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Dear Parents,

Basingstoke Festival Parade

We are aware that many children were interested in the workshops and whilst we could only have a limited number in the school sessions, the organisers have said that everyone is welcome to the parade on Friday 20th June.

Please see the information below that they have sent.

It would be lovely to have lots of us there, so if you are able to join the fun, we will see you outside Willows Coffee shop in a few weeks.

Kind regards,

Mrs Bailey and Mrs Denning

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SAVE THE DATE!

Get Ready to Go GREEN! The Basingstoke Festival Opening Parade is Coming and we are a part of it!

Join us for the spectacular Basingstoke Festival Opening Parade on Friday 20th June 2025! This exciting event kicks off the Basingstoke Arts Festival, led by the rousing brass band "Perhaps Contraptions" and featuring local schools, scouts, dancers, and more.

Theme: We're going green – celebrating Nature & The Environment! Think animals, flowers, recycling, and renewable energy. The parade will be a vibrant display of green, cardboard, and natural materials, including amazing props and puppets made by our Basingstoke community.

Walk with Us! Parents are absolutely welcome and encouraged to walk with the children – just wear anything green! (Face paint will be available on the day too!). If you're feeling brave, you might even get to wear one of the recycled cardboard headdresses made by local young people.

FREE CIRCUS TICKET: Take part in the parade and you will be given a free ticket to "Sabotage" – the incredible NoFit State Circus Event happening during the festival!

When & Where:

- .. 5:00 PM: Meet outside Willows Cafe, Church Street (look for your group's banner!)
- .. 5:30 PM: Parade begins, marching through safe, pedestrianised areas around Festival Place.
- .. 6:00 PM: Arrives at the Amphitheatre (The Angel / Vue Cinema).

The parade route travels through traffic-free areas, starting at Willows Cafe and ending at the Amphitheatre. Friends and family can find great viewing spots along the route, including around Festival Place.

Don't Miss: After the parade, enjoy free performances by "Autin Dance Theatre" and "Perhaps Contraptions" at the Amphitheatre!

Come be a part of the fun and help us paint Basingstoke green!

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