



# Barnes Farm Infant School Newsletter

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## Message from the Headteacher

What an amazing week we have had at BFIS ... and next week is going to be even better!



### Reindeer Day!



The week started with a brilliant visit from Snowy and Magnus, two incredibly special reindeer! The children loved meeting Snowy, and Magnus and a truly magical time was had by all. The children had lots of questions and were kind and gentle with the reindeer.

James, Snowy and Magnus' owner told us all about how to care for reindeer, what they like to eat and how they help Santa at Christmas! They were super full-up and exhausted when it was time to go home after being fed by all the children and having their photograph taken so many times.



Proud to be part of the 



Thank you so much to those parent/carers that have made their contribution via ParentPay towards our Christmas events - without these we will not be able to offer the wonderful things we have planned for the children.

### ParentPay Shop



We are very excited to be able to launch our new ParentPay Shop function. We are hoping to utilise this to support fundraising and offer an easy way for you to book tickets to events etc.

As we have not been able to have our Christmas Fayre this year, we are selling our usual sweet bags online. You can access the new ParentPay Shop on the link below:

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Uniform/Default.aspx?shopid=5943>

For information on how to use the shop, please visit our school website on the link below:

<https://www.barnesfarminfants.co.uk/page/?title=ParentPay&pid=694>

We have attached a letter to this newsletter detailing the items we have for sale and a full list of ingredients for each item (please consider any food allergies and intolerances before purchasing).



Once you have paid for your items, we will send them home with your child within 3 days.

All proceeds from Christmas Fundraising items will go towards purchasing items on our BFIS Wish List.

Thank you for your continued support 😊



### Barnes Farm Schools Governors - Big Build Visit



On Monday, members of the Governing Bodies from Barnes Farm Infant and Junior Schools had a tour of the new build site. It was fantastic to see the building taking shape and meet Brian, the Project Manager. The Governing Bodies of both schools will be working closely together over the next few months to support and challenge the schools to ensure the potential of this new build is fully realised.

### Christmas Performances

Well done to all the classes who have performed their Christmas Sing Along with their parents and carers in our Christmassy outside zone. It was a wonderful experience for all, and we are very proud of what they have achieved. Well done to all the children and the staff who worked hard to organise these special events.

### Essex Chronicle



Don't forget to look out for our Christmassy photos in the edition on 16<sup>th</sup> December – we are looking forward to seeing our BFIS super stars in the newspaper!



### Water Bottles

Just a reminder that all children need to bring in a labelled full bottle of water (please note, it must be water and NOT squash). The children will be encouraged throughout the day to drink the water and bottles can be refilled throughout the day if necessary.

### Christmas Dinner – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December



We are all looking forward to Christmas dinner day, don't forget its Christmas dress up day is on Wednesday too!

### Parking in our Local Community

Please can I remind all parents/carers who drive to school that ASDA allows parents/carers to park and stride into school. This eases the amount of congestion in Henniker Gate and allows access to the bottom entrance gate. Please try not to park in the immediate side streets i.e., Petre Brook and Blacklock.

We are getting many telephone calls and emails regarding the parking around the site, and want to do everything we can to build strong relationships with the community and our neighbours. We thank you in advance for being respectful of our residents.



### Next Week...



We are looking forward to lots more festive fun next week, with our Christmas Craft Day, Christmas Lunch and Dress Up day and Pantomime still to come!

### Vacancies at BFIS

Are you interested in joining the Barnes Farm Infant School Team or know someone who would? Over the next few weeks, we will be advertising several support staff roles at the school. These will be advertised on Essex Job Scene (<http://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk>). Additionally, a link to all job advertisements can be found on the school website under the 'Vacancies' tab. The current role being advertised is:

**[Learning Support Assistant \(9am - 10am\) - Fixed Term - full details on the above website](#)**

Have a great weekend,  
Mrs Farmer



## What's Going on at Barnes Farm Infant School

### Celebration Awards

#### BFIS Over and Above Focus



We are very proud of the children for following the Owl Code and showing 'Christmas Spirit and Working as a Team'. It was a joy to see them work together for their Christmas performances that we all enjoyed so much!



#### Reception

Badger  
Fox  
Rabbit

Meerab  
Lewis  
Emily

#### Year 1

Hedgehog  
Squirrel  
Otter

Olivia  
Ben  
Henry

#### Year 2

Barn Owl  
Snowy Owl  
Tawny Owl

Joe  
Annabel  
Lucas



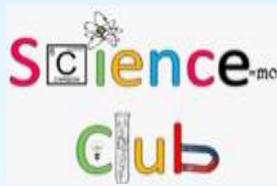
### Eco Warriors – Miss Talbot



Thank you to everyone who returned their posters to me for The Action Pack competition. We had an outstanding response, and the quality of the posters was excellent. All entries have now been submitted and we are awaiting their response. I will be displaying some of the posters around the school to help raise awareness of the important themes we have raised. Thank you for all your support.

### Teacher Led Clubs

#### Science/STEM Club – Mrs Day



We have had a fantastic half term at Science Club. We have completed many experiments and have been focusing on making predications and then using our observation skills to see if we were correct. We did the skittles experiment, made our own lava lamps, and made observations of insects.

### Mathematics Club

We have really enjoyed our mathematics club over the last few weeks. We have been learning together with the 'Number blocks,' getting active with 'Supermovers' whilst learning our times tables, as well as investigating patterns with the Cuisenaire and Numicon.



### Amazing Fundraising Event!



Mace Playce have very kindly offered to host a fundraising event at their local soft play centre, with all of the proceeds going towards Barnes Farm Infant School. They will be hosting 2 hours of soft play fun to raise money for items on our wish list. ALL money raised on admissions will be donated!

Please see below dates for the super sessions that they will be offering:

Monday 17th January - RECEPTION

Tuesday 18th January - YEAR 1

Wednesday 19th January - YEAR 2

Details of how to book the sessions are in the flyer attached to this week's newsletter.

We would like to say a huge thank you in advance to Mace Playce for offering to do this for us and are sure that the children will have an amazing time.

### **Music lessons at Barnes Farm Infant School**

We are pleased to be able to offer small group/1-to-1 instrumental lessons at Barnes Farm Infant School provided by a team of high-quality tutors from Essex Music Services. Learning a musical instrument can have many positive effects on a child's social, personal, and educational development as well as giving them a great sense of enjoyment and achievement.

To book lessons, please request lessons via this online link by:

<https://ukessex.speedadmin.dk/registration?signupSchoolID=676#/courselist/25>

This will only need to be completed once, and tuition will continue each term unless you choose otherwise. On average the sign-up process takes less than three minutes.



Lessons cost: **equivalent to £31.60 per hour** (from January 2022 to August 2022), e.g.

Lesson Length	Cost (term)	With Tuition Discount (66%)	Cost for LAC or prev LAC
15 minutes x 10 weeks	£79	£26.86	Free
20 minutes x 10 weeks	£105.33	£35.81	
30 minutes x 10 weeks	£158	£53.72	£26.86

[Click here](#) for further details about lessons with Essex Music Service.

Essex Music Services will match your child with the most appropriate tutor at your school and then **email you an invoice** to pay directly to them. Please note that if they do not receive the payment for the invoice, lessons cannot go ahead. This is a change to previous years so please ensure that payment comes to Essex Music Education Hub, not to your child's school.

You might also wish to apply for our [Tuition Discounts](#) (66% reduction in fees for low-income families), and free lessons available for Looked after Children/Children in Care.

We are also able to offer low cost [Instrument Hire](#) for any child in Essex. Applications for all of these can be made on our website.

We look forward to developing your child's love of music!

### [Forest School](#)



Please find below our planned dates for year groups to enjoy Forest School in the Spring term.

Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> January Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> January Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 2
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> February Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> February Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Year 1
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> March Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> March Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Reception



## General Reminders

### New to Reception 2022 Tours

For those starting school in September 2022, we are offering tours of the school with small groups of visitors. Unlike other years, we do not feel we are able to accommodate large numbers in our hall due to our current Covid Risk Assessment, however, we would like to extend an invite to join us for a tour so we can show you our wonderful school. To request a tour, please complete our Microsoft FORM below with your details and we will get back to you to confirm your tour date and time:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=hCgnbbdj802qXj4Y1BtIQndrnDdjNvRMvlYB6kGPA-IUNE81VIlzSVZLV1FWV1pEWjc2R0xSTk9JSS4u>

Parents and Carers can also find this link on the school's website under our 'New to Reception 2022' Tab.

### School Uniform

Our logo school uniform is supplied by Price and Buckland and can be purchased online. The school website contains all the information you need to order online if you want to order logo school uniform.

### Reporting Sickness Absence

It is very important that we are aware if your child is unwell. Please remember to report your child's absence on Studybugs. You can download the app to report your child unwell. If you are unable to use this facility, continue to telephone the school office on 01245 467973.

Please also continue to contact us you child has tested positive on a PCR test or has shown COVID symptoms and you are taking them for a PCR test.

### Attendance for the Year

Our target for the year is **97%**. It is important that your child is in school for their allocated staggered time each day. By being on time, the children will be ready for a prompt start to their learning. Children arriving after registration will be recorded as late. Those arriving after the late cutoff point will be given an unauthorised mark for the session even if they are in school so it is important that your child is in school on time.



If you are removing your child from school for any reason other than absence due to illness an **'Application of Leave of Absence from School During Term Time'** form will need to be completed and sent to the office.

### [BFIS Film](#)

We are so pleased to share with you all our school's short film. Permission has been given by all parents/carers for this film to be shared for promoting the school and therefore, please feel free to share this link with family and friends. Please click on the below link to view on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wb7gyEmbSb8>

### [Follow us on Twitter?](#)

If you have a Twitter account, why not follow our school... **@FarmBarnes**

This is a platform for the school to share news and successes. General communication with parents and carers regarding school arrangements will be through letters and regular newsletters home.

### [Lost Property](#)

Starting next week and weather permitting, we will put out the lost property until the end of term. Please come and have a look to see if you recognise any items you may be missing.

Can I please **remind you to label all items that come into school**, as this way, should they go astray, we can return them? **PLEASE NOTE:** if unclaimed, the items in the lost property box will be either recycled or discarded.





# Are you concerned about a child?

If you are worried about a child, make a written record of your concern. (Include the day, date, time, concern and your signature). You must share your concerns without delay.



Mrs Z Farmer - Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs J Collins - Designated Safeguarding Deputy      Mrs K Robinson - Designated Safeguarding Deputy

## NSPCC – Speak Out, Stay Safe



Our children at BFIS know that children know they have the right to:

- speak out and be heard
- be safe
- get help when they need it

They know that the following things are NOT OK!

- Hitting
- Hurting children's feelings
- Privates are private
- Not being looked after properly at home



- Bullying
- Hurting online

We pride ourselves on being a 'Telling School' and teach the children that to stay safe and happy, they must share any worries with a trusted grown-up. If ever your child has any worries, we are more than happy to help and give advice. Please contact your child's class teacher or a member of the Owlets Wellbeing team.



### **Barnes Farm Infant School Local Governing Body**

Katie Corbett – Chair of Governors – Parent Governor  
Elizabeth Keeley – Vice Chair of Governors – Community Governor  
Heidi Hards – Parent Governor  
Rebecca Pascoe-Youell – Community Governor  
Mrs Z. Farmer – Headteacher  
Mrs K. Robinson – Assistant Headteacher and Staff Governor  
Miss C. Hook – KS1 Leader and Staff Governor  
Danielle Jukes – Community Governor  
Yvonne Spence – Community Governor

### **Diary of Events**

## **NON PUPIL DAYS**

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021**



Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Summer Term Ends Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022

## AUTUMN TERM 2

<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Christmas Craft Day</b>	
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Christmas Dinner and Christmas Dress Up Day</b>	No donations required, just for fun.
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Online Panto Day - Cinderella</b>	
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Last Day of Term</b>	

**SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR HOLIDAY – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 3.15pm**  
**XMAS HOLIDAY – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2021 – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2022**  
**INSET DAY – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

## SPRING TERM 1

<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Non-Pupil Day (Staff only)</b>	
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Pupils back</b>	Doors open at 8:45am
<b>Week beginning Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Booster Clubs Start</b>	Invite Only
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>New to Reception 2022 Tours</b>	Details to Follow
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Behaviour Workshop – 9.10am</b>	More Information to Follow

