manager: | Vacancy |
| Admin Assistant: | Mrs Emma Chappell | | |

Site Management Team:

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| Mr Dan Moore (Site Manager) | Mrs Kim Chapman (Caretaker) | Miss Tina Emery (Caretaker) |
| Miss Michelle Faithfull | Mrs Chris Horn | |

Lunchtime Supervisors

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| Mrs Emma Marsh (Senior SA) | Mrs Claire Faithfull | Mrs Tracey Leggett |
| Mrs Nicole Badham | Mrs Sara Hadden | Mrs Janine Taylor |
| Miss Tracy Conway | Mrs Kim Jones | Mrs Sue Vine |

Governors ([See website](#))

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| John Adam (Staff Governor) | Joanne Armitage | Jo Brooks |
| Ellen Dawes | Nick Durkee | Carla Eagle |
| Helen Faulkner | Jenny Lane | Jackie Lowe |
| Martin Poliszczuk | Mike Powell | Sarah Smith |
| Brian Swan | VACANCY | Kathryn Robinson (HT) |

HOME SCHOOL COMMUNICATION:

The school operates an open door policy for the purposes of good communication between parents and staff. Parents are welcome to come to the school at any time during the working day and should always report to reception, where a member of the office team will be available to help. Appointments to discuss matters with a member of the teaching staff or the Headteacher will be arranged at the earliest available opportunity. Staff can also be contacted via email. All email addresses follow the format initial.surname@bosmere.hants.sch.uk, for example Mrs Robinson would be k.robinson@bosmere.hants.sch.uk.

To keep you updated with your child's academic progress, a Milestone Report will be sent home in November and February. The school also holds consultation evenings in the Autumn and Spring terms; on these occasions an appointment system operates through the ParentMail app. In addition, an annual report will be issued towards the end of the summer term.

ParentMail

At Bosmere we believe in working in partnership with parents; to facilitate this we use ParentMail as our main means of communication between school and home. Newsletters, letters from year groups regarding school trips and events, PTA and Governors correspondence will be emailed home via ParentMail. You must be registered in order to receive emails.

To register for ParentMail you will need to search for the ParentMail App and download it. (This is a free App). Further information will be given for new parents in September. Once you have registered you will be able to pay for school lunches, trips and visits online. All correspondence from school will also be published on the school website www.bosmere.hants.sch.uk

Contact Details

We rely upon parents to keep us up to date with new contact details including new mobile numbers, work details, e-mail address etc.

Home School Link Worker

At Bosmere Junior School we know that children achieve more when both home and school work in partnership to support a child's development.

Mrs Karen Lever is our Home School Link Worker (HSLW). She is in school every day 8.30am-4pm and usually at the main entrance to the school 8.30-9am. She is here to offer support, advice, guidance and a listening ear to parents/carers and pupils on an individual basis.

Mrs Lever can support children on a 1:1 or small group basis with:

- lack of confidence and low self-esteem;
- break down/difficult family relationships;
- behavioural, emotional and social difficulties;
- friendship issues;
- transition between schools.

She can also support parents with:

- developing and maintaining a positive relationship with the school;
- helping children to increase school attendance, minimise absences and lateness and encouraging children into school;
- referring to and working with a range of professionals for support i.e. School Nurse, CAMHS, Southern Domestic Abuse Service etc.;
- managing a problem at home, such as substance misuse, domestic abuse or poor physical or mental health.

Mrs Lever will help and encourage all families to see school as a friendly, approachable place. Phone the school to arrange an appointment or drop in and ask for a chat!

Emergency School Closure

Heavy snowfall preventing staff from travelling to school, heating failure or loss of basic utilities such as electricity, gas or water will all result in an emergency closure of the school. Should this happen, the following will take place:

- A email will be sent via ParentMail;
- Radio Solent (96.1FM or 103.8FM) will broadcast the closure and list the school on its website: www.bbc.co.uk/radiosolent;
- Hampshire County Council website www.hants.gov.uk will list the school as closed;
- A message will be put on the school Facebook page;
- **If possible**, staff will be at the main entrance, the Park Road South entrance and at Tesco to inform parents arriving with children of the closure.

- Children arriving without adults will be brought into school and their parents will be contacted.

Parental Permissions Booklet

When your child joins Bosmere, you will receive a booklet containing permission forms which we ask you to sign and return to school as soon as possible. ***These permissions will last the whole time your child remains at Bosmere.***

PARENT HELPERS

Want to become a parent helper? – It's simple! Please contact your child's teacher or the school admin staff to register your interest. ***A DBS Certificate will be required and Mrs Reilly, Admin Manager will organise this with you.***

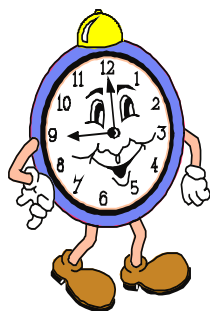
POLICIES

All school policies are available for inspection in the school office or on the school website: www.bosmere.hants.sch.uk

If you would like a paper copy of any policy please request this at the office.

THE SCHOOL DAY

School Times



| SESSION TIMES: | | |
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| Morning session: | 8:50am | - 12:10pm |
| L/S Morning break* | 10:25am | - 10:40am |
| U/S Morning break* | 10:45am | - 11:00am |
| LUNCH: | 12:10pm | - 1:10pm |
| Afternoon session: | 1:10pm | - 3:30pm |
| Afternoon break* | 2:10pm | - 2:25pm |

***WET BREAKS** - If your child has adequate wet weather clothing and footwear he/she may play outside during a wet break.

Arrangements for the start and end of the school day

At the start of the day, children can be dropped off at either of the school gates from 8:30am. They will be supervised on the playground and will start going into school from 8:45am. The playground gates close at 8:50am.

At the end of the day, parents are allowed onto the playground from 3:20pm. The children come out of school at 3:30pm. Discuss going home arrangements with your child ***on a daily basis***; this is particularly important when clubs operate.

Cycling/Scooting to school – the following rules apply:

- It is left to the parents' discretion whether they accompany their child to school - the decision as to whether a child is competent to cycle to and from school rests with the parent;
- Children must wear a helmet when riding a bike;
- Children should not cycle/scoot on the school grounds;
- A cycle/scooter rack is available for children to use. The school cannot accept responsibility for scooters/bikes.

Parking

The school car park is for staff only. Parents, please encourage your children to walk **on the paths and not through the car park.** Parents can **only use the staff car park with permission from the Headteacher.**



South Street is too congested to accommodate parents' cars so we advise you to use our "PARK AND STRIDE" approach! As well as being able to park free at **Tesco for up to 3 hours**, we have secured the following options for this:

- **Bulbeck Road (West Street) Car Park,**
- **Prince Georges Street Car Park,**
- **East Pallant Car Park,**
- **Town End House Car Park** (HBC spaces only – not LiveLink Private car park space - limited availability)

The above car parks are available FREE to Bosmere parents/carers between 8.20am and 9.05am (for morning school run) and between 2.50pm and 4pm (for afternoon collection). This is TERM TIME ONLY and does not apply during school holidays and school closure days. You do not need to display anything. (NB the Meridian Centre Car Park is NOT included in this scheme.)

PLEASE DO NOT ARRANGE TO MEET YOUR CHILD ON THE ROUNDABOUT.

Parking on double yellow or zig-zag lines outside the school (including the bus stop in Park Road South and the turning circle) is illegal. Traffic wardens regularly patrol and issue tickets. **BE WARNED!**

Security

Bosmere Junior School is a secure site. Gates remain locked at all times, except for the start and end of the day. Entry to the school is only possible via the main door at any other time. If you wish to speak to a member of staff **ALWAYS** use the front entrance stating who you are at the video intercom located on the wall to the right of the doors. Please report to the school office.

ATTENDANCE

Parents have a legal responsibility to ensure that children ***attend school regularly and on time***. A child not attending school is considered a safeguarding matter. If your child is absent, we need to know why so we ask you to ***telephone as soon as possible on the first day of absence and every day thereafter***. If we do not hear from you, we will contact you via text or by telephone to ask for the reason for absence. We will continue to try all contacts until a response is received. If no response is received, a home visit will be made.



Lateness

A child arriving to school after the playground gates have closed (8.50am) must report to the school office (reception) before going to class. Any lateness is recorded in the register: L = 20 minutes or less and U = 21 minutes or more. U is recorded as an unauthorised absence.

Requests for leave of absence

Following Department for Education regulations, Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are **exceptional circumstances**.

Parents wishing to apply for leave of absence need to complete an application form in advance and before making any travel arrangements. Forms are available from the school office / website. In the majority of cases, absence from school for a family holiday ***will not*** be authorised. If term time leave is taken without prior permission from the school, the absence will be unauthorised.

Medical Appointments

Children who need to leave school for medical appointments and return later, need to be registered at the office on exit and entry. Where possible, doctors and dentists appointments should be made outside of school hours or during school holidays.

Sickness and Diarrhoea bug

If your child suffers from a sickness and diarrhoea bug, *please keep them off school for 48 hours from the last episode of sickness or diarrhoea.*

Head Lice

Pupils with live head lice do not need to be sent home from school; they can go home at the end of the day, be treated, and return to school the following day. Nits (head lice eggs) may persist after treatment, but successful treatment should kill crawling lice.

Ongoing absence / lateness or unauthorised absence

Where pupils are identified as being at risk of poor attendance, we will contact parents to discuss the reasons and offer support if needed.

Insufficient improvement with ongoing absence, or 10 sessions of unauthorised absence may result in the issuing of a Penalty Notice, or the involvement of the Hampshire County Council Legal Intervention Team if a Penalty Notice has previously been issued. Further information is available at the following link:

<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/education/hias/learning-behaviour-attendance/attendance-guidance-for-parents/possible-penalties.htm>

If you are having any problems with your child relating to attendance, please contact our Home School Link Worker, Mrs Lever.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

School Uniform

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| Shirt – white with collar for a tie |
| School tie (available from the school shop) |
| School sweatshirt or cardigan (available from the school shop) |
| Skirt, pinafore dress or trousers/shorts – grey or navy blue (school style) Not black |
| Socks/tights – grey/navy (white socks are permissible with skirts but not under trousers) |
| Shoes – all black - Boots are NOT permitted (All black trainer style shoes are permitted) No white / coloured soles or logos |
| A blue and white check dress (school style) may be worn in the Summer Term only |

P.E. Kit (Worn to school on days when children have P.E. / Games)

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| House colour T-shirt with school logo (available from the school shop) |
| School royal blue shorts (available from the school shop) |
| House colour sweatshirt with school logo (available from the school shop) |
| Plain navy blue joggers - no logos permitted (available from the school shop) |
| Trainers (Plimsolls are not suitable for P.E. or games) |

School Uniform Shop

The School Uniform Shop stocks the following items:

- School ties
- School sweatshirts/cardigans
- House colour P.E. T- shirts and sweatshirts
- School royal blue PE shorts
- Plain navy joggers

The uniform shop is run through the school office. You can contact the office to place an order. This can also be done through ParentMail, when your child begins to attend the school. Uniform can then be collected from the school office or will be sent home with your child.

Each term we hold a Pre-loved Uniform Event, where uniform can be obtained for a small voluntary donation to PTA funds.

School Uniform – health and safety rules:

- Open toe sandals are not suitable school shoes;
- For safety reasons children should remove watches for physical activity. It is the policy at Bosmere School that children whose ears are pierced must only wear **one pair of small plain stud earrings**. No other is acceptable. *(Earrings should not be worn to school on the days where P.E. takes place.)* **Any other type of jewellery should not be worn to school for safety and security reasons.**

Hair/Makeup

Children at Bosmere should not have extreme hair styles, i.e. have their hair dyed or bleached nor should they have their head shaved, including patterns. Any hair accessories should be discreet and uniform colour i.e. no large flowers/bows. Children should NOT wear any form of makeup (including nail varnish).

Lost Property

Lost property is to be found in the school conservatory. Please ask your child to ask an adult in their class to help them look for any missing items. We encourage all children to respect their own and other people's property. We ask parents to assist us by clearly marking **all clothing including coats, hats, gloves etc., trainers, bags, lunch boxes and water bottles**. Please use either labels or an indelible pen. Named lost property is returned directly to children. Parents are welcome to come in at any time to look for lost property during the school day.

At the end of each half term unnamed lost property is displayed in the entrance lobby, please come in and check for lost items.

ALL CLOTHING MUST BE NAMED



Mobile Phones and Smart Watches

Mobile phones are part of modern society and a large number of pupils will now own a mobile phone. We understand that for safety reasons some parents may want their child to carry a mobile phone in order to be able to contact a family member after school/before school. The decision to allow a child to bring a mobile phone to school rests with a parent. Please be aware:

1. The school will not accept responsibility for loss, damage or theft of a mobile phone.
2. The decision to allow a child to bring a mobile phone to school rests with a parent. Parents and pupils must be aware that bringing a phone to school carries the risk of loss, damage or theft. For this reason the school would discourage parents to allow their children to bring phones to school.
3. Mobile phones must remain **switched off** during school hours and kept out of sight. This includes break and lunchtimes. Mobile phones are not allowed to be used on site – this is defined as ‘inside the school gates’ and includes the playground at the beginning and end of the day.
4. Any pupils seen using their mobile phone during school hours will have their phone confiscated. **Phones must not be seen or heard on the school site.**

For more details, please see the school policy on Mobile Phones.

Smart-Watches should not be worn to school if they have a:

- Camera
- Game(s)
- Calculator
- Link to a phone for the purpose of messaging

There are some watches which have more limited functionality e.g. simpler Fit-bits which just record data about the wearer that might be acceptable, but an adult may question a child about the watch and check it to ensure that it is appropriate for school. Simple analogue and digital watches remain completely appropriate for school and we would recommend them for helping children to develop their understanding of time.

BEHAVIOUR

At Bosmere we have two sets of values which we promote:

Our '**HEARTS**' Values promote the idea that 'It's what we are like in our hearts that matters':

Be...**H**ealthy, **E**mpathetic, **A**mbitious, **R**espectful, **T**rustworthy, **S**afe;

Our '**GROW IT**' Learning Values look at developing the skills to be 'Lifelong Learners':

Greatness, **R**esilience, **O**riginality, **W**onder, **I**ndependence, **T**eamwork.

We have a set of "Golden Rules", linked to our HEARTS values which we ask children to follow:

- 1) Make sensible choices;
- 2) Be polite and kind to others;
- 3) Always do your best:
- 4) Listen to adults and follow instructions;
- 5) Be honest and look after other people's property;
- 6) Stay safe

White, Yellow, Orange or Red behaviour cards may be given to a child if they break the school rules. The reasons for giving out a behaviour card may include:

| White | Yellow | Orange | Red |
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| White Cards are given to children where there is conflict or behaviour that we feel requires a restorative meeting. Restorative meetings give children who have been harmed the opportunity to explain the impact to those responsible, and for those responsible to acknowledge this | Stopping other children from learning | Persistently disrupting the class | Refusing to complete work set by an adult |
| | Playing roughly on the playground | Fighting | Causing injury through unprovoked violence |
| | Being unkind to another pupil / creating conflict | Purposefully hurting other people's feelings | Bullying |
| | Being disrespectful toward others | Deliberate rudeness to an adult | Refusing to follow instructions from an adult |
| | | Lying to an adult | Consciously lying to adults and blaming others |

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| impact and take steps to put it right. These cards help us to see if any children frequently require help in managing relationships with their peers. However, they do not replace the Yellow, Orange and Red cards which continue to be used to help manage more significant behaviour issues. | Misusing other people's property | Deliberately taking, moving or damaging other people's property | Serious vandalism or theft |
| | Rude language | Inappropriate language / swearing | Aggressive or abusive swearing at another person |
| | Ignoring safety rules | Being deliberately unsafe | Creating a dangerous situation (may put others at risk) |
| | Repeatedly forgetting homework, PE kit, school equipment or school uniform | Deliberately ignoring expectations on homework, PE kit, school uniform and school equipment | |

FOOD IN SCHOOL

School Meals

- Children may either have a healthy cooked lunch from school or bring in a healthy packed lunch from home. Children having school lunches are able to pre-order the meal of their choice from the menu available. ***If you know your child is going to arrive at school after 10am, please ring the school office to book a meal;***
- Water is provided for all children having school meals at lunchtime;
- School meals are currently £3.00 per day, £15 per week;
- Meals should be paid **in advance weekly** on the first day of the week. We encourage parents to pay for school meals using ParentMail. However, if you are unable to access ParentMail, dinner money should be enclosed in an envelope with your child's name and class written on the front.

If you think your child may be entitled to Free School Meals you can check eligibility by going on to the following website:

<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/caterers/hc3s.freeschoolmeals> where you will get immediate confirmation. It is important for your child's education that you register for free school meals if you are entitled, as this does mean that your child will be eligible for additional resources (Pupil Premium funding) and does not mean your child cannot bring a packed lunch to school. If you have any queries on this matter, please contact our admin team.

Packed Lunches

At Bosmere we continually promote a healthy lifestyle, encouraging all pupils to take part in increased levels of activity and make healthy food choices. Bars of chocolate, sweets or fizzy drinks **are not permitted** in school, or to be taken on school visits. We have a few children in school that may have an extreme reaction to any nut products in their immediate environment. For this reason, please **do not send any nuts/nut products/peanut butter** sandwiches etc. to school with your child for lunch. We ask that parents providing a packed lunch also provide a drink.



Snacks

Children may bring in a piece of fruit or vegetable snack for break time if they wish. (NB Fruit is not provided.)

Water Bottles

All children should have a water bottle in school every day. This should have a sports top, rather than a screw top, as screw tops often lead to water being spilt on work. It also needs to be clear / semi-opaque so that it is easy to check that it is water being brought into school. Bottles should be clearly marked with child's name and class and children will need to take their bottles home daily to be cleaned. Children have access to their water bottles throughout the day. Water bottles can be purchased from school office priced £1.00.



HEALTH

Food Allergies

Please let the school know if your child has a food allergy (not just an intolerance or dislike). HC3S, the company that provides Bosmere's school meals, require a Special Diets Request form to be completed before a child with a food allergy can have a school meal. This form is available from the school office on request.

Asthma

Asthma inhalers are kept in classes so children have easy access to them. Please complete an 'Administration of Medicines/Treatment Consent Form' and bring it to the school office together with your child's inhaler. Children will not be

allowed to go out on trips without their inhaler so please notify us if and when your child no longer requires it.

Administering Medication at School

The admin staff will administer prescribed medicines to your child if needed. Please bring the medicine clearly named to the school office and complete a permission slip. All medication is stored and administered in the medical room (apart from children's asthma inhalers, epi-pens etc). These arrangements protect all your children from the loss or misapplication of medicines.

Illness or Accidents Whilst at School

If your child is ill or has an accident at school, it may be necessary to contact you urgently. It is **essential** that we have your home telephone number, mobile number and details of another person who may be contacted in an emergency. In exceptional circumstances, where the problem is serious and contact with you could not be made, the Headteacher will act "in loco parentis".

First Aid

A range of staff members hold either First Aid at Work, Emergency Aid, First Response or Paediatric First Aid.



HOMEWORK

Children are expected to take a pride in their homework and present it both formally and creatively depending on the tasks.

The school's agreed practice for homework is that:

- Homework is set on a regular basis;
- Tasks will be made clear to children and matched to their abilities;
- Homework will generally follow on from work which has taken place in class but may take many different forms;
- It may sometimes consist of preparation for work yet to be done;
- It should sometimes involve the participation of the parents;
- Timescales for completion of homework will be made explicit, with several days for completion to allow for other commitments;

- Support will be provided in school where difficulties with homework are experienced;
- Children who have not made the effort to complete expected tasks in class may be asked to complete work at home.

All children are expected to complete homework. Regular completion of homework of a high standard is recognised and celebrated. Children who do not complete their homework may be given an opportunity to succeed in this through a homework session in school leisure time at the teacher's discretion. If a child consistently fails to complete homework, parents will be contacted.

The amount of homework increases as children move through the school. Times vary each week, depending on the tasks set and the amount of effort children wish to put in. There is usually a minimum expectation of 1 to 2 hours per week in Year 3 and Year 4 and 2 to 3 hours per week in Year 5 and Year 6.

In every year group homework includes:

- reading with an adult (expectation of at least 5 times per week)
- learning spellings
- learning number facts/tables

In addition to this, each half term a choice of up to 6 project style homework tasks is set in each year group. There is an expectation that children complete at least one of these tasks by the end of the half term. Any additional tasks completed are recognised and celebrated. Some homework will be provided online via platforms, such as MyMaths, Times Tables Rockstars and MS TEAMS.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Bosmere Staff Run Clubs (Free)

A club newsletter and timetable is circulated at the beginning of each term. There is always a wide variety of activities on offer, either before school, at lunchtime or after school.



Cancellation of staff run clubs

If a club has to be cancelled 24 hours or more before it takes place, children will be informed and an email/text will be sent to parents through ParentMail. If a club is cancelled on the day it takes place due to inclement weather or staff illness, the following procedure will take place:

- a text will be sent through ParentMail informing you of the cancellation;
- children will be told by staff that they can only go home without an adult if their parent has contacted the office. Therefore if you are happy for your child to walk home independently, you must inform the office;
- any children who are not collected on time can wait in school.

No teacher-run clubs take place during the weeks which contain a parents' consultation evening.

Please note that several after school activities continue until 4.30pm or sometimes later. The school crossing patrols go off duty at 4pm.

Activities Organised and Run by Outside Agencies (Fees Apply)



In addition, a range of clubs is provided each term by outside agencies. It is their responsibility to provide information regarding dates, times and costs for their classes at the beginning of each term, as well as notifying you of any changes to their set programmes. They will take a register at the beginning of each class and will hold their own emergency contact lists.

Before and After School Care

A breakfast and after school club is available. 'Lisa's Club' is run by Mrs Kemp (an LSA at Bosmere). The club hires the school's facilities in order to have sufficient space but please be aware that it is a separate organisation from the school. If you are interested in a space Mrs Kemp can be contacted on 07853 630117.

PTA and Fund Raising

All parents are automatically members of the PTA whilst their child is a pupil in the school. An Annual General Meeting is held each September when a new committee is formed. (This is unlike other committees as it is very informal.)

The PTA support many events during the year, details of which are sent to parents in the newsletter. Last year the PTA provided funds to completely overhaul the Adventure Play Area, as well as contributing to events held within school.

As you can see from the above the PTA makes a massive contribution to our school environment. Do come along to the AGM and see what goes on! Details of dates and times for meetings will be published in the Newsletter and on the school website.

Charity Fund Raising

As a school, we support charities in many ways including:

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| School PTA | Last day of each half term – “non-uniform day” for a contribution of £1 |
| Food Bank | Harvest festival food parcels |
| Winter Streets Project | Reverse Advent Calendar at Christmas |
| Macmillan Cancer Support | Coffee morning |
| School Council chosen charity | 2023 - Guide Dogs |

Easyfunding

Many of our parents order a variety of products online and by signing up to Easyfunding you can help raise money for Bosmere Junior School. You can help raise a FREE donation for us every time you shop online. 4,000 shops and sites will donate, so you can help us out when you buy the things you would be buying anyway - at no extra cost to yourself!

Please download the app and start making money for us!

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/bosmerejunior>



Hampshire School Terms And Holidays 2023 – 2024

Determined programme of school term and holiday dates for county and controlled schools for the
academic year 2023/24

| SEPTEMBER 2023 | | | | | |
|----------------|----|----|----|----|----|
| M | 28 | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 |
| T | 29 | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 |
| W | 30 | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 |
| T | 31 | 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 |
| F | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 | 29 |
| S | 2 | 9 | 16 | 23 | 30 |
| S | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 | |

| OCTOBER 2023 | | | | | |
|--------------|---|----|----|----|----|
| M | 2 | 9 | 16 | 23 | 30 |
| T | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 | 31 |
| W | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 | |
| T | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 | |
| F | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 | |
| S | 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 | |
| S | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 | 29 |

| NOVEMBER 2023 | | | | |
|---------------|---|----|----|----|
| M | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 |
| T | 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 |
| W | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 |
| T | 2 | 9 | 16 | 23 |
| F | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 |
| S | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 |
| S | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 |

| DECEMBER 2023 | | | | |
|---------------|---|----|----|----|
| M | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 |
| T | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 |
| W | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 |
| T | 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 |
| F | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 |
| S | 2 | 9 | 16 | 23 |
| S | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 |

| JANUARY 2024 | | | | |
|--------------|---|----|----|----|
| M | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 |
| T | 2 | 9 | 16 | 23 |
| W | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 |
| T | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 |
| F | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 |
| S | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 |
| S | 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 |

| FEBRUARY 2024 | | | | |
|---------------|---|----|----|----|
| M | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 |
| T | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 |
| W | 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 |
| T | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 |
| F | 2 | 9 | 16 | 23 |
| S | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 |
| S | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 |

| MARCH 2024 | | | | |
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| M | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 |
| T | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 |
| W | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 |
| T | 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 |
| F | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 |
| S | 2 | 9 | 16 | 23 |
| S | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 |

| APRIL 2024 | | | | |
|------------|---|----|----|----|
| M | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 |
| T | 2 | 9 | 16 | 23 |
| W | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 |
| T | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 |
| F | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 |
| S | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 |
| S | 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 |

| MAY 2024 | | | | |
|----------|---|----|----|----|
| M | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 |
| T | 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 |
| W | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 |
| T | 2 | 9 | 16 | 23 |
| F | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 |
| S | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 |
| S | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 |

| JUNE 2024 | | | | |
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| M | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 |
| T | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 |
| W | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 |
| T | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 |
| F | 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 |
| S | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 |
| S | 2 | 9 | 16 | 23 |

| JULY 2024 | | | | |
|-----------|---|----|----|----|
| M | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 |
| T | 2 | 9 | 16 | 23 |
| W | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 |
| T | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 |
| F | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 |
| S | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 |
| S | 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 |

| AUGUST 2024 | | | | |
|-------------|---|----|----|----|
| M | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 |
| T | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 |
| W | 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 |
| T | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 |
| F | 2 | 9 | 16 | 23 |
| S | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 |
| S | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 |

Planned INSET days for 2023 - 2024

1. Friday 1st September
2. Monday 30th October
3. Tuesday 2nd January
4. Monday 19th February
5. Friday 21st June

There is so much going on at Bosmere it is really hard to fit into one booklet. If you have any other questions we have not been able to answer just come in and ask!

You can also keep up to date with what is going on at school by checking the Bosmere School website: www.bosmere.hants.sch.uk

You can also follow us on Facebook – search for Bosmere Junior School.