



# Barnes Farm Infant School

# Newsletter

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1<sup>st</sup> March 2024

## Message from the Headteacher

### Welcome Back

Welcome back to Term 4!

It was lovely to see so many parents/carers attend the parent consultation event this week. The opportunity to share your child's learning and discuss academic targets is very important to the successful progress and attainment at the end of the year. If you were unable to make an appointment or attend, please, see your child's class teacher to make an alternative time to meet.

### Beat the Street - 28<sup>th</sup> February to 10<sup>th</sup> April

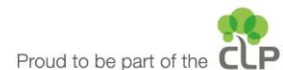
Please look out for the 'Beat the Street' cards and maps coming home in bookbags today. The initiative is an excellent outdoor game for your family! By registering the cards, you can collect points every time you pass a 'Beat Box'. These are located on lampposts around Chelmsford and SWF – we have one just outside our school! On the maps, there are marked locations of where you can find the boxes. You hover your card over the box until it beeps and flashes to collect points. We are being encouraged to walk, cycle and wheel to the different boxes to collect points with potential awards and prizes. Beat the Street makes 3 step changes:

- 1) For our health
- 2) For our environment
- 3) For our community

I look forward to seeing how well Barnes Farm Schools will do in this brilliant challenge.

### Message from the PTA

Chocolate 'Barnes Bars' will be on sale by the PTA at the two main school entrances before school on World Book Day next Thursday, 7th March. See poster attached.



Bars are £2.50 each and strictly limited to one per student, but it's not just a fundraising event: just like a certain Charlie Bucket or Violet Beauregarde, some lucky children will find a...

### Golden Ticket

...along with their chocolate that entitles them to a prize! Prizes available include Everyman Cinema, Mace Playce, The Entertainer and Ninja Warrior vouchers and lots and lots of books.

Golden Tickets can be redeemed for prizes and extra bars can be bought after school.

For those with allergies or intolerances an alternative will be available, with the same chance to win.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Farmer



### Celebration Awards

#### BFIS Over and Above School Focus

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

#### Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024

This week we have been focusing on our owl code 'Be your Best'



Class	Year Group	Name
	Reception	
Badger		Alfie
Rabbit		Alanna
	Year 1	
Hedgehog		Archie
Squirrel		George A
Otter		Sophia
	Year 2	
Barn Owl		Rayna
Snowy Owl		Violet
Tawny Owl		Alexa

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

#### Forest School Timetable - 2024

See below the timetable for Forest schools.

DATE	YEAR GROUP
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
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<b>FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE – Email – World Book Day – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024</b>	ALL
<b>FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE – Email – Special Lunch Menu for World Book Day – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024</b>	ALL
<b>FROM PAUL BANKS CEO OF THE CLP TRUST – Email/Letter – Barnes Farm Primary Update February 2024</b>	ALL
<b>FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE – Email – Forest School for Reception</b>	Reception

### Lost Property

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 with owners and therefore must be reused for spare or discarded.

### Studybugs



#### **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 4)

Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Dance Workshop	
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day	Children to dress up as their favourite book character.
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 - Parents Phonics Workshop 2.30pm and 5pm	Infant School Hall
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	KS1 Cross Country Chelmsford Sport and Athletic Centre	Invited Children Only to Attend
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent and Carer Assembly Hedgehog Class – 9.15am	Infant School Hall. No need to book, just turn up.
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day	Details to follow
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Young Carers Day	Details to follow
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Parent and Carer Assembly Squirrel Class – 9.15am	Infant School Hall. No need to book, just turn up.



Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	<b>Movie and Munch</b> (straight after school)	Permission Slip and Payment to be made on ParentPay
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>KS1 Tag Rugby</b> <b>Writtle College Sports Field</b>	Invited Children Only to Attend
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>National Epilepsy Day</b>	
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Parent and Carer Assembly</b> <b>Otter Class – 9.15am</b>	Infant School Hall. No need to book, just turn up.
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Last Day of Term	Pupils leave at 3.15pm

**SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR HOLIDAYS – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 3.15pm**

**EASTER HOLIDAY – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 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=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.

### **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

