



Barnes Farm Infant School

# Newsletter

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19<sup>th</sup> January 2024

## Message from the Headteacher

### Achieving Already


It has been wonderful to hear how many of the children have already been showing amazing learning this term since being back at school. There have been several Year 2 children who have achieved their 'Pen Licence' this week and they were proud to stand up in assembly today to share how they were able to impress their teachers to be awarded this. Last week, I had the pleasure of giving tours of our school to a variety of visitors who were all very impressed with what they saw happening in the classrooms.

### Open Door Policy

As it is the start of a new term, I just wanted to remind all parents/carers of our open-door policy. If you need to talk with the class teacher, please do this at the beginning or end of the day. If you feel that it needs to be a longer conversation, you can always ask the class teacher to arrange another time. This can also be requested by email to the office.

Have a lovely weekend,  
Mrs Farmer



Proud to be part of the  CLP



## Celebration Awards

### BFIS Over and Above School Focus

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

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

This week we have been focusing on our  
'Cape of Success – Teamwork'  
for Working as a Team



Class	Year Group	Name
	Reception	
Badger		Reggie
Rabbit		Amelia
	Year 1	
Hedgehog		Chloe
Squirrel		Zayd
Otter		Kitty
	Year 2	
Barn Owl		Charlotte
Snowy Owl		Nikol
Tawny Owl		Lewis



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

### Forest School Timetable - 2024

See below the timetable for Forest schools.

DATE	YEAR GROUP
25 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 2
1 <sup>st</sup> February	Year 1
8 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 1
15 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 1
29 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 1
7 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception
14 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception
21 <sup>st</sup> March	Reception
28 <sup>th</sup> March	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 WELLBEING TEAM – Email – Spring Term Parent/Carer Workshops</b>	All
<b>FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE – Email – Schedule of Dismissal of Clubs</b> Also, see below.	All



## Barnes Farm Infant School Newsletter

As you are aware clubs have now gone live. Please see below details of collection for each club.

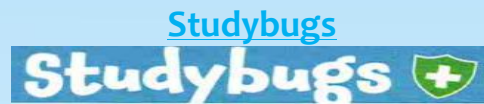


Day of the Week	Club	Held In	Dismissed From
Monday	Teacher Led Club – Small World Play Miss Dick  3.15-4.00	Rabbit Class	Yellow Atrium Doors – opening out onto the infant playground.
Monday	Football Club – SPEC Training Mr King  3.15-4.00	Infant School Hall/School Field/Playground	Yellow Atrium Doors – opening out onto the infant playground.
Tuesday	Teacher Led Club – Story Telling Mrs White  3.15-4.00	Snowy Owl Class	Snowy Owl Class
Tuesday	Teacher Led Club – Mindful Colouring Mrs Gilbey  3.15-4.00	Squirrel Class	Yellow Atrium Doors – opening out onto the infant playground.
Wednesday	Football Club – SCS Mr Brothers  3.15-4.15	Infant School Field/Playground	Yellow Atrium Doors – opening out onto the infant playground.
Wednesday	Gymnastic Club – Prosports Solutions Miss Renshaw  3.15-4.15	Infant School Hall	Yellow Atrium Doors – opening out onto the infant playground.
Thursday	Dance Club – SCS Mr Brothers  3.15-4.15	Junior School Hall	Yellow Atrium Doors – opening out onto the infant playground.
Thursday	Multi-sports Club – Prosports Solutions Miss Renshaw  3.15-4.15	Infant School Hall	Yellow Atrium Doors – opening out onto the infant playground.
Friday	Multi-sports Club – SCS Mr Brothers  8.00-8.45	Infant School Hall	Children taken straight to class from club.

### 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 download the app or register at (<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>) it's free.



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

**SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR HALF TERM – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 3.15pm**

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

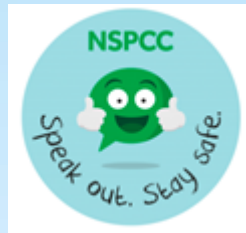
### **Follow us on Twitter?**

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

