Barnsbury Primary School and Nursery Newsletter

"We nurture every child to reach their potential without limits."

A message from Miss Harbridge

16th October 2026

As we reach the end of another busy half term, it is wonderful to reflect on all that our children have achieved. It has been a highly successful few weeks, filled with exciting learning opportunities, memorable experiences, and special events across the school.

This morning, Year 3 entertained families and staff with their fantastic Harvest Production. Through their confident performances, they reminded us of the importance of appreciating the food we have and recognising the efforts of those who help provide it. Their message also highlighted the value of teamwork and collaboration, demonstrating how much can be achieved when we work together and support one another.

We have also celebrated a number of sporting successes this half term. Our children have represented the school brilliantly in dodgeball, netball and football competitions, showing great determination, skill and sportsmanship. We are incredibly proud of all those who have taken part and reflected our school values so positively.

Thank you for your continued support throughout the term. I hope that all of our families enjoy a well-deserved and restful extended half-term break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for another exciting term ahead.

Focus Value - Respect

This half term, our school value has been Respect. Through assemblies, class discussions and everyday experiences, the children have explored what respect means and why it is so important in building a happy, positive school community. We have focused on respecting ourselves, respecting others, and recognising what respectful behaviour looks and sounds like in different situations.



To support this learning, we have shared and reflected on three inspiring books: What Makes Me a Me?, Do Unto Otters, and My Beautiful Voice. These texts have encouraged children to celebrate their individuality, show kindness and consideration towards others, and understand the importance of using their voices respectfully and confidently. They have provided valuable opportunities for discussion and reflection across the school.

It has been wonderful to see our children putting these lessons into practice each day. One area that has particularly stood out is the way children greet adults and visitors around the school. Their polite, friendly and respectful interactions demonstrate a growing understanding that respect is shown not only through words, but also through actions. We are incredibly proud of how the children have embraced this value and look forward to seeing them continue to demonstrate respect in all aspects of school life throughout the year.

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Key Messages

A quick reminder to all families about the importance of providing a healthy, balanced lunchbox to help children stay focused, energised and ready to learn throughout the school day.
We encourage lunchboxes to include: fresh fruit and vegetables, a healthy sandwich, wrap, pasta or similar main item, yoghurts, cheese or other healthy snacks and a refillable water bottle
Please try to limit sugary snacks. Sweets, chocolate and crisps (unless baked) are not allowed in lunch boxes. Please also try to limit single use plastic.
Thank you for your support in helping us promote healthy eating habits and wellbeing for all our pupils. Together, we can encourage children to make positive choices that support their learning and development.





- The KS1 gate will be closing at 8:45am to be in line with the rest of the school. Please make sure your child comes in before this time. If you are arriving after this, your child will need to go through the office and will be marked as late.

Attendance

A reminder to families that all absences should be reported to the school office by 8:30am.

As a school, we are aiming for 96% attendance. Please see below each year groups attendance for the past two weeks.

Nursery	Reception	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
88%	96%	95%	97%	97%	98%	95%	95%





Well done to Reception, Year 2, 3, and 4 for all having attending above 96%!

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Awards - week commencing 28/09

Star Award, Effort Award, Values Award & Writer of the Month				
Butterfly	Evie	Olivia	Yashaswin	-
Dragonfly	Zoe	Alex	Summer	-
Rabbit	Alizay	Karter	Zac W	Zac T
Hedgehog	Arlo	Georgia	Alex	Sofia M
Seal	Matteo	Lyra	Billy	-
Dolphin	Reggie	Neel	Enoch	Isla S
Puffin	Aliza	Oaul	Charlie	Imaan
Barn Owl	Mason	Dakota	Haseeba	Ruobing
Woodpecker	Vinny	Talia	Amelia	Elina
Kingfisher	Rocco	Ellie	Layla	Joe
Pine Marten	Roslyn	Chloe G	Emily J	Poema
Red Fox	Zach A	Mike	Hadley	Molly
Shark	Ava R	Daisy	Callan	Margot
Eagle	Tyler	Fin	Vadhana	Cecilia

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Awards - week commencing 28/09

Congratulations to our Super Speller of the Week:

Jude - Pine Marten



Congratulations to the recipients of a WOW certificates this week:

Hannah P - Kingfisher
Michael - Puffin



Congratulations to the Lioness of the week:





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Awards - week commencing 05/10

Star Award, Effort Award and Values Award			
Butterfly	Jason	Cameron	Araadhya
Dragonfly	Raphael	Jahnavi	Phoebe
Rabbit	Evie	Koby	Hassan
Hedgehog	Oscar	Ella	Sofia S
Seal	Elizabeth	Conor	Lucy
Dolphin	Robin	Haniya	Matthew
Puffin	Liv	Jasper	Imogen
Barn Owl	Miguel	Shauna	Havanna
Woodpecker	Kabir	Bertie	Hannah
Kingfisher	Emily	Henry	Scarlett
Pine Marten	Quinn	Arwa & Sehas	Catrin
Red Fox	Aaron	Finn	Avy
Shark	Flo	Josh	Lucy
Eagle	Sylvia	Precious	Khayaati

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Awards - week commencing 05/10

Congratulations to our Super Speller of the Week:

Zidaan - Kingfisher
Emily R - Pine Marten



Congratulations to the recipients of a WOW certificates this week:

JJ - Hedgehog

Arla - Kingfisher

Lillian, Eddie, Ewan & Beulah - Pine Marten



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Awards - week commencing 12/10

Star Award, Effort Award and Values Award			
Butterfly	Jason	Araadhya	Cameron
Dragonfly	Hanna	Lexie	Luca-Jay
Rabbit	Karter	Ethan	Oliviia
Hedgehog	Lily	Harry	Logan
Seal	Harry	Gian	Sayuni
Dolphin	Aaryadeep	Robert	Treasure
Puffin	Michael	Louis	Pipaliina
Barn Owl	Hugo	Yuri	Quinn
Woodpecker	Nate	Isla	Rebecca
Kingfisher	Arla	Joziah	Kai
Pine Marten	Lillian	Beulah	Eddie
Red Fox	Cormac	Synthia	Finn
Shark	Amber	Chiram	Ben
Eagle	Kyra	Isla	Precious

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Awards - week commencing 12/10

Congratulations to our Super Speller of the Week:

Nayna - Pine Marten



Congratulations to the recipients of a WOW certificates this week:

Connor, Arthur & Henry - Kingfisher

Sarah Luisa - Pine Marten

Isla, Precious, Mila, Holly, Samantha, Jonathan, Logan and Violet - Eagle

Daisy, William, Abdul, Teniola, Josh and Mara - Sharks



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Dates for your diary 2026 - Autumn Term

Monday 19th October – Friday 30th October	**Extended half term break**

November 2026	
Monday 2nd	First day back at school
Monday 2nd	Kingfisher Swimming
Thursday 5th	Early Years Phonics Workshop for parents @13:30
Monday 9th	Kingfisher Swimming
Wednesday 11th	Individual and Sibling Photos
Monday 16th	Kingfisher Swimming
Thursday 19th	Year 1 Phonics and Reading Workshop for parents (with your child) @13:30
Monday 23rd	Kingfisher Swimming
Saturday 28th	PTA Christmas Fair - times TBC
Monday 30th	Kingfisher Swimming

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Dates for your diary 2026 - Autumn Term

December 2026	
Thursday 3rd	Year 2 Phonics and Reading Workshop for parents (with your child) @13:30
Monday 7th	Kingfisher Swimming
Friday 18th	End of Term - 1:15pm

FREE

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PLAY & LEARN
SESSIONS 2026

Play, explore and learn. Make new friends, try exciting activities, and healthy snacks. Feel free to talk with our staff for advice and support. No booking required. Suitable for children 0-11 years (older siblings are welcome)

Wednesday 21st October 2026 2026 12:30pm - 2pm

Tuesday 27th October 2026 11am - 12:30pm

Location: Woking Family Centre, Sythwood, Woking GU21 3AX

FOR MORE INFORMATION: wokingfamilycentre@barnardos.org.uk

NHS Surrey and Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust

Mindworks Surrey

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Barnardo's Surrey Neurodevelopmental Services

Out of Hours ADHD Helpline

Support for parents and carers in Surrey

Are you a parent or carer of a child or young person who presents with ADHD behaviours?

Whether they have a diagnosis or are pre-diagnosis, our helpline is here to support you.

No referral needed.

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5pm – 11pm
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- Sleep difficulties
- Friendships and bullying
- Managing big emotions
- Routines and daily structure
- Screen time limits
- School anxiety and attendance
- Dopamine seeking behaviours
- Risky behaviours
- Managing transitions and change
- Challenging behaviour at home or school
- Building confidence and self-esteem

Real experiences from parents and carers

"My son cries every time I drop him off at school, he seems to be anxious. How can I help him?"

"My son is getting so many detentions and now refuses to go to school. How can I support him and get the school to understand?"

"How can I set boundaries with my 11 year old? They are on their iPad all the time after school and it noticeably makes them grumpier."

Our trained helpline practitioners

Our experienced team are here to listen, provide practical advice and share strategies that can make a real difference for you and your family.

We can't solve everything overnight, but we can help you feel more supported, more informed and more confident.

Small conversations can make a big difference.

Barnardo's is a registered charity in England and Wales (216250) and in Scotland (SC037605).

HOLLY'S SCHOOL OF DANCE

HALLOWEEN DANCE PARTY



Saturday 31st October
9.30am–12.30pm

Byfleet Primary School, KT14 7AT

Games • Dancing • Gingerbread Biscuit Decorating

- Suitable for dancers aged 5–15
- Fancy dress welcome!
- Bring plenty of snacks and a water bottle

£18 per dancer • Siblings £15 each

To book, message Holly: 07950040152
Instagram: xHolly.macx
Email: hollyputtdance@live.co.uk
www.hollysschoolofdance.co.uk

Guides

1st Mayford Guides



We are recruiting Guides to join our fantastic 1st Mayford Unit (Weds 7.30-9pm)

All girls are welcome to join our fun-filled space, where she will make good friends, learn to be herself, explore what she loves and do stuff she's never done before.

If you are interested contact us on mayfordguides@yahoo.com or register girlguiding.org.uk/joinus

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Bonfire 7pm
Fireworks 7:30pm

1st Knaphill
Scouts

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Sat 7th Nov

Adults £9 (Advance) £10 (Gate)
Children (5-14) £4
Family (2 Adults & 2 Children)
£22 (Advance) £24 (Gate)

Burgers
Bangers
Hot Drinks

Stalls
Kid's Funfair
Kid's Tombola

THE VYNE FIELD - REDDING WAY - KNAPHILL

All children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an adult
Sorry, no sparklers or alcohol allowed at this event

Tickets: www.1stknaphillscoutgroup.org.uk/events/annual-firework-display
A limited number of tickets will be available on the night: Contactless preferred.
Discounts for advance purchases. Sorry, no public toilets on site.

DESIGN OUR CHRISTMAS CARD

We're inviting children to design the St Mary of Bethany Church Christmas Card!

Winning designs will appear on the front of our card which goes to nearly 4,000 local homes.

Design theme 'The Gift of Christmas.'
Age categories: 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11

To Enter

- **Draw a design which FILLS an A4 or A5 page.**
- **Return designs by Monday 2 November to a drop-off box or the Church office.**
- **Please paperclip a seperate piece of paper with the child's name and age, parent/carer's name and email address. (Do not fold or write on the back.)**

Child first name and age will appear with their artwork on cards and displays.
Winners will be notified by email in mid-November.
Any questions please contact the team by emailing office@stmaryofbethany.org.uk

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