



Barnes Farm Infant School

Newsletter

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12th January 2024

Message from the Headteacher

IF YOUR CHILD IS IN YEAR 2, YOU NEED TO APPLY FOR THE YEAR 3 SPACE EVEN THOUGH THE SCHOOL WILL BE A PRIMARY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER

Information from the Admissions Team – Year 2 – 3 Admissions for Academic Year Starting in September 2024

Parents of current Year 2 children at the Infant school need to make a formal application to the Council for a Year 3 place and can do so via the website www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

The junior school (Year 3) admission round opened on Monday 6th November 2023, for parents of children to apply for a junior school place for the academic year that starts in September 2024.

The statutory national closing date for applications is 15th January 2024.

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

Applications can be made on line via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. All application information is available on the website detailed above.

If your child attends Barnes Farm Infant School they **WILL NOT** automatically get a place at Barnes Farm Junior School/the new primary school, you **WILL** need to apply.



Proud to be part of the  CLP



Welcome Back

Welcome back to the spring term. The children have settled quickly back into their school routines and working hard on their new topics. Please check your child's Tapestry account for updates from the class teacher regarding new topics and home learning.

Sponsored Walk Money – Reading Corners

Our new reading corners are starting to take shape! In the autumn term, we held a fancy dress sponsored walk and the money raised is beginning to improve our reading environments. Thank you to all that took part in the events.



Information from the Admissions Team – Reception Admissions for Academic Year Starting in September 2024

The primary school (Reception) admission round opened on Monday 6th November 2023, for parents of children to apply for a Reception school place for the academic year that starts in September 2024.



The statutory national closing date for applications is 15th January 2024.

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Applications can be made on line via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions All application information is available on the website detailed above.

Even if parents already have a sibling at the school, they need to apply if they have a child due to start Reception in September.

Mrs Farmer



Celebration Awards

BFIS Over and Above School Focus

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

Friday 12th January 2024

This week we have been focusing on our
'Cape of Success – Drive – Going Over and Above to Achieve your Goals'



Class	Year Group	Name
	Reception	
Badger		Sophie
Rabbit		Finley
	Year 1	
Hedgehog		Harry
Squirrel		Oscar
Otter		Evie
	Year 2	
Barn Owl		Timi
Snowy Owl		Adam
Tawny Owl		Joris

What's Going on at Barnes Farm Infant School

Forest School Timetable - 2024

See below the timetable for Forest schools.

DATE	YEAR GROUP
18 th January	Year 2
25 th January	Year 2
1 st February	Year 1
8 th February	Year 1
15 th February	Year 1
29 th February	Year 1
7 th March	Reception
14 th March	Reception
21 st March	Reception
28 th March	Reception



Office Corner Page

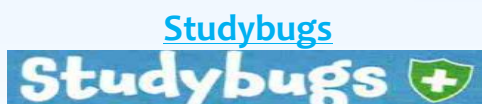
Letters and Flyers

Please find below letters/ emails sent home this week:

Letters / Emails Sent Home/ Information	Year Group
FROM THE OFFICE – Email – Forest Schools	Year 2
FROM THE OFFICE – Email – Clubs reminder	All
FROM THE OFFICE – Email – Admissions – Year 2 to Year 3	Year 2
FROM THE OFFICE – Email – Barn Owl Class Assembly	Barn Owl
FROM THE OFFICE – Email – Admissions for September 2024 Reminder	All

Lost Property

As we start a new term, could you please make sure that all items of uniform and clothing is clearly labelled. We have a very large box of lost property left after each term which we cannot reunite and therefore must be reused for spare or discarded.



REMINDER TO SIGN UP

Can we please remind those parents who have not signed up to do so.

Studybugs is an efficient and secure system for reporting your child's absence and allows for quick and easy dialogue between yourselves and the school. The main benefit of this system is that it is app based so users of the app will no longer need to phone into school to report illness. Studybugs is fully integrated with our school systems and so information is up to date and easy to manage. If you have not already done so, please downloaded the app or register at (<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>) it's free.



Club Schedule

See below the club schedule for the Spring Term.

Barnes Farm Infant School <small>Building Futures Inspiring Success</small>		Spring Term 1 Clubs 2023	
Day of Week	Before School	After School - Teacher Led Clubs	After School - External Providers
Monday		Teacher Led Club Miss Dick – Small World Play 3.15pm – 4.00pm Monday 8 th January - Monday 12 th February (6 wks)	Football Club - Mr King SPEC Training 3.15pm – 4.00pm Monday 15 th January - Monday 25 th March (10 wks)
Tuesday		Teacher Led Club Mrs White – Story Telling 3.15pm – 4.00pm Tuesday 9 th January - Tuesday 13 th February (6 wks)	
		Teacher Led Club Mrs Gibbey – Mindful Colouring 3.15pm – 4.00pm Tuesday 9 th January - Tuesday 13 th February (6 wks)	
Wednesday			Football Club - Mr Brothers SCS 3.15pm – 4.15pm Wednesday 17 th January - Wednesday 27 th March (10 wks)
			Gymnastic Club – Miss Renshaw Prosperts Solutions 3.15pm – 4.15pm Wednesday 10 th January - Wednesday 27 th March (11 wks)
Thursday			Dance Club - Mr Brothers SCS 3.15pm – 4.15pm Thursday 18 th January - Thursday 28 th March (10 wks)
			Multi-sports Club – Miss Renshaw Prosperts Solutions 3.15pm – 4.15pm Thursday 11 th January - Thursday 28 th March (11 wks)
Friday	Multi-sports Club – Mr Brothers SCS 8.00am – 8.45am Friday 12 th January - Friday 16 th February (6 wks)		

PLEASE NOTE:

- All clubs open to Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.
- All clubs will run regardless of weather, unless notified otherwise.
- Timings and dates of clubs will vary, pending on whether Teacher Led or External Provider.



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



NON-PUPIL DAYS FOR SEPTEMBER 2024 – JULY 2025

Monday 2nd September 2024 and Tuesday 3rd September 2024

Friday 25th October 2024

Monday 6th January 2025

Monday 24th February 2025

Friday 23rd May 2025

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

SPRING TERM (Term 3)

Friday 26th January	Parent and Carer Assembly Barn Owl Class – 9.15am	Infant School Hall. No need to book, just turn up.
Friday 2nd February	Parent and Carer Assembly Tawny Owl Class – 9.15am	Infant School Hall. No need to book, just turn up.
Week Beginning Monday 5th February	Children’s Mental Health Week	All Week (activities)
Monday 5th February	SCARF LifeSpace Workshop For parents/carers	2.30pm
Monday 5th February and Tuesday 6th February	SCARF LifeSpace Workshop	All year groups
Tuesday 6th February	Safer Internet Day	
Thursday 8th February	Reception and Year 1 Yoga Day	Reception and Year 1
Friday 9th February	Year 2 - Yoga Morning 9am – 11.30am	Year 2
Friday 16th February	Parent and Carer Assembly Snowy Owl Class – 9.15am	Infant School Hall. No need to book, just turn up.
Friday 16th February	Last Day of Term	Pupils leave at 3.15pm.

SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR HALF TERM – Friday 16th February 2024 at 3.15pm

**HALF TERM HOLIDAY – Monday 19th February 2024 – Friday 23rd February 2024
(INSET DAY - Monday 26th February 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>

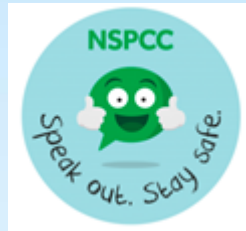
Follow us on Twitter?

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 S Merrick – Assistant Headteacher and Staff Governor
Mrs K Jukes – Office Administrator and Staff Governor
Geoff Walker –Community Governor
Tim Berrisford - Community Governor

