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Dear Parents,

We are delighted to be working with Scratch Built Productions to take part in this year's Basingstoke Festival 2026 Opening Parade, taking place in the town centre at 5pm on Friday, 19th June 2026.

We are offering up to 25 pupils the chance to take part in professionally led after school workshops to develop costumes, headdresses or puppets (all to be decided) and take part in the parade alongside school staff. All the materials and expertise are supplied at no cost to us as it is fully funded by Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council.

The workshops will be held at Winklebury Junior school 3.30 – 4.30pm on:

Monday 1st June

Monday 8th June

Monday 15th June

We are incredibly excited about this project and confident that it will be a memorable and enriching experience for our pupils and be a great contribution to our wider community.

Our final session will be on Friday 19th June when we will meet at 5pm outside Willows Coffee Shop on Church Street, Basingstoke town centre and conclude at the amphitheatre between Festival Place and Eastrop Park where everyone can then enjoy a brand-new theatrical extravaganza by the internationally acclaimed Autin Dance Company (<https://autindt.co.uk>).

Last year, we met at 5pm then walked the parade route together (parents, children and school staff) to end at the amphitheatre. Parents are welcome to bring younger siblings to join in the fun. The performance finished around 6:30. Please note that during the parade, children are the responsibility of their parents and not school staff and that this is not a school trip but a collaborative event combining our families, the town and our school.

Your child has expressed an interest in taking part in the workshop and the parade and spaces will be given on a first come, first served basis. Please complete the attached form and return it to the school office. We will confirm your child's place by email.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Denning
Year 3 Teacher

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Basingstoke Festival Workshops & Parade consent form

Please complete all the information below

Activity: Basingstoke Festival Workshops and Parade

Dates :

Monday 1st June – 3.30 – 4.30pm

Monday 8th June – 3.30 – 4.30pm

Monday 15th June – 3.30 – 4.30pm

Friday 19th June 2026 – Meeting at 5pm

Photographs

I give permission / I do not give permission for my child's photograph to be used on the school's Facebook pages and the school website.

I give permission / I do not give permission for my child's photograph to be used Basingstoke Gazette Newspaper / Basingstoke Gazette social media

Parental consent

Child Name _____ Class _____

I confirm that I have parental responsibility for the above named child and consent to them taking part in the workshops and parade.

I understand that a parent/guardian will accompany above named child to the parade on Friday 19th June and that they will remain the responsibility of parent/guardian for the duration of the parade.

Signed

Please print name

* My child will be collected by _____ at 4.30pm on workshop days

OR

* My child has permission to walk home at 4.30pm