



# Barnes Farm Infant School

# Newsletter

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3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023

## Message from the Headteacher

It was a brilliant and busy start back to the half term. The children had a fantastic attitude towards learning as soon as they walked through the door on Monday. We were very lucky to be joined by several special visitors last week, including the police and fire services. They taught us how to keep ourselves and others safe.

## Applying for a Place for September 2024

As from 6 November 2023 you can apply online for your child's primary (reception) or junior (year 3) school place. Please see the below link to access the application portal:

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/primary-school-places>

Applications received after the 15 January 2024 are considered late and will reduce your chance of being offered a place at your preferred schools.

Offers will be sent to online applicants by email on 16 April 2024.


From 16 April 2024, if you applied online, you can log into your account to see your allocation.

## Poppy Appeal

The poppies are now on sale for the children to purchase by placing a donation in the collection box. Year 2 have been doing a fantastic job of visiting the classes to collect the money and give out the poppies. We will be holding a Remembrance Assembly in school.

Mrs Farmer



Proud to be part of the 

## Celebration Awards

### BFIS Over and Above School Focus

Each week, we reward the children for following our school ethos.



This week we have been focusing on 'Be Your Best' from our owl code.



Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023

### Reception

Badger  
Rabbit

Lorelai  
Telita

### Year 1

Hedgehog  
Squirrel  
Otter

Kiara  
Olly  
Ollie

### Year 2

Barn Owl  
Snowy Owl  
Tawny Owl

Oscar  
Emily  
Joshua



## Forest School Timetable 2023-2024

Detailed below are the final Forest Schools sessions for this term.

Sessions – Thursday	Year Group
12 <sup>th</sup> Oct 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2nd Nov (cancelled) 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Year 1
16th Nov 23rd Nov 30th Nov 7th Dec	Reception

## Office Corner Page

### Letters and Flyers

Please find below letters/ emails sent home this week:

Letters / Emails Sent Home/ Information	Year Group
<b>FROM THE OFFICE – Email –</b> Reminder to Pay and Consent to Year 2 Trip – Braintree Museum	Year 2

### Lost Property

We already have several unnamed items of lost property. Each class has its own lost property box. If you are missing garments, can you please make sure that you check in the boxes if you are missing anything. Can we please remind you to label **ALL GARMENTS** so they can be reunited with their owner.

### Teacher Led Clubs

Teacher led clubs will resume from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November until the end of the term.



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

### Relationships and Sex Education Workshop – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 2:15pm



At BFIS, we deliver our Relationships and Sex Education through all aspects of our PSHE lessons. Our 'Growing and Changing' topics cover some elements of our Science and Personal, Social, Health and Economics education.

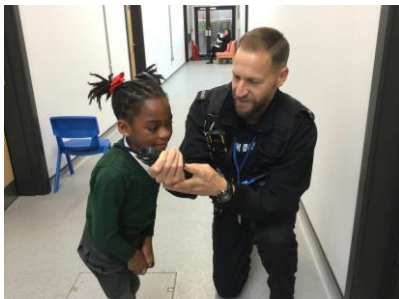
We would like to introduce parent/carers the types of learning and vocabulary that we use in school and specifically in these lessons and would welcome you to join us at a workshop on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 2:15pm. This is a great opportunity for you to ask questions about our RSE curriculum and for you to gain confidence in how to talk to your child/ren about this topic.

If you would like to join us, please sign up to via the Microsoft Form Link below:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=hCgnbbdj802qXj4Y1BtIQtFbvcAhkPdHh5WLR98iiBUQ01KUEEwOERYSU5HQ09SSUc1UzM2WkpNSy4u>

### Year 1 Visit from Essex Police

On Thursday Year 1 had a visit from 3 Police Officers from Essex Police. The children found out all about the job of a Police officer and how they work hard to keep us safe. They were then able to find out about the uniform and equipment used by the Police and were even able to try on some uniform themselves. PC Scotty commented on how fantastic the children were at listening and asking questions. Well done year 1!



### Reception- Fireworks and Firework Safety

This week we have been talking about Firework safety. We have also been listening to 1812 Overture and watching some amazing firework displays.

We also talked about an orchestra and the different instruments you will find and hear playing.

Do you like our firework art?



### Diary of Events



### **NON-PUPIL DAYS FOR SEPTEMBER 2023 – JULY 2024**

Monday 4th September 2023 and Tuesday 5th September 2023  
Friday 20th October 2023  
Monday 26th February 2024  
Friday 24th May 2024

*Please note separate letters regarding Forest Schools will be sent to year groups and messages given in the weekly newsletters.*

### **AUTUMN TERM 2**

<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>New to Reception 2024</b> Application window opens	Information on the ECC Website
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Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>New to Reception 2024 Talks</b> 9.15am	Register on FORMS (link enclosed with email sent)
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>RSE Workshop</b> 2:15pm	All parents/carers
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>New to Reception 2024 Talks</b> 2pm	Register on FORMS (link enclosed with email sent)
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Year 2 School Trip</b> <b>Braintree Museum</b>	Pay on ParentPay (consent to be given)
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	<b>ECC Road Safety Workshop for Reception</b>	Reception Classes
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	<b>Year 2 Dress like a Victorian Day</b>	All Year 2 to come into school as a Victorian
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Year 1 - Concert to Parents/Carers</b> Morning – 9.15am Afternoon – 1.45pm	Information to Follow
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Year 1 - Concert to Parents/Carers</b> Morning – 9.15am	Information to Follow
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Movie and Munch</b> (straight after school)	Permission Slip and Payment to be made on ParentPay
Week Beginning Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Last week of Teacher Led Clubs</b>	Year 1 and 2 Only
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Reception Nativity to Parents/Carers</b>	9.15am
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Reception Nativity to Parents/Carers</b>	2.15pm
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Reindeer Day</b>	Whole School
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Christmas Craft Day</b>	
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Year 2 - Singing Around the Christmas Tree</b>	Year 2 Parents/Carers 3.30pm (Infant Playground)
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last Day of Term	Pupils leave at 3.15pm.

**SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR HOLIDAY – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 3.15pm**

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023 – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024**



## General Reminders

### 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.

### Attendance for the Year

Our target for the year is **97%**. It is important that your child is in school for registration. 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 prior to the date of intended absence.

### BFIS Nut Free School



Just a reminder that we are a nut free school. Please do not send your child to school with any items containing nuts in their packed lunch or if you are sending any other food into school. Items such as the one shown below contain nuts and should not be brought into school – thank you for your support.

### 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=Wb7gvEmbSb8>



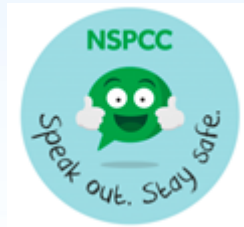
### [Follow us on Twitter?](#)

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.



### [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!

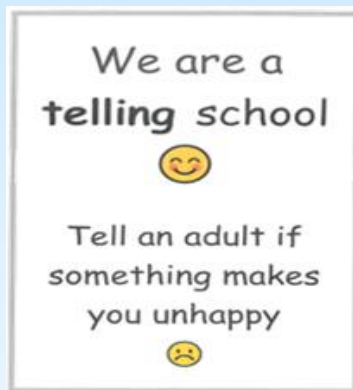
- Hitting
- Hurting children's feelings
- Privates are private





- 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  
Matthew Musson – Vice Chair of Governors  
Mrs Z. Farmer – Headteacher  
Mrs K. Robinson – Assistant Headteacher and Staff Governor  
Mrs K. Jukes – Office Administrator and Staff Governor  
Geoff Walker – Community Governor  
Tim Berrisford - Community Governor

