



Barnsbury Primary School and Nursery

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23rd May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

I had the pleasure of accompanying the two Reception classes to Godstone Farm this week. It was a lovely day looking at all of the animals. The children took part in feeding pigs, doing some 'farmer jobs' and meeting a tortoise and duckling. The children were amazing—they listened well and enjoyed taking part in the activities.

PAPAYA (Parents Against Phone Addiction in Young Adolescents) Talks

Please sign up for the talk by PAPAYA on 18th or 26th June at 7.30pm. As you know, the increasing use of mobile phones and social media among young people is a growing concern. At The SWAN Trust, we have a large number of parents expressing their anxiety about the use of smart phones by children. We have therefore invited a representative from PAPAYA, Jennifer Powers, to speak at our schools. Jennifer will share valuable insights on the impact of phone addiction, strategies to support children in developing healthy digital habits, and practical steps that parents can take to navigate this challenge. Her talk is aimed at parents and carers, who are navigating their way through a rapidly changing digital world.

18th June - Beaufort Primary School,
26th June - Barnsbury Primary School & Nursery

To reserve your place, please scan the QR code. Please note, this event is meant for all parents and carers of primary school age children, including the youngest in our nurseries and Reception as we believe it will be relevant and thought-provoking for all. It is not suitable for children to attend.



Walking Instructor role with Surrey County Council

Currently, the Safer Travel Team at Surrey County Council have a vacancy for a Walking Instructor based in Woking or Guildford. The opportunity is to work with 7 and 8 year olds within primary schools teaching them vital road safety skills. More information can be found [here](#).

Essential Gas main reinforcement works - Egley Road - 16th June 2025

We have been informed that there will be gas works along Egley Road and Lilac Avenue starting from Monday 16th June. Please consider walking to school as there will be multiway traffic lights on the junction of Almond Road and down Egley Road. The works will continue for approximately six weeks.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend.
With kind regards

Mrs J E Harrup
Headteacher



	Star of the Week	Effort Award	Values Award
Oak	Kaven	Olivia	Ronnie
Ash	Magi	Lottie	Vinson
1B	Lenny	Elliott	Vinnie
1M	Liv	Edmund	Paul
2M	Max	Arthur	Isla
2T	Arthur	Layla	Hannah
3B	Theo C	Avy	Ulvi
3M	Fatimah	Poema	Ewan
4D	Jonathan	Flint	Kyra
4J	Khaleesi	Lucy	Ava
5M	Grace H	Sasha	Andrew
5T	George H	Joao	Dexter
6G	Freddie	Bowen	Ashley & Evangeline
6L	Dylan	Freda	Anna

Congratulations to the recipients of a WOW certificate this week:

Logan, Chloe, Krushnal, Lola, Ruben & Zara (Oak), Robert (Ash), All of Ash Class, Sapphire & Fatimah (3B), Fatimah & Shelby Lee (3M), Isla, Finlay, Keshawn, Skylar & Tyler (4D), Sedef, Zoe, Ted, George H & Abi (5T)



Congratulations to the Lioness of this week:

Chloe (3M)

PLAYER OF THE MATCH



Girls' Football Morning

On Friday 23rd May, we welcomed back our Girls' Football morning. This fun morning promotes girls football and inspires the next generation to take part in sport. Well done to everyone that took part!

Seymours have provided Barnsbury with the footballs over the past year and we appreciate their continued support.



Acorns Nursery

This week, Acorns are learning all about 'The Farm'. The children are using their cutting skills to cut out the animals and stick the animals where they think they live on the farm. Our school leavers are also practising writing their names.

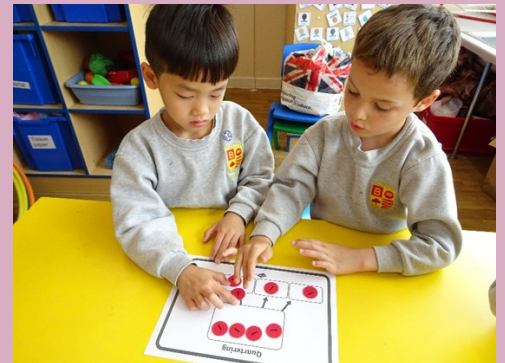


Year 1



In Year 1, we have been learning all about halves and quarters. We have shown our value of co operation and worked as a team to solve maths problems and create our own representation of a quarter using natural resources.

In Art, we sketched images of birds. We also drew feathers using different mediums we, made 3D feathers and even created our own sculpture of a bird.



Year 1 were very lucky to have the Sports Crew come and teach a PE lesson. All the children showed their wonderful Barnsbury values of cooperation and team-work. We learned some great new games and are excited to play these at play time.

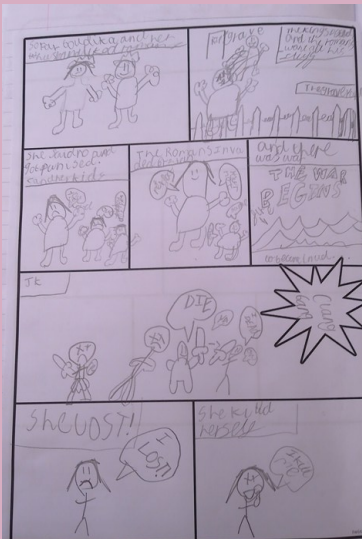
In History, we have been learning all about Mary Anning. We went on our own fossil hunt and were very excited to find real fossils.



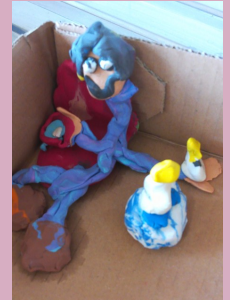
Year 3

We were really pleased with the cornflowers that we planted at RHS Wisley and all children in the year took their plants home for half-term. We will continue to study flowers and plants this half term, learning about how insects and animals are important to the life cycle of plants.

In year 3 we are continuing to learn about the Romans and why they found it so difficult when they arrived in Britain. We have learnt about how roman society was structured and the impact that Romans had on our towns.

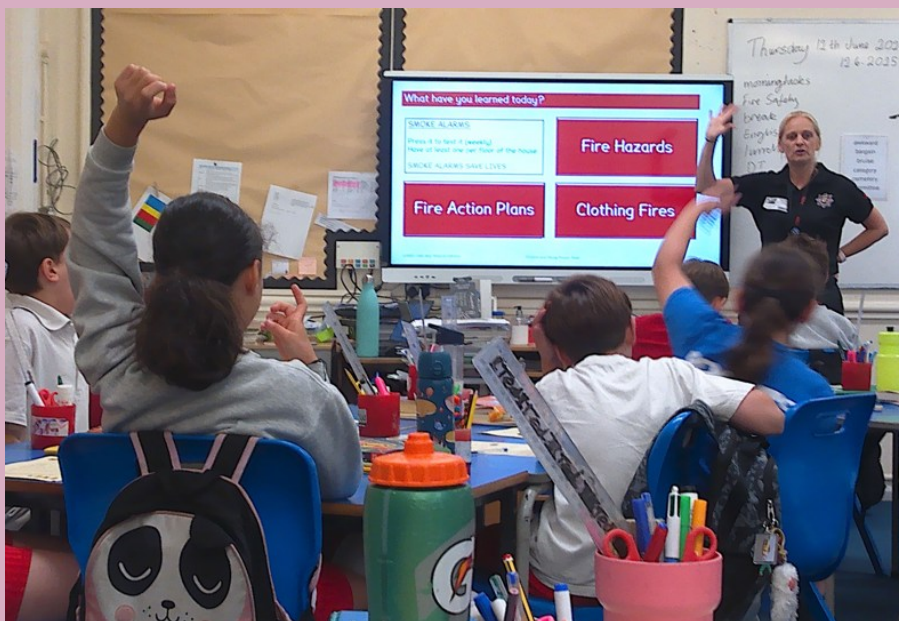


Thursday 21 May 2025
 LA: Why did the Romans build Hadrian's wall?
 Hadrian's wall is 73 miles (80 Roman miles) long.
 Hadrian's wall is 15 feet (4.6 metres) high in most areas.
 Hadrian's wall is approximately 6 feet Roman high (1.8-2.4 metres) in some areas.
 Roman soldiers from various parts of the Roman Empire lived around Hadrian's wall.
 Hadrian's wall was protected by Roman soldiers.
 Hadrian's wall was named after Emperor Hadrian.



Our DT project has been a great success and the models that the children have produced are fantastic. The next part of the project is to create a short storyboard about George's Marvellous Medicine using the models, retelling a key part of the story as a group.

Year 5



This week in Year 5, we had a visit from a Fire Safety Officer called Natasha. We found out about the Fiery 5 - the five types of things that can cause fires in your home. We also discovered that if your clothes catch fire, you need to Stop, Drop and Roll. Natasha then told us to make sure that our homes have fire alarms and to check them once a week if possible.

Dates for your diary 2024-25—Summer Term

June

Weds 18th	Class photos
Mon 23rd	Sports Carousel Events during the day
Tues 24th	New Reception Parents Welcome Meeting
Weds 25th	Local Governing Committee Meeting (8am to 10am)
Thursday 26th	Sports Day—Nursery, Reception, KS1 am, picnic lunch, KS2 pm
Friday 27th	Oak Class Assembly (9.00am)

July

Tues 1st	Secondary School Induction Days
Tues 1st	'Moving Up' Afternoon & new Reception children visits
Friday 4th	Ash Class Assembly (9.00am)
Friday 4th	Barnsbury PTA Pop Up Circus Event & Non Uniform Day
Thursday 10th/Friday 11th	Year 6 Day trips (with sleepover) - more information to follow.
Monday 14th	1:30pm Y6 Production Dress Rehearsal, KS1 & Parents with small children
Thursday 17th	1:30pm Yr 6 Production Dress Rehearsal, KS2 & Parents with small children
Monday 21st	6.00pm Year 6 Production and Leavers' Party
Tuesday 22nd	End of Term (1:15pm finish)



Jennifer Powers

PARENT TALKS

**Let's Talk about Our Kids and Their Tech:
Finding a Healthy Balance for Your Family**

The SWAN Trust Schools are delighted to be able to invite our whole parent community to a thought-provoking talk by Jennifer Powers from PAPAYA.

Parenting in the digital age has never been more complex, with issues surrounding screen time, social media use, and gaming.

Many parents are concerned about their children's mental health, especially the impact of screens on it.

In this interactive talk, Jennifer Powers unpacks some of the complex issues surrounding smartphone use and, in a non-judgmental manner, aims to help you find solutions that work for your family.



OUR MAIN TOPICS



The link between mental health and wellbeing and spending too much time online.



Strategies for delaying the smartphone




Strategies for families to achieve a healthy balance with technology

The talks are completely **free**. Talks are being held at four Woking schools and are **open to all parents to attend.**

3rd June: Goldsworth Primary School
12th June: Hermitage Junior School
18th June: Beaufort Primary School
26th June: Barnsbury Primary School

All events start at 7:30pm and will last up to 1.5 hours

Click on, or scan the QR code to book your free tickets.



Barnsbury Primary School's CIRCUS

Save the
date

Friday 4th
July 2025



Performances after school
More information to follow!

**Free BBQ
until 2.30pm**

**You may have
seen the builders,
now come and see
what's been happening
in your local church**

**Bouncy
castle**

**Board
games**

**Face
painting**

**Local
group stalls**

**Space to
pray**

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**St Mary of Bethany
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Sunday 6th July

12.30 - 4pm

www.smob.uk/events

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10.30am**

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Garden



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9:00am – 1:00pm

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DATES:

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Monday 14 July | 7.30pm - 8.30pm

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The **FAMILY** Dietitian

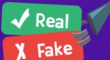


What Parents & Educators Need to Know about GENERATIVE AI SAFETY

Generative AI tools – such as ChatGPT – are now commonly used by children. In fact, 3 in 4 pupils in the 2024 Annual Literacy Survey reported using generative AI, up from just 2 in 5 the previous year. While these tools can boost learning and creativity, they also raise concerns around misinformation, privacy and overuse. This guide explores the key risks and how to support safe use.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

MISINFORMATION AND ACCURACY



Generative AI can sometimes produce false or misleading content. Children – and even adults – may assume the information is accurate and trustworthy. This can affect learning and understanding of important topics. It's vital to teach children to critically assess all information, even when it comes from AI.

EXPOSURE TO INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Because generative AI is trained on vast datasets from across the internet, there is a chance it may occasionally generate harmful or inappropriate content. Without supervision, children could encounter disturbing or unsuitable material. Active monitoring and clear usage boundaries can help reduce this risk.

PRIVACY AND DATA SECURITY

Some AI tools ask for personal details or store users' interactions. If privacy settings are not correctly configured, children's personal data could be exposed or misused. Teaching good digital hygiene and setting strong privacy controls is essential for protecting children online.

REDUCED CRITICAL THINKING



Relying too heavily on AI-generated responses may reduce children's willingness to think independently. If they consistently use AI to solve problems or complete tasks, it could impact their ability to reason, analyse and form their own ideas. Encouraging thoughtful reflection is key.

DIGITAL DEPENDENCY



Regular use of generative AI can contribute to increased screen time and less real-world interaction. If left unmanaged, it may affect physical activity levels, sleep, and social development. Striking a healthy balance between online and offline activities is important for wellbeing.

UNCLEAR ETHICAL BOUNDARIES



Children may not fully understand the ethical implications of using AI to complete homework or creative tasks. This can lead to unintentional plagiarism or dishonest academic practices. Conversations around responsible use and academic honesty are crucial.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ESTABLISH CLEAR GUIDELINES

Set clear, age-appropriate rules for when and how generative AI can be used. Reinforce these regularly to help children develop a healthy, respectful and informed relationship with the technology.



ENCOURAGE CRITICAL EVALUATION

Help children to question the accuracy of AI-generated information and seek out additional trusted sources. This builds essential digital literacy skills and supports better decision-making.



PROMOTE ACTIVE SUPERVISION

Keep an eye on how the children in your care use AI tools. Check in regularly to ensure they're using them appropriately and be ready to step in if something doesn't feel right.



ENHANCE PRIVACY AWARENESS

Talk to children about the importance of keeping personal information private. Make sure privacy settings are in place and explain how data shared with AI tools could be used.



Meet Our Expert

Brendan O'Keeffe, Deputy Headmaster and Director of Digital Strategy at Eaton House Schools, has extensive expertise in digital safety, safeguarding, and generative AI in education. As an author and speaker on digital literacy and online safety for institutions such as The National College, Brendan guides parents and educators in creating safe digital learning environments.



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