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Dear Parents and Carers

I can't quite believe that this will be the last newsletter I write for Barnsbury parents. It's a bumper edition, so please take the time to have a look through to see the wonderful photographs of the children and read about the exciting things that have happened across the school this year.

September Coffee Mornings

We would like to invite you to meet your child's new class teacher and hear about the year ahead. This will be an opportunity to find out what your child will be learning in the coming year and learn ways you can support them at home. This is an important meeting where lots of information about the coming year will be shared, please try and attend if you can.

All meetings will be held in the main hall.

Monday 15th September	Year 4	9.00am
Tuesday 16th September	Year 5	9.00am
Tuesday 16th September	Year 2	2.30pm
Wednesday 17th September	Reception	9.00am (followed by a Primary Mental Health Team coffee morning)
Wednesday 17th September	Year 3	2.30pm
Thursday 18th September	Year 6	9.00am
Thursday 18th September	Year 1	2.30pm

There is an INSET day on Wednesday 3rd September and the children will be welcomed back to school on Thursday 4th September.

I wanted to take a moment to say a heartfelt goodbye and thank you to all of you—our wonderful parents and carers. It has been an absolute privilege to serve as Headteacher of this incredible school. Over the years, I have been continually inspired by the warmth, kindness and unwavering support of our school community. Your encouragement, involvement and friendliness have made a lasting impact, not only on me but on the entire school. I feel incredibly proud of everything we have achieved together, and I leave knowing that the school is in a strong position to continue thriving under the leadership of Miss Harbridge. Most of all, I will miss the smiles, laughter and energy of your children (they really are very special!); it has been a joy to watch them grow, learn and flourish. Thank you for making my time here so special. I wish you and your families every happiness and success in the years ahead.

Wishing you all a wonderful summer break.

With kind regards

Mrs J E Harrup
Headteacher



Star of the Week

Effort Award

Values Award

Oak	Lucy	Muhammad	Ivy
Ash	Mrs Morkeh	Ameer	Matthew
1B	Yuri	Tristan	Carter
1M	Sophie	Charlie	Louis
2M	Mrs Ramos & Miss	Kyla	Isaac
2T	Zidaan	Ekow	Elize
3B	Fatimah	Zach	Skylar
3M	Matthew	Mohammad Raees	Sarah Luisa
4D	James & Alexis	Cecilia	Precious
4J	Ben	Teniola	Emeli
5M	Harry	Maria	Ahmad
5T	Bella	Zoe	Dexter
6G	Praise & Harriet	Bowen & Matthew	Kasper & Angela
6L	Oliver & Aroosh	Catalina & Charlotte	Edith & Thomas A

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



**Congratulations to the recipients of a
WOW certificates this week: Nok
Hang, Cooper, Flora, Yuri and Miguel
(1B)**



Dates for your diary 2024-25—Summer Term

July

Monday 21st	6.00pm Year 6 Production and Leavers' Party
Tuesday 22nd	End of Term (1:15pm finish)

Autumn Term 2025

September

Wednesday 3rd	INSET Day
Thursday 4th	Term Starts 8:30am

Forest School

We have had a wonderful year at Forest School. The seasons have thrown all the weather at us, but the children as usual have thrown themselves into the sessions and we couldn't be prouder of them. The skills that they have learnt, the perseverance they have shown and the joy that they have had playing outside has been wonderful to watch.



A big thank you to the parent helpers that have helped at Forest School this year.

A big thank you to the PTA for funding some new brilliant waterproof dungarees that I'm certain will be put to very good use.

A big thank you to Michael at Thames Basin Heaths for teaching the children about the heathlands.

A big thank you to Ross at Surrey Wildlife Trust for leading Year 5 on their river walk.

And a big thank you to Mr Savill for helping to deliver brilliant Forest School sessions and driving the minibus for all our trips, you will be missed, not sure you will miss the mud though!



Ms Cleary and I are looking forward to more Forest School adventures with the children next year!

Mrs White

Forest School Leader

Eco Council

This year, the Eco Council have been busy working towards three key topics: Litter, Water and School Grounds. Our projects have included litter picking, workshops, surveys and tree planting. A huge achievement this year was coming 1st in the Rethink Waste competition. We have enjoyed involving the wider school and families in our Eco projects this year. Thank you for your support, including attending the litter picking event, helping to plant trees and bringing in hard to recycle materials (bakery packaging, coffee bags, batteries and ink cartridges).



What have we done?

- Litter picking at school
- Litter picking event at the weekend
- Food bins
- Whale Wise assembly
- SUEZ workshop



Recently, we created an Eco Code which states 'Together we can achieve anything', reinforcing the importance of working together to create a sustainable future.

Reading Ambassadors



At Barnsbury, we are incredibly fortunate to have many wonderful children who are passionate about spreading their love of reading throughout the school. Each year, every class in KS2 nominates two Reading Ambassadors. These ambassadors dedicate their time to reading to younger children, encouraging their classmates to explore different genres, promoting and judging our reading competitions, and designing powerful and interactive reading displays.

The Reading Ambassadors attend monthly meetings to discuss how we can further promote a love of reading within our school. When asked why they enjoyed being a Reading Ambassador this year, they responded:

"As Reading Ambassadors, we help children to improve and explore their reading. We have duties to fulfil, such as encouraging them to read to their full potential."

"I really enjoyed being a Reading Ambassador because I loved listening to the Year 1 and 2 children read." Their enthusiasm and dedication have truly made a positive impact on our school's reading culture.

Nursery

This time of the year is always a sad time for me as I send my littlies off to the big part of the school. Some of these children have been in our class for over 2 years, we have made some amazing memories together, and I will miss them all.



Reception

Wow! What a whirlwind year we have had!
From your first days in reception, to our first school
performance on the stage - we were such beautiful
singing angels.



Our first themed dress up days - Fairytales, World Book Day and Pirates! Ooh arr! We had class assemblies and a wonderful first school trip to Godstone farm. So many firsts that will become so many more as we move onto Year One!



Year 1

What an incredible year we've had! Throughout the year, we've spent lots of time working in teams, building our communication and language skills across a range of subjects. It's been such a joy to learn together, support one another, and grow as confident team players!

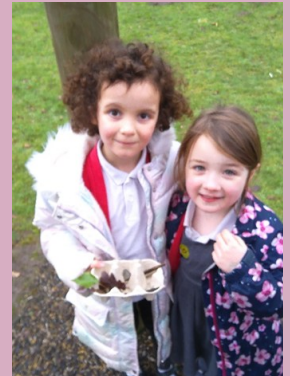
We've also made the most of the sunshine by taking our learning outside—it's been absolutely lovely! From exciting scavenger hunts to energetic team games in PE, we've enjoyed every moment of working hard alongside our friends in the outdoors.



One of the biggest highlights of the year was World Book Day! We had so much fun dressing up as our favourite storybook characters and arriving at school in our fantastic costumes. We read amazing stories and took part in a magical workshop that whisked us away on a role play journey through storytelling. And of course, we loved seeing all of our teachers dressed as witches and wizards for the day—it truly brought the stories to life!



One of the standout moments this year was our Girls' Football Day, and what a fantastic day it was! All the girls got stuck in, showing brilliant enthusiasm as they learned new football skills and played with energy and confidence. It was wonderful to see such great teamwork on the pitch, with everyone encouraging each other and demonstrating our B values throughout the day. Whether it was passing, dribbling, or scoring goals, the smiles and cheers said it all—what a brilliant celebration of sport and friendship!



Another exciting adventure was the Life Space! We learned all about the human body and what it means to live a healthy lifestyle. Harold the Giraffe taught us about the importance of healthy eating and exercise. We explored different organs and muscles and discovered how we can take care of our amazing bodies.

It's been a fun-filled, joyful year of learning, laughter, and teamwork. We are so proud of everything we've achieved together!

Year 2

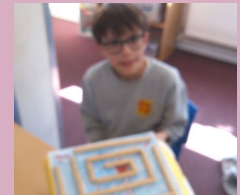


What a wonderful year we've had in Year 2, learning lots of new things and practicing skills learnt so far in the years we've had at school. We have really enjoyed learning about the Great Fire of London in history; it was one of our favourite topics. More recently we learnt about significant explorers which was a huge hit finding out interesting facts about Amelia Earhart, Neil Armstrong, Mae Jemison and Ellen MacArthur. We've also enjoyed getting to wear the scientist coat each week when we've had our science lessons.

Year 3



This year, our Year 3 students embarked on an exciting journey of discovery and learning. In History, we delved into the fascinating worlds of the Romans and Egyptians, with students enthusiastically crafting Roman shields and transforming into legionaries on the playground. Our English lessons were enriched by a wide range of books, with "The Green Ship" and "Planet Omar: Trouble Magnet" becoming firm favourites that inspired creative writing projects.



In Geography, the children explored the diverse landscapes of the UK and learned about the incredible power of weather, a firm favourite being volcanoes and tornadoes. Art classes allowed students to express their creativity, with projects ranging from painting to sculpture. In Maths, we tackled challenging problems and developed strong numeracy skills through engaging activities.

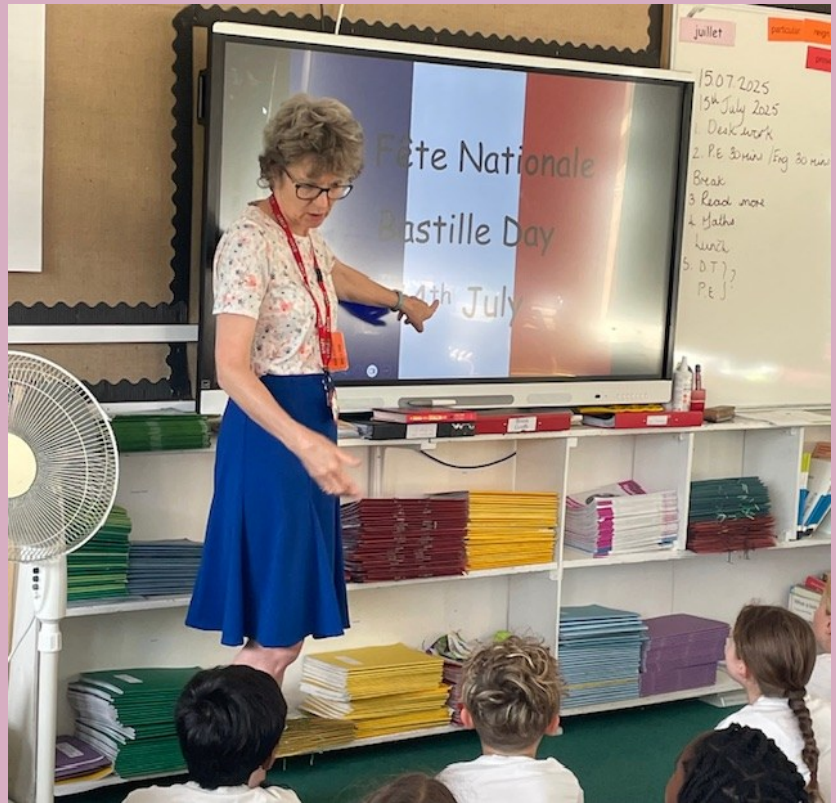


Science lessons were filled with hands-on experiments, sparking curiosity and a love for investigation. Our Wisely trip allowed children to develop a greater understanding of plants.

We have truly enjoyed teaching the children this year and seeing the children grow, learn and deepen their knowledge. Miss Bartlett is looking forward to continuing working with them next year.

Year 4

Year 4 have thoroughly enjoyed their special partnership with a school in France this year. We have exchanged email letters, photos and videos with the children in Henri Wallon school. We have also learnt more about French holidays, customs and culture over the year. Thank you to Mrs Kidd for helping us make the most of this unique opportunity.

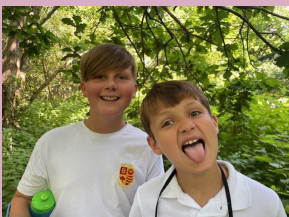


Year 5

This year we have learned a lot of new things and done a lot of new things in Year 5. One of our big highlights was visiting INTEC Science Museum, where we learned loads of things about space and the planets in our solar system. In the summer, we went on a walk down the Hoe Stream and identified lots of creatures that use this stream as part of their habitat.

Back in class, we created our own dioramas, based on our bedrooms, painted pictures of hedgehogs during a Brush Party, built working space toys, and read stories of our own creation to reception children as part of World Book Day.

It has been a very busy but fun year of learning!



Year 6

What an incredible year it's been for our amazing Year 6 pupils! We are bursting with pride at everything they've achieved – from their hard work in the classroom to the way they've grown as individuals and as a team.



Just last week, they wrapped up the year with two unforgettable adventures – a sunny, joy-filled day at the beach and an action-packed trip to Rugged Earth. The laughter, teamwork, and sense of adventure on display was a perfect reflection of the spirit of this wonderful year group. Well done, Year 6 – you've ended your primary journey on a high, and we can't wait to see what you do next.

