

Barnsbury Primary School and Nursery Newsletter



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We nurture every
child in meeting their
potential without
limits.
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22nd July 2026

A message from Miss Harbridge

This year has been my first at Barnsbury, and it's been a wonderful one, filled with fun, kindness, and memorable experiences. During the year, our children have embraced every opportunity available to them, demonstrating a love of learning, curiosity, and determination across the curriculum. From sporting competitions (especially athletics!) and creative performances to educational visits and community events, our pupils have represented the school with pride and enthusiasm.

Next year promises even more opportunities and memorable moments - watch this space in September!

We have also celebrated academic success across the school. The hard work of our pupils, the dedication of our staff and the unwavering support of our families have helped children to make strong progress and achieve well. Alongside these outcomes, we are particularly proud of the confidence, independence and character that our children have developed. Barnsbury continues to be a school where children are encouraged to aim high, embrace challenge and live out our values each day, creating a community that we are all incredibly proud to be part of.

Year 6 - Goodbyes!

At this time of year, we would like to pay a special tribute to our Year 6 children as they prepare to begin the next chapter of their educational journey.

Over their years at Barnsbury, they have grown into an exceptional group of young people who embody the very best of our school values. Whether in the classroom, on the playground, representing the school at events, supporting younger pupils, or contributing to our wider community, they have consistently demonstrated maturity, responsibility and a genuine care for others.

We are incredibly proud of all they have achieved. Their academic successes reflect years of hard work and a commitment to always doing their best. This year, in particular, the cohort has demonstrated strength in mathematics, achieving outcomes that reflect both their confidence and depth of understanding.

However, whilst we celebrate their academic achievements, it is the young people they have become that makes us most proud. They leave Barnsbury not only with knowledge but with strong values, positive attitudes, and the confidence to embrace new challenges. They are thoughtful, ambitious, respectful and caring individuals who have a bright future ahead of them.

To our Year 6 children: thank you for the energy, enthusiasm, laughter and memories you have brought to Barnsbury. You have left a lasting mark on our school and will always remain an important part of our Barnsbury family. We know that each and every one of you has a bright future ahead, and we cannot wait to hear about all the incredible things you will go on to achieve.



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Saying Goodbye - 2026!

As we reach the end of another school year, we also say farewell to several treasured members of the Barnsbury family. While we are excited for the opportunities ahead for each of them, it is impossible not to feel a sense of sadness as we say goodbye to people who have given so much to our school, our children and our community. We are incredibly grateful for everything they have contributed, and their impact will be felt long after they leave.

Miss Powell, our amazing Deputy Headteacher, leaves Barnsbury after an incredible 15 years of dedication and love. Throughout her time here, she has led with kindness, compassion and an unwavering commitment to doing what is right for children. She has been a champion of pastoral care, mental health and community, helping to create the caring, inclusive culture that Barnsbury is so proud of today. Her influence can be seen in every corner of our school, and the legacy she leaves behind will last for many years to come. We are enormously thankful for everything she has given to Barnsbury and hope that, although she is leaving her role, she will always remain part of our community and return often for visits... preferably involving tea and cake! Miss Powell, Barnsbury will not be the same without you.

We also say goodbye to Mrs Ali, our wonderful Home School Link Worker. Mrs Ali has made an extraordinary difference to the lives of countless children and families during her time at Barnsbury. She has been a passionate advocate for our Young Carers, provided a safe and supportive space for children who needed a little extra care, and worked tirelessly to strengthen relationships between home and school. Many families have benefited from the support she has nurtured through our coffee mornings, which will return later in the autumn term. Mrs Ali has always worked with genuine kindness, warmth and a deep love for our community, and we are immensely grateful for all she has done.

We also wish Miss Lockie every happiness as she relocates and begins an exciting new chapter. During her time at Barnsbury, she has grown into an exceptional teacher who has made a lasting impression on both colleagues and children. She is hugely valued and much loved, particularly for the wonderful stories she shares and her fantastic sense of humour, which has brought joy to so many. We know she will be a tremendous asset to her next school and wish her every success in the future.

Finally, we say goodbye to two valued teaching assistants, Mrs Donda and Miss Sass. Both have been a constant source of care, calmness and positivity within our school. Their kindness and warm presence shone through and we have been lucky to have them.

To all of our departing staff: thank you. Thank you for your dedication, your care, your hard work and the countless ways you have enriched the lives of our children and families.

Barnsbury is a better place because of each of you. You will be greatly missed, fondly remembered and always welcomed back as part of the Barnsbury family.

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Key Messages

Reminder: Trees in and around School and the Boundary Wall

Please can we kindly ask that the children do not play on the wall outside the school, school office or climb the trees in the school grounds for health and safety reasons. The trees were also planted in memory of past staff members and we ask that everyone remembers our Barnsbury values and respects this. We have also received a call from a local resident this morning to say that Barnsbury children had been seen breaking branches, climbing trees and damaging them on the grassed areas around Hawthorn Road, near to the school. Please can we remind all children to be respectful both inside and outside of school.

Reminder: Dogs Not Permitted on School Premises

Please can we remind you that dogs are not to be brought on to the school premises.

Attendance

The Importance of Good Attendance

Good attendance at school is one of the most important factors in supporting children's learning, wellbeing and future success. Research and national guidance are clear that the more time children spend in school, the more they learn, build confidence and make progress. Every day in the classroom matters, as learning is carefully planned and builds step by step over time.

We are determined to keep making our attendance as good as it can be, because being in school every day helps children to feel settled, secure and part of the school community. Regular attendance supports positive friendships, strong routines and good learning habits, all of which are essential for success both in school and beyond.

Well done to our winners of the summer term!

3MT and 4B - they have a special film afternoon next term!





Barnsbury Swimming Instructor

We have an exciting opportunity for a Barnsbury Swimming Instructor, to support two of our current Swimming Instructors with our weekly lessons held at Pool in the Park.

If you are a qualified Swimming Instructor and would like to know more about the job position, please contact Lucy Reedman in the main school office to discuss further, or email extendedservices@barnsbury.surrey.sch.uk.



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Awards - week commencing 22/06

Star Award, Effort Award, Values Award & Writer of the Month				
Oak	Pimry	Christober	Taim	Zac T
Pine	Bella	Ella	Harry	Logan
1B	Amelie	Gian	Harry	Harry
1M	Loki	Magi	Michael	Sienna
2A	All of 2A	Jake	Abdullah	Yana
2T	Tristan	Carter	Alexander	Lenny
3M	All of 3M	All of 3M	All of 3M	All of 3M
3MC	Amelia	Amirah	Nate	Aliza
4B	Sarah Luisa	Vishnu	Roslyn	Catrin
4J	All of 4J	Theo H	Finn	Emma
5D	Margot	William	Leo	Margot
5T	Ava	Thomas	Natalia	
6G	George A	William B	Ted	Spencer
6L	Andrew	Harriet	All of 6L	Jack

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Awards - week commencing 22/06

Congratulations to our Super Speller of
the Week:

Kyla - 3MC

Zaki - 5D



Congratulations to the recipients of a
WOW certificates this week:

Muhammad - 1B



Congratulations to the Lionesses of the week:



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Awards - week commencing 29/06

Star Award, Effort Award and Values Award			
Oak	Miss Freeland	Hassan	Rohaam
Pine	Otis	Marharyta	Oscar
1B	Lyra	Elizabeth	Raff
1M	Michael	Loki	Isla
2A	Louis	Angelica	All of 2A
2T	Elliott	Yuri	Hugo
3M	All of 3M	Eva	Saharsh
3MC	All of 3MC	Zayan	George
4B	Chloe G	Tyler	Emily J
4J	Isaac	Zach	Aaron
5D	Lucy	Zaki	Elsie
5T	Demi	Abiya	Cecilia
6G	Will	Victoria	Rosie
6L	Lydia	Ahmad	Rosie

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Lucy, Daisy, Amber & Elsie - 5D



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