

Dates for the Diary

Easter Holidays

Monday 7th - Monday 21st April 2025

Bank Holiday

Monday 5th May 2025

Year 9 AP2 Assessments

Monday 12th - Friday 16th May 2025

Year 8 AP2 Assessments

Monday 19th - Friday 23rd May 2025

Half Term

Monday 26th - Friday 30th May 2025

Year 7 AP2 Assessments

Monday 23rd - Friday 27th June 2025

Student Value of the Term

**WOMEN'S
RIGHTS
ARE HUMAN
RIGHTS**

House Points - Week Ending 14th March



64,597
SEACOLE



63,756
ALI



52,822
AUSTEN



47,235
HAWKING

Leadership Message

At the Basildon Academies, we know that some students may find aspects of school challenging; whether it's managing emotions, building relationships, or staying engaged in learning. Our Enhanced Provision is designed to provide the right support for students who need a different approach to thrive.

Our provisions are not only about academic learning but they focus on developing key emotional and social skills that help children succeed in education and beyond. Our work is guided by the 6 Core Strengths Programme, which form the foundation of resilience, confidence, and emotional well-being by covering:

- Attachment – Strong relationships with trusted adults help children feel safe and supported.
- Regulation – Learning how to manage emotions and respond calmly to challenges.
- Affiliation – Building a sense of belonging through positive peer relationships.
- Awareness – Developing an understanding of others' feelings, perspectives, and the impact of actions.
- Tolerance – Learning to navigate differences and develop patience and empathy.
- Respect – Encouraging positive choices and self-belief.

The Enhanced Provision provides small-group learning, structured emotional well-being support, and personalised strategies to help students feel more confident and engaged in their education.

V.Oddy - Director of Enhanced Provisions



There has been a heavy emphasis on the training and development of staff to support them in supporting students. Examples of this include extensive whole staff training in Trauma Perceptive Practice (TPP) and ensuring all key pastoral staff are mental health first aid trained to enable them to triage student need effectively.



Wellbeing Award
for Schools

2022-2025

Home Learning

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

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

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 Lower
Academy SEND
Department



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

Aspire - Believe - Achieve

Free Fruit at Breaktime



Students can choose an item of fruit from the till area in the Dining Hall at breaktime each day.

Online Safety Hub: The ABC Model for Digital Safety and Wellbeing

Discover the ABC Model for Digital Safety and Wellbeing, a practical framework designed to help parents support their children in navigating the online world safely and responsibly. Learn how Awareness, Balance, and Communication can promote healthier digital habits. Read more here: <https://basildonacademies.onlinesafetyhub.uk/parent/articles/the-abc-model-for-digital-safety-and-wellbeing>



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](#)

Star Groups Enjoy Cinema Reward

Lower Academy students were rewarded with a cinema trip last week, celebrating their success in the ongoing 'Star Groups' leaderboard. One group from each year was recognized for earning the most credits over a set period through collective effort and teamwork. This initiative has fostered a strong sense of responsibility and motivation, and the winning groups thoroughly enjoyed their reward morning at Vue Cinema.

Our students represented the academy brilliantly, even receiving positive feedback from the public for their excellent conduct. The 'Star Groups' challenge will continue, with more groups having the chance to earn rewards and tokens throughout the rest of the year.



Celebrating British Science Week

Last week, students across all year groups celebrated British Science Week with a variety of exciting, hands-on experiments and activities. From making slime to testing the pH of acids and alkalis, and even crafting their own bath bombs; the week was packed with fun and discovery.

A highlight of the week was Wednesday's drop-down afternoon, where students took a break from their usual timetable to engage in science quizzes and explore the history of the universe. These sessions sparked curiosity and allowed students to deepen their understanding of the world around them.

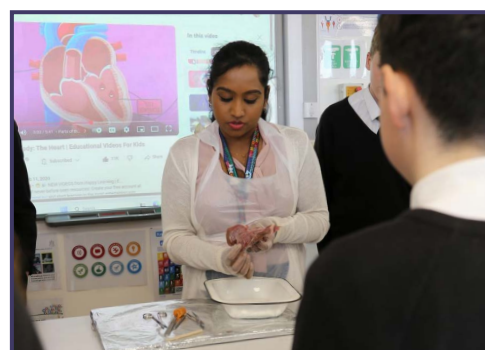
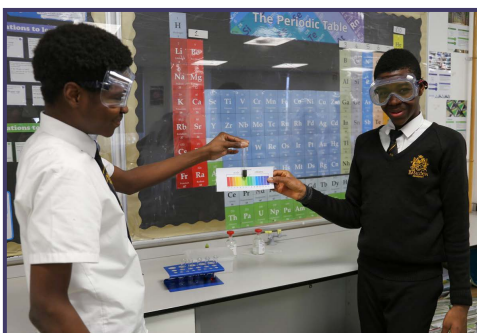
Throughout the week, students also participated in a range of interesting scientific experiments, including:

- Heart dissection – offering a closer look at the structure and function of the heart.
- Can crushing gas pressure experiment - demonstrating the effects of pressure and temperature changes.
- Flame testing – students identified different metals by observing the unique colours produced when they were burned.
- Elephant Toothpaste - students created an eruption of foam by rapidly breaking down hydrogen peroxide using yeast and warm water as a catalyst, showcasing the power of chemical reactions.

"I found Science Week very enjoyable because I learned new things in a really fun way." Elizabeth.A - Year 9

"I enjoyed Science Week because we did lots of practical work, and I got to dissect a sheep's heart." Praise.O – Year 9

"British Science Week was very fun, and I really enjoyed the experiments." Alex.V – Year 9



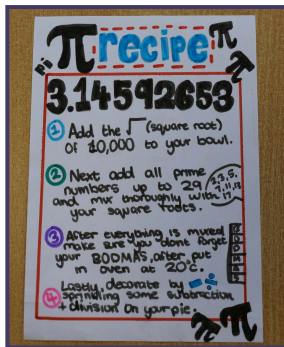
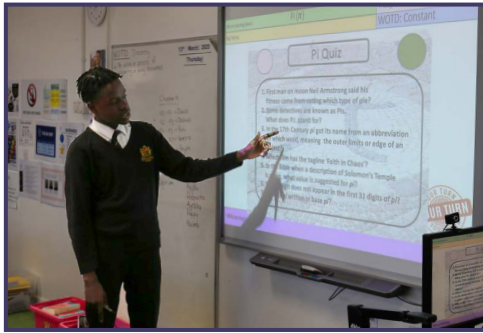
Lower Academy Celebrates Pi Day with Fun and Learning

On Friday 14th March, Lower Academy students celebrated Pi Day with a variety of exciting and educational activities. During a special drop-down session, students explored the significance of the mathematical constant π (3.14...), offering them a hands-on opportunity to engage with real-life math applications.

Throughout the session, students tackled Pi-themed puzzles, solved real-world math challenges, and even shared their best Pi jokes!

From understanding the history of Pi to discovering its practical uses, students enjoyed an interactive and informative celebration.

"I really enjoyed this session. I didn't know much about Pi before, but I found it very useful to learn about it in Year 7. I now feel confident talking to anyone about Pi." Ellen.D – Year 7








Parent/Carer Updating Contact Information

Please ensure we have current contact information on file for you, including home address, mobile phone number, and email address. If any of your details have changed, email us at admin@basildonacademies.org.uk with the updated information.

BASILDON ACADEMIES

WORD OF THE DAY

17th - 21st March 2025

Monday: St. Patrick's Day	Folklore (Noun) mibeko in Lingala Definition: The traditional beliefs, customs, and stories of a community, passed through the generations by word of mouth. Example: St. Patrick's Day is steeped in Irish folklore, celebrating traditions and legends associated with the saint.	
Tuesday: Global Recycling Day	Sustainability (Noun) udržitelnost in Czech Definition: The ability to be maintained at a certain rate or level, particularly without depleting natural resources. Example: Global Recycling Day emphasises sustainability by encouraging practices that reduce waste and conserve resources.	
Wednesday:	Upcycling (Noun) การอัพไซเคิล in Thai Definition: The process of converting waste materials into new materials or products of better quality. Example: Upcycling is a key focus of Global Recycling Day, promoting creative ways to repurpose discarded items.	
Thursday: Spring Equinox	Equinox (Noun) điểm phân in Vietnamese Definition: The time when the sun crosses the plane of the Earth's equator, making day and night of approximately equal length. Example: The Spring Equinox marks the beginning of spring, characterised by equal lengths of day and night.	
Friday: Red Nose Day	Fundraising (Noun) fondsenwerving in Dutch Definition: The act of collecting money for a particular cause or charity. Example: Red Nose Day involves extensive fundraising activities to support various charitable initiatives.	

Job of the Week: Development Worker

What does a Development Worker do?

You'll work with individuals, families, and groups in socially or financially deprived areas.

You'll provide leadership and bring local people together to make changes and tackle social inequality.

You'll also help people to develop their skills, knowledge, and experience. You'll work with them to build their confidence so that they can eventually run their own community groups.

You'll address a range of issues in the community, like improving local facilities, leisure and housing, or reducing anti-social behaviour.

Labour Market Information

UK jobs: 247,174

Essex Jobs: 5,263

Growth: +87.5%

Top 5 LEAs: 1. Kent (5,976) 2. Lancashire (5,815) 3. Essex (5,263)
4. Hampshire (4,846) 5. Birmingham (4,751)



What Qualifications do you need to do this job?

You'll need paid or unpaid experience of working in the community or voluntary sector, gained from: volunteering in a local community group or charity or working in a related career like housing, regeneration, social work, youth work or teaching.

You'll also need to pass a criminal records background check.

Let's Talk Money

UK annual median: £29,013



The school repeatedly demonstrate they are prepared to go the "extra mile" to find the right solutions for their students. Creative examples include developing an eGaming suite, opening the school facilities on a Saturday to enable students to study (including the art facilities), and providing catering sessions for parent and child providing the opportunity to cook cost effective healthy meals together.



Excellence in Pupil
Development Award

2023-2026

Follow The Basildon Lower Academy on our social media channels



Absence Procedures

To report a student absence please visit the [Contact Us](#) page via the Basildon Lower Academy website and select the option for Attendance.

- 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

Did you know? **90%** of young people with attendance **BELOW** **85%** fail to get good grades.

MISSING **1 DAY A WEEK**

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LOSING **ONE YEAR OF SCHOOL LIFE.**

Good attendance means:

Being in school at least **97%** of the time, that's at least **184** days a year.

Target
97%+

175

days are **NOT**
spent in school
each year.*

* Plenty of time for shopping,
holidays & appointments.

190
Days of
education

184
Days of
education

171
Days of
education

162
Days of
education

152
Days of
education

143
Days of
education

100%
0 days absent

97%
6 days absent

90%
19 days absent

85%
28 days absent

80%
38 days absent

75%
47 days absent

SERIOUSLY WORRIED

Very poor attendance has a serious
impact & reduces life chances.

VERY CONCERNED

Poor attendance gives
less chance of success.

WELL DONE

Good attendance gives the
best chance of success.



Red Nose Day Cake & Biscuit Sale Friday 21st March



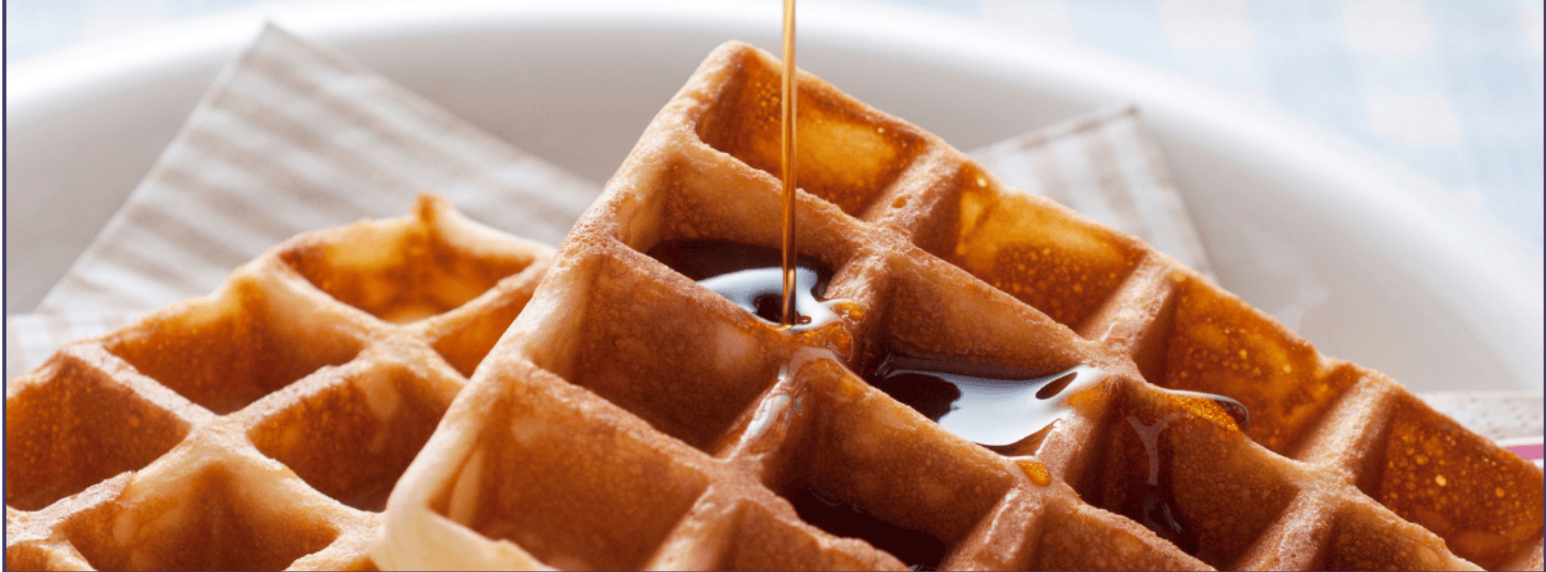
The Dining Hall will be selling a selection of cakes & biscuits on Friday 21st March.

Each item will be priced at 50p with all proceeds going to Comic Relief.



WAFFLE DAY

TO CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL WAFFLE DAY THE DINING HALL WILL BE SERVING WAFFLES IN ADDITION TO THE REGULAR DESSERT MENU ON TUESDAY **25TH MARCH**



Leadership and management of TAs is well organised and they play a very important role within Basildon Academy. Teaching and non-teaching staff work closely together on a day-to-day basis, "It is teamwork, we do it together" a teacher commented.



Best Practice with
Teaching Assistants Award

2023-2026