

Dates for the Diary

Year 7 AP2 Assessments
Monday 15th - Friday 19th June 2026

Parent Drop In
Wednesday 17th June 2026 - 9.30am-10.30am

Year 9 Individual and Group Photos
Friday 19th June 2026

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

Last Day of Summer Term
Friday 17th July 2026

Student Value of the Term

LOVE IS LOVE

House Points - Week Ending 12th June



238,536
ALI



212,023
SEACOLE



207,380
AUSTEN



197,909
HAWKING

Leadership Message - Celebrating Success and Finishing the Year Strong

As we begin the final half term of the school year, we would like to say thank you to all students and families for your support. This is an important time to keep up good habits, attend school every day, and try your best in lessons right until the end of term.

To celebrate the great efforts of our students, we have started a summer rewards scheme. Any student who comes to school on time every day for a full week and shows a positive attitude to learning and others will receive a free ice cream.

We are pleased to share that we welcomed back 'Ice cream Fridays' last week, with over 400 students receiving a free ice cream. It was lovely to see so many students being rewarded for coming to school, being on time, and having a positive attitude.

We are very proud of the effort so many students are already making by attending regularly and arriving on time. These habits really help students do well in their learning and make the most of their time at school. Their effort is noticed and is helping them to succeed.

It is important that students keep coming to school every day until the end of the year. Every lesson matters. Being in school helps students build their knowledge, skills, and confidence. It also means they can take part in upcoming end-of-year activities and celebrations.



We encourage all students to keep working hard, arriving on time, and staying positive over the next few weeks. We look forward to rewarding even more students and celebrating everyone's achievements together.

Thank you for your effort and positive attitude. Keep up the great work!

S. Killick - Assistant Headteacher & Senior Attendance Champion

Parent Drop In - Wednesday 17th June

This week's Parent Drop In will be on Wednesday 17th June between 9.30am and 10.30am. 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: Modelling Healthy Digital Habits to your Children

In today's digital age, technology permeates every part of our lives; therefore, it's vital young people learn responsible digital citizenship. Children learn through observation, so it's essential parents lead by example and model healthy online habits themselves. [Click here](#) to access information and support relating to modelling healthy digital habits to your children.

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 MINDS

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.

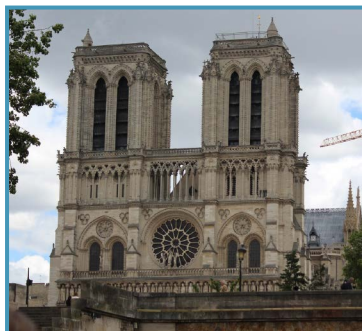
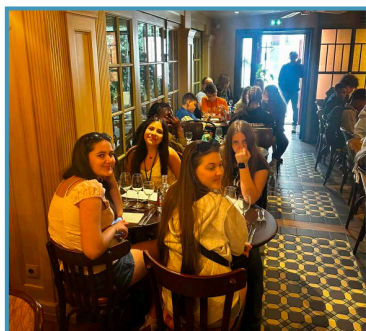
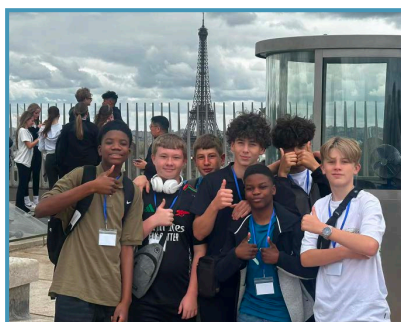
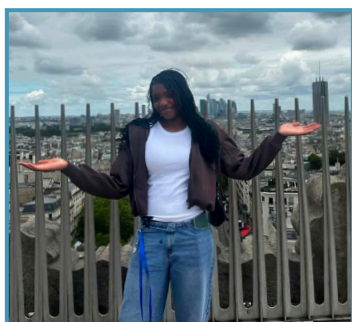
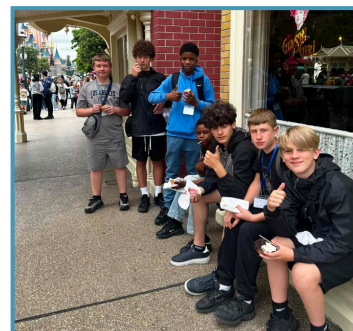
Paris Residential Trip

Last week, our Year 8 students embarked on a truly memorable residential trip to Paris, giving them the opportunity to experience the culture, history and excitement of one of Europe's most celebrated cities.

During their stay, students visited some of Paris' most famous landmarks, including the iconic Arc de Triomphe and the magnificent Montparnasse Observatory, where they enjoyed breathtaking panoramic views across the city. They also took a scenic river cruise along the Seine, offering a unique perspective of many of the French capital's most recognisable sights, including the Eiffel Tower.

The group explored the rich history of Paris with a visit to Les Invalides, where they saw Napoleon's Tomb, before visiting the stunning Sacré-Cœur Basilica, immersing themselves in the culture and heritage of the French capital.

The final day of the trip was spent at Disneyland Paris, providing the perfect end to an action-packed week. Students made the most of everything the park had to offer, from thrilling rides and magical attractions to spectacular entertainment and unforgettable experiences.



"It was my first time abroad, and it was a really great experience. I would love to do another trip like this. I really enjoyed visiting Napoleon's Tomb, and Disney was so much fun." Mekhi.S

"Eating in the French restaurants was a great experience, with such a wide range of food to try." Dennis.Z

"I liked how enthusiastic the people at Disneyland were. It made you feel really immersed in the experience." Saffa.B

"The boat ride on the Seine was a great way to see Paris." David.O

Year 9 Students Explore Future Pathways with USP College

Year 9 students recently welcomed representatives from USP College for an informative session designed to help them start thinking about their future education and career pathways.

During the presentation, students learned about the different USP College campuses and the wide range of opportunities available after secondary school. Representatives explained how each campus offers specialist facilities and learning environments tailored to different subject areas and career interests.

Students were particularly interested to hear about the XTEND Digital Campus on Canvey Island, which is home to cutting-edge facilities including motion capture studios, virtual reality technology, recording suites and creative media production spaces.

The session encouraged students to begin considering their next steps beyond Year 11 and highlighted the importance of being organised, exploring different options and setting goals early. Representatives shared valuable advice on preparing for further education and making informed decisions about future study and career routes.

The visit gave students a valuable insight into the opportunities available to them after school and inspired them to start thinking about the many pathways that could help them achieve their ambitions.



Lower Academy Cultural Fayre – Monday 13th July

We warmly invite all parents, carers, families, and students to join us for our Cultural Fayre on Monday 13th July, from 3.00pm to 4.30pm.

The event will provide an exciting opportunity to travel 'Around the World' by exploring the cultural-themed stalls created by our students. Each stall will showcase a different country or culture and feature an interactive activity for guests to enjoy. Visitors can also collect a passport stamp at every stall they visit as they journey around the event.

Alongside the cultural experiences, visitors can enjoy karaoke entertainment, a variety of games, student-run stalls, and a fantastic raffle featuring some wonderful prizes. Refreshments, including pancakes and hot dogs, will also be available to purchase.

All proceeds raised during the event will be donated to our chosen charity, UNICEF.

We look forward to welcoming you for an afternoon of culture, celebration, learning, and community spirit.



Polite Notice: After School Site Access

We want all our students and families to know that keeping everyone safe at the Academies is really important to us. We love seeing students get involved in clubs and after school activities, and we encourage them to take part whenever they can.

However, **these organised activities are the only times students are allowed to stay on site after 3:00pm, unless they are attending a detention.**

To help everyone stay safe and ensure the site can be properly closed, students are expected to leave the school promptly at the end of the school day unless they are taking part in an organised after school activity. We ask that students do not wait around on site outside of these times.

Thank you for your support.



World Cup Wednesdays

Following the fantastic success of our recent Cultural Fayres across both sites, we are delighted to introduce a new initiative for the remainder of this term — World Cup Wednesdays.

From Wednesday 17th June until the end of term, students and staff are invited to wear the colours of their chosen nation/home country team every Wednesday as we celebrate the spirit, diversity and excitement of international competition together.



This is an opportunity for our school community to continue recognising and celebrating the many cultures represented within our school, whilst also enjoying the fun and positive atmosphere that major sporting events can bring.

Students may wear:

- Football shirts
- Team scarves, hats or accessories
- National colours
- Sportswear linked to a country or team

We do ask that all clothing remains sensible, appropriate for school, and suitable for a day of learning. Students should continue to wear their school uniform trousers and footwear and ensure their outfits are respectful and inclusive of others at all times.

We hope that World Cup Wednesdays will help build school spirit, encourage conversations about different cultures and countries, and bring some extra energy and enjoyment to the final weeks of term.

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	2 ½ 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.



BASILDON ACADEMIES WORD OF THE DAY

15th - 19th June 2026

Monday:	Ostensible (adjective) (ظاهر <i>āhir</i>) in Arabic – stated or appearing to be true, but not necessarily so. <i>His ostensible reason for absence was questionable.</i>	
Tuesday:	Allusion (noun) <i>utujui</i> in Swahili – an indirect reference to another text or event. <i>The novel made an allusion to Joyce's Ulysses.</i>	
Wednesday:	Pernicious (adjective) <i>kōhuru</i> in Māori – having a harmful effect. <i>The pernicious weed spread across the field.</i>	
Thursday:	Sagaciously (adverb) በጥንቃቄ (<i>beṭibeb</i>) in Amharic – with sound judgement. <i>He sagaciously declined the risky offer.</i>	
Friday:	Asylum (noun) <i>asilu</i> in Yoruba – protection given to those fleeing danger. <i>The UK granted asylum to those displaced by conflict.</i>	

Job of the Week: Plumber

What does a Plumber do?

Plumbers fit and service hot and cold-water systems, heating systems and drainage networks.

Key Responsibilities

- Measuring and planning to give cost and time estimates
- Cutting, bending and joining pipes and fittings
- Installing water, drainage and heating systems
- Finding and fixing faults
- Servicing gas and oil-fired central heating systems and radiators
- Installing and fixing domestic appliances like showers and washing machines
- Dealing with emergency call-outs like boiler breakdowns or blocked drains

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:

You'll usually need GCSEs (or equivalent) at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C) in maths, English and science. You'll also need to get an industry-recognised qualification like a level 2 or 3 Diploma in Domestic Plumbing and Heating. You'll need gas related units at level 3 to work with domestic gas heating systems. You could take a course in plumbing skills at college.

Let's Talk Money

UK annual median:
£37,881

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 17TH JUNE
THE DINING HALL WILL BE
SELLING CAKES & COOKIES AT
BREAK & LUNCHTIME

RAINBOW CUP CAKES
RAINBOW COOKIES
75P EACH



LOVE IS LOVE



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PLAYING RUGBY ?

Invitation to **Years 7-9 Students**

RUGBY TASTER DAY
SATURDAY 4TH JULY
10.30AM - 12 NOON
BASILDON RUGBY CLUB



No experience needed — just commitment & courage

Just turn up and give it a go!
Bring regular PE kit.



For further details email:
Basrfc1@googlemail.com

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

Its 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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