



Barnes Farm Infant School

Newsletter

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8th March 2024

Message from the Headteacher

Beat the Street

Well done to all the Barnes Farm Infant School families that have already registered to play 'Beat the Street'. We are doing well on the leaderboard! If you have not activated your child's card, you can still do this – there is also a spare card in the pack for a family member. You can also register on the website or app and join the game...remember to select Barnes Farm Infant School as your 'team'!

Local Parking

Please can I remind parents and carers to be considerate when driving to and from the school to drop off their children. We have received several complaints from the residents regarding roads being blocked and unsafe parking. Also we have the agreement with ASDA that parents and carers can park in the supermarket car park and walk to school. Children that do this can collect a WOW mark for the day for 'park and stride'.


Red Nose Day – Comic Relief



Red Nose Day will take place on Friday 15th March 2024. Children are invited to wear their red noses to school for the day. If you would like to make a donation for Comic Relief, please visit the below website:

[A just world free from poverty | Comic Relief](https://www.comicrelief.org.uk)



Proud to be part of the  CLP



PTA Chocolate Sale

Thank you to all those that organised the PTA Chocolate Sale on World Book Day and thank you to all those children and parents who supported this event.

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 6th March 2024

This week we have been focusing on our 'Cape of Success – Independence – Try to Have a go on Your Own



Class	Year Group	Name
	Reception	
Badger		Charlie
Rabbit		Harry
	Year 1	
Hedgehog		Mena
Squirrel		Elena
Otter		Emilia
	Year 2	
Barn Owl		Jason
Snowy Owl		Olive
Tawny Owl		Ellis

What's Going on at Barnes Farm Infant School

Forest School Timetable - 2024



See below the timetable for Forest schools.

DATE	YEAR GROUP
14 th March	Reception
21 st March	Reception
28 th March	Reception

WOW Badge Competition



Well done to everyone who entered the WOW badge competition. All of the entries were fantastic, thank you to everyone who took part.

Congratulations to Zayd, Nikol and Luke- your entries have been sent into the national competition, good luck! Mrs Gilbey



World Book Day – Mrs White

As always, it was amazing to see all the fabulous costumes that the children wore as we celebrated our love of reading. Well done and thank you to the children (and their adults) for putting on a super show!



This year's theme was 'You are a reader'. In school, we experienced reading and storytelling in many different ways. All the children enjoyed a dance session based on a Julia Donaldson book. They used their bodies to tell the story. In Year 2, the children were authors – writing their own stories, using all the skills that they have learnt over their time in school. All the classes are writing a whole schoolbook, with each class adding the next bit of the story. I am looking forward to reading it once it is finished 😊

One of the highlights of the day for me was our Reading Buddy class swap. Each class paired up with another from a different year group and they enjoyed reading together. The older children loved helping and felt very grown-up writing in their partners reading diaries! Our Reading Champions also went and read with the children in Reception, sitting with them and sharing their love of books.

I am looking forward to next year already.





Owlets –
Toys and
Games



We would be very grateful to receive any good condition toys and games to use in our Owlets Room and in the playground at Lunchtimes. If you have any of the following at home that you are no longer playing with, we would really appreciate it if you could bring them into school:

Arts and Crafts materials (especially if you have any old wallpaper that we can draw on)

Wooden Puzzles

Cars and vehicles

Dolls and any doll accessories such as buggies, clothes etc.

Action Figures and small world animals

Barbie type dolls

Construction toys such as Lego, Building Blocks, Meccano etc.

Musical Instruments

Board Games

Dressing Up Clothes

Tabletop games such as air hockey, table-top football, table tennis etc.

A BIG thank you in advance 😊

Young Carers Action Day – Wednesday 13th March





Each year, Young Carers Action Day has a theme. The theme for Young Carers Action Day 2024 is 'Fair Futures for Young Carers'.

The purpose of the day is to raise public awareness of the challenges faced by young people because of their caring role, and to campaign for greater support for young carers and their needs.

In school we will be having a special assembly in school to think about people who help us. More information can be found on our school website or on the link below:

<https://carers.org/young-carers-action-day/young-carers-action-day>

If you feel that your child may be a Young Carer and you would like some support, please contact Mrs Robinson or Mrs Webb.

Key Stage 1 Phonics Workshops

Phonics

As you are aware, Year 1 and some of our Year 2 children will be completing their Phonics Screening Check, taking place in school throughout June 2024.

To ensure that you and your child are fully prepared for the content of these assessments and how they will run, we are holding a parent/carer Phonics workshop on Monday 11th March at 2:30pm in the school hall. This will be repeated at 5pm on Thursday 14th March.

If you would like to find out more about how you can support your child, please come along. Please come to the Infant School Office entrance on arrival.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you at the workshop.

[All In Event at Chelmsford Sports and Athletics Centre – Mrs Robinson](#)





day last week, Mrs Webb, Mrs Holden and I took a group of children to the 'All In' event at Chelmsford and Athletics Centre. The children took part in a range of exciting activities and had an amazing time. All children joined in and did their best – it was a very proud BFIS moment as they represented the school tically 😊

Office Corner Page

Letters and Flyers

Please find below letters/ emails sent home this week:

Letters / Emails Sent Home/ Information	Year Group
FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE – Email – REMINDER – to give Consent to attend the Music Festival	Year 2
FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE – Email – Hedgehog Class Assembly	Hedgehog Class
FROM PAUL BANKS CEO OF THE CLP TRUST – Email/Letter – School Clubs Extended	ALL
FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE – Email – Forest School for Reception	Reception
FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE – Email – Squirrel Class Assembly	Squirrel Class



FROM MRS ROBINSON AND THE WELLBEING TEAM – Email – Essex Local Offer Roadshows	ALL
FROM MRS ROBINSON AND THE WELLBEING TEAM – Email – SEND Support for Children and Young People in Essex	ALL

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 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 4)

Monday 11th March	Year 1 - Parents Phonics Workshop 2.30pm	Infant School Hall
Tuesday 12th March	KS1 Cross Country Chelmsford Sport and Athletic Centre	Invited Children Only to Attend
Wednesday 13th March	Young Carers Day	
Thursday 14th March	Parent and Carer Assembly Hedgehog Class – 9.15am	Infant School Hall. No need to book, just turn up.
Thursday 14th March	Year 1 - Parents Phonics Workshop 5pm	Infant School Hall
Friday 15th March	Red Nose Day	Details to follow
Thursday 21st March	Parent and Carer Assembly Squirrel Class – 9.15am	Infant School Hall. No need to book, just turn up.
Thursday 21st March	Movie and Munch (straight after school)	Permission Slip and Payment to be made on ParentPay
Monday 25th March	KS1 Tag Rugby Writtle College Sports Field	Invited Children Only to Attend
Tuesday 26th March	National Epilepsy Day	
Thursday 28th March	Parent and Carer Assembly Otter Class – 9.15am	Infant School Hall. No need to book, just turn up.
Thursday 28th March	Last Day of Term	Pupils leave at 3.15pm



SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR HOLIDAYS – Thursday 28th March 2024 at 3.15pm

EASTER HOLIDAY – Monday 1st April 2024 – Friday 12th 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:

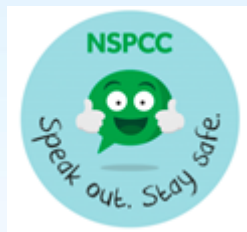
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wb7gvEmbSb8>

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



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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

