

Dates for the Diary

Year 9 AP2 Assessments

Monday 1st - Friday 5th June 2026

Year 8 Residential Visit to Paris

Tuesday 9th - Friday 12th June 2026

Year 7 AP2 Assessments

Monday 15th - Friday 19th June 2026

Year 9 Individual and Group Photos

Friday 19th June 2026

Cultural Fayre

Monday 13th July 2026 - 3pm-4:30pm

Student Value of the Term

LOVE IS LOVE

House Points - Week Ending 22nd May



223,717
ALI



200,862
SEACOLE



195,316
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186,752
HAWKING

Leadership Message - Safeguarding Information for Parents and Carers

We would like to remind parents and carers about the wide range of helpful information available on our school website, which you can find in the ['Parents'](#) tab.

As well as key information about school life — such as attendance, who to contact if your child is absent, details about food at break and lunchtime, and term dates and events — the website also includes support and guidance for you and your child.

You can find useful information on:

- Online safety: <https://www.basildonloweracademy.org.uk/safeguarding>
- Support for young carers: <https://www.basildonloweracademy.org.uk/young-carers>
- Mental health and wellbeing: <https://www.basildonloweracademy.org.uk/wellbeing-advice-for-parents-carers>

We have recently added information from CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection). This includes advice and a simple way to report concerns if you are worried about online sexual abuse, or about how someone has been communicating with a child online.

We know that keeping children safe online can sometimes feel challenging. These resources are designed to help you feel more informed and confident in supporting your child.



We encourage you to take some time to look through the website so that you are familiar with the support available. If there is anything you feel would help our school community further, please do let us know.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep all students safe and well.

S.O'Neill - Senior Student Development Leader & Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

Parent Drop In - Tuesday 2nd June

This week's Parent Drop In will be on Tuesday 2nd June between 8.30am and 9.30am. There will be no need to book an appointment, just sign in at reception and staff will be happy to show you to the venue. There is no set topic for the drop in sessions, if we are not able to answer any specific questions, we will follow up and then feedback to you.



Home Learning

If you have any queries regarding home learning, including access issues or, please visit the [Contact Us](#) page via the Basildon Lower Academy website and select the option for Home Learning/Homework.

Student Portal

Within the Student Portal, you will find links to a range of resources and learning platforms that students can access to support their studies. The main page, which provides access to all key links, can be found here: [Student Portal](#)

Accessing the Student Portal also enables single sign-on, meaning students do not need any additional passwords for platforms such as SENECA. Students simply log in to the portal in the same way they would when logging in to a school computer.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding our students is at the forefront of everything we do. Parents and carers can access information via the following link www.escb.co.uk which offers guidance and signposts to resources on various safeguarding issues. Please contact our safeguarding officers if you have any concerns about your own child or another student at the Academies.

www.basildonloweracademy.org.uk/safeguarding

Aspire - Believe - Achieve

Student Nurse Drop In

If students are worried about their health, would like a confidential chat or would just like to find out more about how our school nurse can help them, the nurse can be found:

Every Thursday Breaktime

Location: The SEND Department - Ground Floor Blue Block



Online Safety Hub: Supporting Parents with The Prevent Duty

The Prevent Duty is part of the government's safeguarding strategy to help protect young people from the risks of radicalisation and extremism. Parents and carers can access advice and support on recognising potential warning signs, understanding online risks, and helping to keep young people safe both online and within their communities. Read more here: [The Prevent Duty – Advice and Support for Parents](#)

The Online Safety Hub is an online resource with lots of expert advice and guidance to help find out how to keep our young people safe online. You can access it for free here: [Online Safety Hub - The Basildon Academies](#)



Young Minds

[Young Minds](#) is the UK's leading charity committed to improving the emotional wellbeing and mental health of children and young people. Just as people's bodies can become unwell, people's minds can become unwell too.

Young Minds offer information to young people and children about mental health and emotional wellbeing. If you need to talk, they can let you know about organisations that listen, plus they offer online support and info.

YOUNG CARERS CLUB

TUESDAY 3.15PM-5PM G7

VARIOUS ACTIVITIES EACH WEEK INCLUDING BOARD GAMES, COOKING, PHOTOGRAPHY, ARTS & CRAFTS. REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED. TALK TO OTHERS, RELAX & HAVE FUN.

Year 8 Enjoy Movie Day Thanks to Jack Petchey Award Winner Constantin

Before the half term break, Year 8 students enjoyed a well-earned movie day thanks to fellow student Constantin.

Constantin recently received a Jack Petchey Achievement Award in recognition of his effort, resilience, and positive contribution to school life. As part of the award, he was given prize money to spend on something that benefits the school community. He chose to use his funding to organise a reward experience for his peers.

As a result, Year 8 students were treated to a relaxed film screening, where they watched a movie together and received goody bags to enjoy during the event. The day was thoroughly enjoyed by all and provided a positive opportunity for students to unwind and celebrate together after the half term break.

The event highlights the impact of student achievement awards and the positive difference students can make when they choose to give back to their school community.



Music Students Shine on Camera with Professional Film Crew

Recently, the Lower Academy Music Department welcomed an industry film crew from Ranch Creative to capture our Music students taking part in the brass instrument programme, which is fully funded by Essex Music Services.

Throughout the day, students performed on camera and spoke confidently about their experiences of learning the trumpet or trombone, sharing the positive impact that music has had on their lives and learning journeys.

Students also narrated sections of text that will feature in an upcoming promotional film, showcasing both their musical and presentation skills.

Our talented students took on a variety of roles during filming — performing as musicians, working as voice actors and even appearing on screen as featured presenters. We are incredibly proud of how professionally and enthusiastically they represented the Lower Academy.

Well done to everyone involved for their hard work and fantastic performances throughout the day.

Any student interested in learning a musical instrument can sign up for Music lessons. Keep an eye out for the termly emails sent to parents and carers by Miss Stoddard for more information.



Important Notice: Smoke and Vape-Free Policy

The Basildon Academies is a smoke and vape free organisation. This prohibits the use of all tobacco products and e-cigarettes on, or in, any Basildon Academy property. This is in place to protect staff, students, and visitors from the effects of second-hand smoke in its buildings and grounds.

Please be reminded that parents and visitors are not permitted to use any smoking products on the grounds of the academies, this includes in our car parks.



Absence Procedures

Please let us know as soon as possible if your child is unable to attend school, ideally by 8am, by email to lowerattendance@basildonacademies.org.uk or by calling **01268 498881**.



- Parents/carers must contact the school by 8.30am each day their child is absent.
- If no reason has been received for a child's absence, the Academy will initiate first day calling.
- Parent/carers may be asked for medical evidence to support absences after 3 days or reoccurring absence patterns.
- Wherever possible, parents/carers should make appointments outside of school hours. If this is unavoidable students should attend school before and after the appointment.

Please familiarise yourself with our attendance procedures found on the school website within the Parent Information section, so you know who and when you need to contact us. www.basildonloweracademy.org.uk/attendance

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**Attendance percentages as Number of days and lessons missed from school.
Students are required to attend school for 190 days each year.**

Attendance during one school year	Equals days absent	Which is approximately weeks absent	Which means this number of lessons missed	Absence over 5 years
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons	¼ year
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons	½ year
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons	1 year
70%	59 days	12 weeks	300 lessons	1½ years
60%	80 days	16 weeks	400 lessons	2 years
50%	100 days	20 weeks	500 lessons	2½ years

Government (DfE) research suggests that 16 days absence or 92% attendance in any one year equals a full GCSE drop in attainment
How does your attendance compare with this target?

Daily rewards - Daily text messages for 100% attendance are sent via text message or through the MCAS app.

Weekly Rewards - Weekly Student briefings held on Mondays highlight the students who have received 100% attendance and 0 late marks. These students will receive a raffle entry for a £5 lifestyle voucher

Half Termly rewards - Each Half-term 100% attendance postcards are given to students based on the attendance for that half term.

Termly rewards - Students receive a badge and certificate during a celebration event for their term attendance which can be pinned to their tie.



EXTRA-CURRICULAR SPORTS CLUBS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		Before School 7.30am-8.15am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Years Athletics – Throws After School 3pm-4pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Years Athletics – Jumps 	After School 3pm-4pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Years Athletics – Track 	

BASILDON ACADEMIES

WORD OF THE DAY

1st - 5th June 2026

Monday:	Inclusivity (noun) <i>inclusivité</i> in French – practice of including all groups fairly. <i>The school celebrated inclusivity during Pride Month.</i>	
Tuesday:	Capricious (adjective) <i>caprichoso</i> in Spanish – sudden and unpredictable in behaviour. <i>The capricious weather ruined the picnic.</i>	
Wednesday:	Affable (adjective) <i>amável</i> in Portuguese – friendly, good-natured, easy to talk to. <i>The affable librarian welcomed new students warmly.</i>	
Thursday:	Assiduity (noun) <i>assiduità</i> in Italian – constant and close attention to work. <i>Her assiduity in revision earned high grades.</i>	
Friday:	Ecological (adjective) <i>ekologiczny</i> in Polish – relating to the relationship of living things. <i>Ecological responsibility is key to tackling climate change</i>	

Job of the Week: Audiologist

What does an Audiologist do?

Audiologists work with people who suffer from hearing loss, tinnitus, or have problems with balance.

Key Responsibilities:

- Assessing patients who are suitable for cochlear implants or bone anchored hearing aids
- Producing an impression of the ear for an ear mould
- Fitting hearing aids and making changes to ear moulds
- Reviewing progress and making changes to the fitting
- Teaching patients how to use the prescribed hearing aid
- Repairing faulty hearing aids

Labour Market Information

- +7.2% 118,954 jobs
- +11.3% in your region of East of England, an increase of 13,484 jobs

What Qualifications do you need to do this job?

Typical Entry Requirements:

Completing an apprenticeship or training programme in audiology, or completing a foundation degree or bachelor's degree in audiology, or completing a bachelor's degree in a related field (such as healthcare science) followed by a postgraduate programme in audiology

Let's Talk Money

UK annual median:
£42,079

The range of opportunities for parents to be involved and/or get involved is constantly growing and at all levels the school are actively seeking to develop the opportunities they provide for families to be involved in the life of the school.



Leading Parent
Partnership Award

2023-2026

Follow The Basildon Lower Academy on our social media channels



PRIDE MONTH

ON WEDNESDAY 3RD JUNE
THE DINING HALL WILL BE
SELLING CAKES & COOKIES AT
BREAK & LUNCHTIME

RAINBOW CUP CAKES
RAINBOW COOKIES
75P EACH



LOVE IS LOVE

Lemon Drizzle Cake Day



ON TUESDAY 9TH JUNE, THE DINING HALL WILL BE
SELLING SLICES OF LEMON DRIZZLE CAKE FOR 75P
AT BREAK AND LUNCHTIME.

We are the Mental Health Support Team!

It's good to talk!

Talking to us can help stop difficulties from spiralling so you can enjoy school, time at home and time with friends and family.



Dealing with anxiety and low mood

Overcoming anxiety and low mood can be hard. But taking time to stop and learn how to manage anxious feelings, challenge unhelpful thinking and improve your mood can enhance your emotional wellbeing.

You are not alone

It's ok to not be ok. The MHST are specially-trained to help you with your emotional wellbeing. It is helpful to share your worries with someone you trust so you can work through your difficulties together.

Accepting that challenges are a part of life

Most people experience emotional difficulties at some point so it's important for you to acknowledge when this is happening and talk about it. This can help you understand how it affects your life.

Remember, these feelings will pass.



The Mental Health Support Team are here to provide support to all children, young people and their families with emotional wellbeing in schools and colleges. **To find out more about the service, scan the QR code to visit our website or talk to school staff.**

www.nelft.nhs.uk/essex-mental-health-support-teams



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