



Barnsbury Primary School and Nursery

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11th July 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Choir Event

On Tuesday 24th June, our fabulous school choir took part, once again, in the Winston Churchill Choir Day. The day is attended by a number of primary schools in the local area and, alongside students from Winston Churchill, they spent the day learning to sing new songs as an ensemble of over 100 participants. This year they learnt a medley of Disney and pop songs, performing two part harmonies and then performing this in front of parents - a truly amazing experience! Once again they did Barnsbury proud. Well done to all children and a special thank you to Mrs Ward-Close who accompanied the children.

Chess Tournament

On 20th May, 12 of our talented chess players took part in the North Surrey Schools' Chess Tournament in Addlestone. This was a tournament for children in Years 3 to 6, which meant our younger chess players had to play matches against children a lot older than them. The tournament was a wonderful experience for them, each match has to be played in total silence and the children respected the rules and their opposition wonderfully. Each child played five matches and earned points for their team. I am delighted to report that the Barnsbury Chess Team came 3rd in the tournament—a wonderful achievement!



Oliver G—a hugely talented individual!

In last week's newsletter I mentioned Oliver G in Year 6 who had produced a comic in order to raise money for The Brain Tumour Charity. I wanted to report that he successfully sold all copies of his amazing comic at the PTA Circus event last week and has donated all the proceeds to the charity. He should be incredibly proud of the £115 he raised—huge congratulations Oliver!

Update on Wellbeing and Mental Health Support at Barnsbury

This year we have been working hard to develop our provision to support the emotional well being of our children. Ambreen, our home school link worker has supported many families who have reached out. She holds a weekly coffee morning for parents and hopefully you will have read her monthly newsletters. Mrs Hemming continues to provide ELSA support for children requiring intervention and has worked with many children across the school.

We have been lucky enough to have built a relationship with a team from the Mind Works (MHST) who have carried out assemblies, staff training and parent coffee mornings. This relationship will continue next year with programmes for children around developing emotional resilience and further support for groups, individuals and families. The Surrey Care Trust have run a project in key stage 2 and will also continue to offer mentoring individualised support for individuals.

As a school we have been part of a project running with the Surrey Nurture Hub around whole school and individual well-being which will continue next year as we continue to develop our whole school approach.

Finally, we have joined the 'Make a Difference for Molly' project through the Bee-lieve Foundation, the emotional wellbeing charity for young people:

'We are delighted to be working alongside Barnsbury Primary School and 4 further Woking schools during the 2025 - 2026 academic year as part of their 'Make a Difference for Molly' project. The project has been set up in memory of 21-year-old Molly Price from Horsell who tragically took her own life in May 2023 following her battles with a complex mix of emotional problems. Working in partnership with Molly's family, the charity is determined to bring light and hope from the darkest of times. The project will help each school to provide additional support, learning, training and resources to empower all young people by boosting their knowledge, skills, strategies and understanding of how to become, and remain, emotionally well.'

The charity would like to praise Mrs Harrup, Miss Powell and the whole Barnsbury Primary team for placing the wellbeing of their students, staff and parents at the heart of their culture. Our hope is that by working with local schools and community sports groups, we can connect local communities, increasing awareness, opening conversations, breaking down stigmas and barriers and providing support wherever necessary. schools and community sports groups, we can connect local communities, increasing awareness, opening conversations, breaking down stigmas and barriers and providing support wherever necessary.'

All of this work will continue at Barnsbury into the new academic year. Please do reach out if you have any questions or would like to discuss your child's emotional wellbeing further

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

With kind regards



Mrs J E Harrup
Headteacher



Star of the Week

Oak	Harry
Ash	Enoch
1B	Mason
1M	Bernie
2M	Nate
2T	Mikael
3B	Freya
3M	Quinn
4D	Samantha
4J	Leo
5M	Harriet
5T	James
6G	
6L	



Effort Award

Krushnal
Thalia
Flora
Kris
Amirah
Malakai
Caitlin
Kiki
James
Mukund
Ben
Emma



Values Award

Aaadhya
Lottie
Jack
Abdullah
Isaac
Jannat
Maximus
Lillian
Demi
Ava
Ahmad
Zoe

**Congratulations to our Super Speller
this week:**



**Congratulations to the recipients of a
WOW certificates this week:**

**Louis (1B), Ayesha (1M), Grace O &
Owen (5M), The Eco Council**



Dates for your diary 2024-25—Summer Term

July

Monday 14th	1:30pm Y6 Production Dress Rehearsal, KS1 & Parents with small children
Tuesday 15th	Rock Steady Concert
Thursday 17th	Rock Steady Concert
Thursday 17th	1:30pm Yr 6 Production Dress Rehearsal, KS2 & Parents with small children
Friday 18th	Rock Steady Concert
Monday 21st	6.00pm Year 6 Production and Leavers' Party
Tuesday 22nd	End of Term (1:15pm finish)

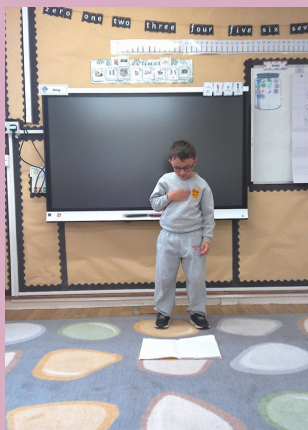
Nursery

This week Acorns have loved playing outdoors in the gorgeous sunshine. We put purple food colouring in the water tray and the children were intrigued as to how it turned purple. We have also been learning about numbers, it's so lovely to see much the children have learned this year.



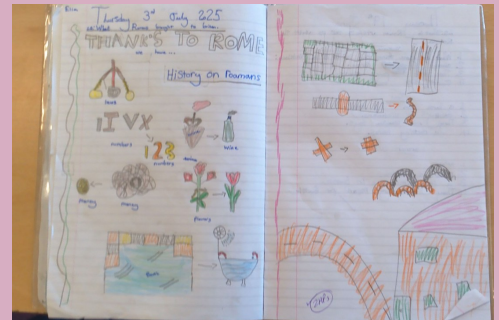
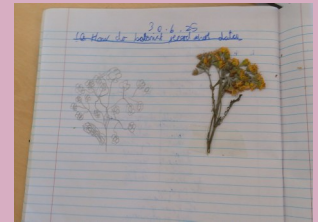
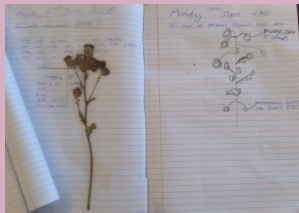
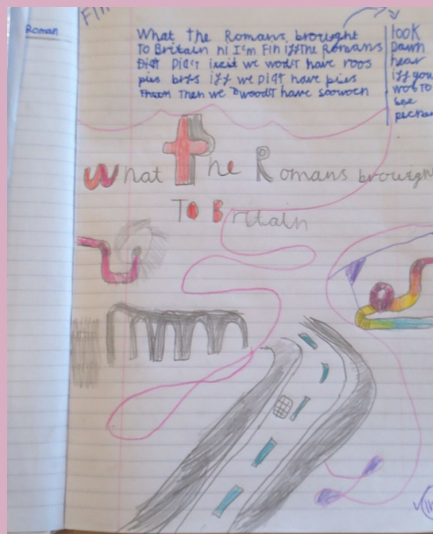
Year 1

This week in English, Year 1 have been writing poems all about our favourite delicious food! We wrote about scrumptious chocolate cakes, juicy mangos and golden, crunchy toast! Once we had finished writing our poems, we then had a go at acting them out! We thought about the different actions we could do to match our writing! We practised and practised until it was time to perform!



Some children confidently took to the stage in front of their peers and performed their poems like professionals! We were so impressed with the exciting adjectives we heard and loved seeing the poems come to life!

Year 3



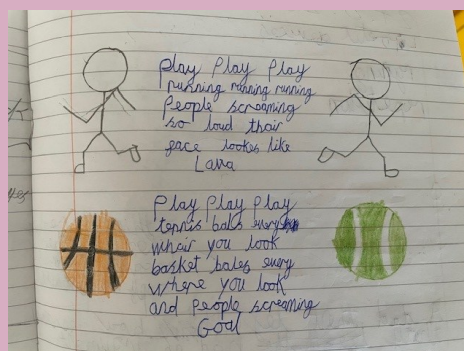
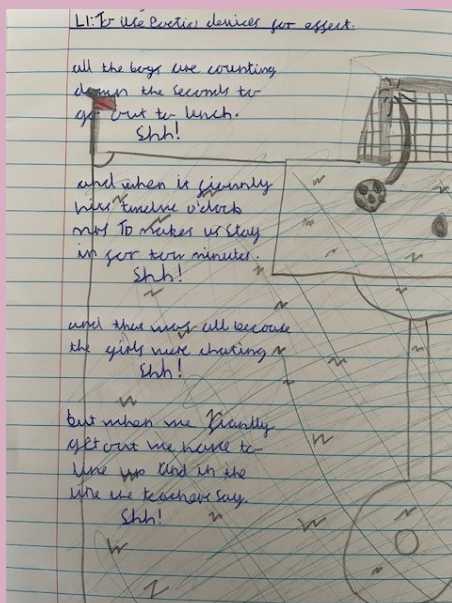
Year 3 have been busy this term learning about Plants in Science, Romans in History and reading Planet Omar in English. We are so proud of the effort that everyone has made when working on their tasks. In History, we have created posters and learned about they brought to England when they invaded.

In Science, we have learned about botany and how botanists travelled the world finding new plants. We became botanists, finding plants in our meadow, looking at them carefully and drawing simple representations of them in our books.

In English, we have loved reading about Omar and his family.

Year 5

This week in Year 5 we have been continuing our DT work - studying and making models of different kinds of bridges. This week we have been building 'truss' bridges, using just card and art straws.



In English we have been continuing to study 'Overheard in a Tower Block', a book of poems by the Children's Laureate, Joseph Coelho. We have started to write our own poems using some of the poet's favourite techniques - repetition and metaphor.



Woking Family Centre

Every Thursday - 4 weeks

24th July - 14th August 2025
7pm - 8pm

Online SEND Support Group for Parents/Carers

Free support group for parents/carers with children aged
0-16 with pre or diagnosed SEND.

The course will cover topics like:

- Back to school and discussions around EHCP's
- Boundaries and useful parenting tools
- Accessing useful websites and other support networks
- Support on applying for DLA and other funding options.

For more information scan the
QR code or call 01483 310419



**Woking Family Centre, The Bungalow
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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about AI-ENABLED SCAMS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Artificial intelligence (AI) is quickly becoming a widely used tool, with lots of positive applications being discussed and developed. Sadly, however, as with most technology tools, there are those who will seek to use it for malicious and dishonest practices, with children and other vulnerable groups particularly at risk.

PHISHING EMAILS: BETTER & QUICKER

Phishing scams – emails designed to trick people into handing over login details or money – are not new, and do not rely on AI; however, AI has made them far more dangerous. Criminals can now generate highly convincing emails at speed, mimicking an organisation's tone, branding and language with ease. This makes phishing attempts harder to spot, especially for young people who may not yet know what to look out for.

ONLINE MARKETPLACE FRAUD

Online marketplaces are now a common way to buy and sell everything, from second-hand clothes to cars. Criminals are exploiting this by using AI to enhance or completely fake product photos and videos, and pressure buyers into paying deposits or full amounts upfront. These tactics are becoming more advanced, making it vital to pause, check, and verify the sale before parting with any money.

VOICE IMPERSONATION

AI can now realistically impersonate a person's voice when given a small sample of someone's speech patterns. This is especially concerning where voice has been enabled as an alternative to password-based logins. One such example was the use of AI deepfake audio as part of a fake kidnapping scam: the criminals used an AI voice clone of a 15-year-old to convince her parents she had been kidnapped and elicit a ransom.

EMPLOYMENT SCAMS

Using AI, criminals can create fake online profiles that seem completely real. These synthetic identities can chat with young people about fake job offers, asking for money to secure a visa or paperwork. In 2025, The Guardian reported a scam targeting young people with promises of quick cash, posing as TikTok staff.

INFLUENCER & INVESTMENT SCAMS

AI tools now make it easy to manipulate video and audio, with technology available that can generate entirely fake content using the likeness of celebrities or influencers. Criminals are using this to create convincing videos of well-known figures promoting fake products or services, which young people can be particularly susceptible to. Cryptocurrency scams are a common tactic, luring people into investing in schemes that do not exist. Once payment is made, the criminal simply disappears with the money.

ROMANCE SCAMS & SEXTORTION

AI chat bots can now mimic real conversations, often accompanied with realistic fake photos and videos, which makes it easier for criminals to build trust with young people – among other things, this can lead to fraud or sextortion. In 2024, the NCA's CEOP Safety Centre received 380 reports of sextortion. Alarmingly, in the first five months alone, police received an average of 117 monthly reports involving under-18s, showing how serious and targeted this threat has become.

Advice for Parents & Educators

THINK CRITICALLY

The key to addressing the increasing growth of AI-enabled scams is to think critically and show caution. Inform children that if something is too good to be true, then it probably is. Encourage them to stop and carefully consider what they are seeing and reading before taking any action. For example, if a social media post expresses urgency, proceed with caution; if content seems unusual, even from a known person, it may be that their account has been hacked.

USE TRUSTWORTHY SITES AND SERVICES

Online marketplaces are useful when buying and selling items; however, where possible, encourage children to use reputable companies and their online shopping sites. These companies are likely to have more sophisticated cyber-security safeguards in place, underpinned by consumer legislation, enabling them to control how products and services are displayed and traded on their sites.

SEEK TO VERIFY

Criminals may breach an influencer's account or spread misinformation and fake content; however, their approach will generally be limited to a single account, site or service. Where possible, show children how to verify information to check its legitimacy before proceeding. Small actions, such as phoning the person who is the subject of a suspicious email, or checking content via an individual or company website or social media sites can make the difference. The greater the risk, the more effort we should expend to confirm whether the information presented is true or false.

REPORT IT

As the sophistication of scams increases, the likelihood of being tricked by them also increases, especially when not paying attention or acting quickly. It is important that young people know how to report incidents as they happen. Show children how to report their concerns to the social media site, Action Fraud, banks, and other individuals or organisations linked or involved. If you are unsure of the most effective reporting channel, contact Action Fraud.

Meet Our Expert

Gary Henderson is the Director of IT at Millfield, a large independent boarding school in Somerset, as well as a member of the Digital Futures Group, Vice Chair of the ISC Digital Advisory Group and an Association of Network Managers in Education (ANME) Ambassador.



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Surrey Paediatrics Parenting Service



Are you finding parenthood tough?

The Paediatrics Parenting Support Service is offering support to parents and carers living in Surrey who are exploring the possibility that their child, aged 5 or younger, may be neurodivergent, exhibiting challenging or avoidant behaviours, or are seeking help to improve their child's social and emotional skills.

We provide a 6-week support group, either online or face-to-face in the community, to empower families with strategies and resources for their child's development and well-being.

You can find out more information and how to refer into the service at by scanning the below QR code or email: surreysupportu5@barnardos.org.uk



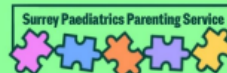
Contact our practitioners if you have any questions:

Bianca Downey: 07354200290 **Jo Hernandez:** 07394 865 632

Fleur Howlett: 07856 479486



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Surrey Paediatrics Parenting Service

Come along to our free 1 hour online summer support sessions, a safe space to share any challenges you are experiencing with your child 5 and under.



Want to find out more about support in Surrey?

Monday 28th July 11am - Tuesday 29th July 7pm - Wednesday 30th July 1pm

Want to discuss big emotions?

Monday 4th August 7pm - Tuesday 5th August 2pm - Wednesday 6th August 11am

Want to know how you can support your own wellbeing?

Monday 11th August 2pm - Tuesday 12th August 10am - Wednesday 13th August 7pm

Want to discuss difficulties with sleep & food?

Monday 18th August 11am - Tuesday 19th August 7pm - Wednesday 20th August 1pm

Want to discuss sensory difficulties?

Monday 25th August 7pm - Tuesday 26th August 1pm - Wednesday 27th August 10am

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Ages 5-11 years

9.00 - 5.00pm Standard Day

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Collaborate with other enthusiastic performers.

Ages 5-11 years

9.00 - 5.00pm

Summer school fee - £180

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IGNITE - KS3 WEEK

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AUGUST 4 - 8

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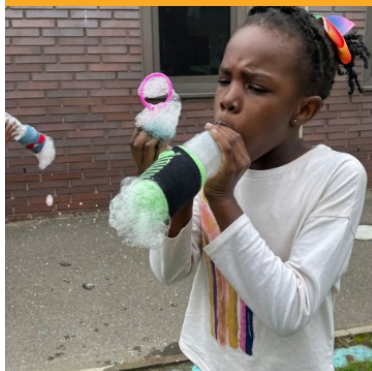
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