

Barnsbury Primary School and Nursery Newsletter

(FORTNIGHTLY)



“
We nurture every child in meeting their potential without limits.
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19th December 2025



A message from Miss Harbridge



As we reach the end of our first term, it's the perfect time to pause and celebrate what has been a truly fantastic start to the year at Barnsbury. The sense of community, creativity, and joy that has filled our school has been nothing short of inspiring. From the very youngest learners to our oldest pupils, everyone has contributed to making this term special.

Our festive celebrations have been a real highlight, and we want to say a huge thank you to our incredible staff for their hard work and dedication.

- I hope that our Nursery families enjoyed celebrating with their children during wonderful Family Festival Fun event, during which they were creating magical moments together.
- Reception children enjoyed an enchanting Christmas adventure in Forest School, learning all about Little Reindeer—a perfect way to combine outdoor learning with festive excitement.
- Key Stage 1 delighted us all with their charming performance of Twinkly Nativity. The singing was beautiful, and the confidence shown by our Year 2 children on stage was remarkable. It was a joy to see their personalities shine through in such a heart-warming production.
- For Years 3 and 4, the term ended on a truly memorable note with a moving and uplifting Christmas performance at St Mary of Bethany Church. Their singing was exceptional, and the atmosphere was magical, thanks to the leadership and passion of our music specialist, Mrs Norfolk.
- Our school choir also took the spirit of Christmas beyond our gates, performing at Hale End Court Care Home. These acts of kindness and community engagement remind us of the true meaning of the season—sharing joy and showing care for others.
- We are also incredibly grateful to our PTA, whose generosity and support made it possible for KS1 to enjoy a pantomime at school and for Years 3–6 to experience the magic of the Woking Panto. These experiences created wonderful memories for our children and added an extra sparkle to the festive season.
- A special thank you also goes to our school kitchen team, who treated us to a delicious Christmas lunch last week—a real highlight for everyone!

As we wrap up this term, and after our Christmas assembly this morning, we are reminded of the timeless message from The Grinch Who Stole Christmas: Christmas doesn't come from a store, and it isn't about the presents or decorations—it's about the people we love and the joy we share together. At Barnsbury, that spirit has shone brightly throughout this term.

Thank you to every member of our community—staff, families, and children—for making this first term so fantastic. We wish you all a joyful Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year!

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Key Messages

Barnsbury and Bonsey Lane - Proposed 20mph scheme

Surrey County Council is proposing a 20mph scheme on the roads around Barnsbury Primary School and Westfield Primary School. Please share your views on their proposal by 5th January 2026, using the below link:

https://barnsbury-and-bonsey-lane-woking.commonplace.is/?utm_campaign>NewCommonplaces28_11_2025&utm_source=cp-email&utm_medium=email?utm_campaign

Drop off times- Please note our drop off time begins at 8:30am

KS1 - the gate closes at 8:50am

KS2 - the gate closes at 8:45am

After these times, children will need to come in via the main entrance and school office.

Barnsbury Cross Country

This morning's cross country event was a fantastic celebration of teamwork, resilience, and determination! A huge thank you to Mrs Darne and Mrs Living, who did an outstanding job organising the event and ensuring everything ran smoothly. Their hard work made the event enjoyable for everyone. A big thank you to our supporters who stood in the cold cheering to the end!

We were so impressed by the incredible resilience shown by all participants. The positive attitude of not giving up, even when the course got tough (and muddy!), was truly inspiring. It was wonderful to see children encouraging and supporting each other throughout the race—those moments of kindness and teamwork really stood out.

A big well done to all our runners for giving their best effort, and special congratulations to our winners! Your achievements are something to be proud of. Photos from the event will be shared after Christmas, so keep an eye out for those.

Well done, Team Barnsbury!



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Sleeping Beauty Pantomime



Reception and KS1 had a wonderful time at the Pantomime, Sleeping Beauty. The children loved joining in with the singing, dancing, cheering and boozing. It was lovely to see all of their expressions as they travelled through the story with the characters. Miss Bolton and Miss McLoughlin even joined in with the dance routine. The atmosphere was brilliant - what a way to start our morning! A huge thank you to the PTA for funding this fantastic experience.



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Eco Council

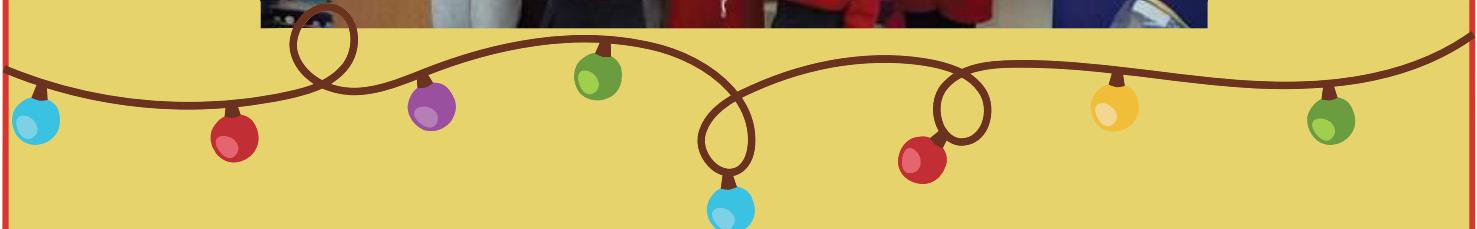
The Eco Council have been working together to do an environmental review of our school to help us focus on specific areas this year.

We will be working on these in the new year.



This week, the Eco Council made decorations by re-using old CDs. They have also thought of some top tips for you over the Christmas period:

- Wrap presents with string or ribbon instead of tape
- Don't use too much wrapping paper on presents
- Give some of your old presents to charity
- Don't cook too much. Re-use leftovers rather than throwing food away.
- Buy second hand gifts to help the planet and a charity
- Don't ask for too many presents if you have a lot already



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Awards - week commencing 01/12

Star Award, Effort Award and Values Award			
Oak	Karter	Pimry	Taim
Pine	Logan	Ella	Arlo
1B	All of 1B	Kaven	Ayman
1M	Neel	Michael	Ava
2A	Ohene	Charlie	Ayesha
2T	Daniel	Liyana	Havanna
3M	Ava	Joe	Kai
3MC	Loggie	George	Kabir
4B	Chloe G	Jude	Daniel
4J	Theo C	Emma	Caitlin
5D	Zak	Jett	Leo
5T	Tyler	Isla	Logan
6G	James	Isla	Sedef
6L	Grace H	Tammy	Izzy

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Awards - week commencing 01/12



Congratulations to our Super Speller of the Week:

Jaswik - 3MS
Mukund - 5D



Congratulations to the recipients of a WOW certificates this week:

Emma-Rosie - 1M
Abiya, Samantha & Mila - 5T
Zak, Abubakr & Abdul - 5D



Congratulations to the Lionesses of the week:



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Awards - week commencing 08/12

Star Award, Effort Award, Values Award & Writer of the Month				
Oak	Ethan	Maisie	Amy	Arjun
Pine	Lucas	Royce	Darren	Olivia
1B	Isra	Harry	Sadie	Elizabeth
1M	Jorge	Leonardo	Robert	Rachel
2A	James	George	Ava	Jake
2T	Dominic	Jack	Haziq	Aila
3M	Kai	Saharsh	Auriella	Joe
3MC	Amelia	Jack	Azhaan	Jess
4B	Chloe S	Lillian	Ella	Ewan
4J	Gia	Jake	Emma	Caitlin
5D	Amber	Abdul	Lucy	Teniola & Mara
5T	Cecilia	Demi	Vadhana	Violet
6G	Spencer	Adele	Joao	Nicole
6L	Isobel	Quinn	Sasha	Grace H

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Awards - week commencing 08/12

Congratulations to our Super Speller of the Week:

William B (5D)



Congratulations to the recipients of a WOW certificates this week:

Khaleesi (5D)



Congratulations to the Lionesses of the week:



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Awards - week commencing 15/12

Star Award, Effort Award and Values Award			
Oak	Reya	Isaac	Arjun
Pine	Olivia	Bella	Asiyah
1B	Muhammad	Lola	Aadhya
1M	Eva	Lottie	Matthew
2A	Louis	Abdullah	Jack
2T	All of 2T	Hugo	Carter
3M	Lottie	Jannat	Ava
3MC	Vinnie	Max	Logan
4B	Isla-Rose	Matthew	Catrin
4J	Izzy	Skylar	Mike
5D	Emeli	Revaan	Ava
5T	Keshawn	Louis	Kyra
6G	Bella	Zoe	Dexter
6L	All of 6L	Ahmad	Grace H



Awards - week commencing 15/12



Congratulations to the Lioness of the week:



Personally, I want to say thank you to all the girls who turn up each week to Girls Football. It's incredible to just stand and reflect just how far our Girls Football Club has come. We started with 12 and now have 46 girls each week. I can see their passion and motivation to inspire the next generation. Also, I couldn't do it without the lovely Miss James and Mrs Akram. So, a huge thank you to them for turning up each week. Have a wonderful Christmas break and we will see you in the new year.

Miss Paice



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Dates for your diary 2025-26 - Autumn Term

December	
Friday 19th	End of Term (1.15pm finish)

January 2026	
Monday 5th	Inset Day
Tuesday 6th	Inset Day
Wednesday 7th	Start of Term at 08:30am
Wednesday 7th	Parent Coffee Morning at The Lighthouse (on Barnsbury Estate), 08:45am - 10am



ND LIVE WEBINAR FOR PARENTS/CARERS DELIVERED BY LEARNING SPACE

Book a place on this two hour live webinar exploring neurodivergent conditions, with a particular emphasis on autism and ADHD; whilst also looking at PDA and anxiety.

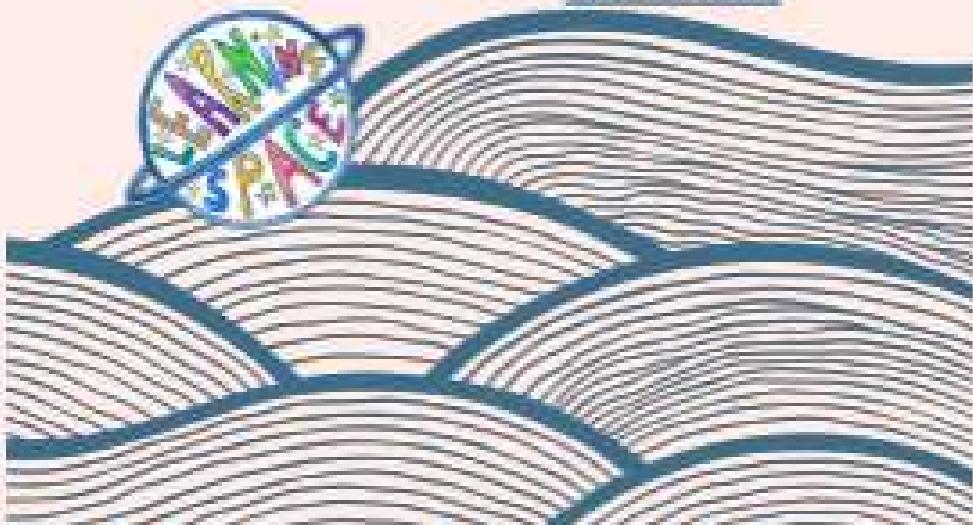
This webinar is for **parents and carers** of any child or young person with an ND need, whether diagnosed or not. **Please note we will need you to sign up at least a day in advance of the session.**

Dates

Day 1: Wednesday 14 January 12:00-2:00pm
Day 2: Monday 19 January 6:00-8:00pm
Day 3: Wednesday 21 January 12:00-2:00pm
Day 4: Wednesday 4 February 12:00-2:00pm
Day 5: Monday 23 February 6:00-8:00pm
Day 6: Wednesday 4 March 12:00-2:00pm
Day 7: Monday 9 March 6:00-8:00pm
Day 8: Wednesday 25 March 12:00-2:00pm

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GET INVOLVED AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Join the Barnsbury Primary School & Nursery

PTA

Open to all Parents and Carers

WHY JOIN?

Your Child Benefits

The PTA is an important part of the school and **helps to enrich your child's learning** and make every student's experience at school better.

Its Totally Flexible

Anyone can get involved. **It's less commitment than you think and you don't always have to attend meetings.** Small jobs such as designing a poster or running a stall, keeps everything running smoothly.

Create Lasting Memories

Children will learn using resources we fund, cherish the activities and trips we organise and fund. As well as remember the events we hold.

Keep the PTA going so future pupils can benefit too.

Because its fun!

Be part of a team which organises the best fundraising events. Suggest new ideas, gain new skills, meet new people. **But most of all, have fun and be your children's biggest fan!**

To get involved please speak to a class rep or email the PTA
pta@barnsbury.surrey.sch.uk