

Barnsbury Primary School and Nursery Newsletter



We nurture every child to reach their potential without limits.



A message from Miss Harbridge

28th September 2026

As we settle into the new school year, it has been wonderful to see so many exciting opportunities and successes across the school.

We are very proud of our Reception children, who are now attending full time and have settled beautifully into school life. They have embraced the routines and challenges of Reception learning with enthusiasm and confidence. It has been a joy to see them exploring new experiences, developing their independence and beginning their learning journey at Barnsbury with such positivity.



On Tuesday 15th September, a group of Year 6 children had the privilege of attending a very special writing day at the BMW PGA Championship at Wentworth. The children took part in inspiring writing activities, creating impressive pieces of tension-based writing centred around the challenge of sinking a putt on the famous 18th hole. Alongside their writing, they enjoyed golf lessons, collected autographs and had the opportunity to see professional golfers, including Rory McIlroy. Throughout the day, the children represented Barnsbury superbly and were a real credit to our school.



We are also delighted to have launched an exciting intergenerational music project. Each Friday afternoon, our Year 6 pupils visit the local care home across the road to make music together with residents. The project celebrates the power of bringing generations together, creating meaningful connections and spreading joy through shared musical experiences.

Finally, Year 4 pupils have been embracing adventurous outdoor learning opportunities this week. Whether taking part in activities at our Forest School, visiting Rugged Earth, or enjoying their residential trip to Henley Fort, children have challenged themselves in new and exciting ways. These experiences encourage resilience, teamwork and confidence, helping children to develop valuable life skills while creating lasting memories.

It has been a fantastic start to the term, and we look forward to many more exciting achievements in the weeks ahead.

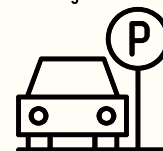
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Key Messages

- Voluntary One-Way System for Vehicles: Just a reminder regarding our voluntary one-way system for vehicles travelling to and from school. Please enter the Barnsbury Estate via Acacia Avenue (next to the bus stop on Egley Road when approaching from Turnoak Roundabout). At the end of Acacia Avenue, turn right onto Hawthorn Road and continue until you reach the top of Almond Avenue. Please then proceed down Almond Avenue with Barnsbury on your left-hand side.



- We would like to signpost our families to The Lighthouse on Barnsbury Estate. Please see their [website](#) for the events they run. We are hoping to resume our weekly coffee mornings there as soon as we have a new Home School Link Worker.

Attendance

Please see below our guidance on when your child is too unwell to come to school and when we are able to monitor them in school. We would always call families if we felt that a child was too unwell to be in school. 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
95%	96%	95%	98%	98%	96%	98%	97%

Well done to Reception, Year 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 for all having attending above 96%!

The winning classes for this week with the best attendance are Eagle and Woodpecker class!





Should my child go to school today?

Your child is well enough to attend school if they:

- Have a mild cold or runny nose
- Have a mild cough but otherwise well
- Have a sore throat
- Feel slightly tired but can take part in normal activities
- Have hayfever or allergies
- Are recovering from minor illness and are eating and drinking well



We will monitor your child and call you if we feel they need to go home.

Keep your child at home if:

- A high temperature or 38 degrees C or above and/or feeling hot/shivery
- Vomitting or Diarrhoea - keep them off school for 48 hours after the last episode of sickness or diarrhoea
- Significant breathing difficulties - severe wheezing, shortness of breath, struggling to breathe
- A contagious illness- for example, chickenpox (until all spots have crusted over or impetigo (until treated and lesions have healed or crusted)



Please see the NHS guidance for when you should seek advice from a health professional.

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Awards - week commencing 14/09

Star Award, Effort Award and Values Award			
Butterfly	-	-	-
Dragonfly	-	-	-
Rabbit	Reya	Lala	Taim
Hedgehog	Amin	Asiyah	Lucas
Seal	Zara	Sadie	Logan
Dolphin	Jorge	Michael	Arianna
Puffin	Imaan	Angelica	Louis
Barn Owl	Aila	Felicity	Jack
Woodpecker	Jack	Elina	Jess
Kingfisher	Eva	Mary-Kate	Ekow
Pine Marten	Isla-Rose	Arwa	Priyam
Red Fox	Jake	Molly	Christian
Shark	Teniola	Henry	Leo
Eagle	Ava	James	Frankie

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Awards - week commencing 14/09

Congratulations to our Super Speller of
the Week:

Joe - Kingfisher
Sehas - Pine Marten



Congratulations to the recipients of a
WOW certificates this week:

Charlie - Puffin
Arthur, Lottie & Rocco - Kingfisher
Eagle Class
Shark Class



Congratulations to the Lionesses of the week:



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Awards - week commencing 21/09

Star Award, Effort Award and Values Award			
Butterfly	-	-	-
Dragonfly	-	-	-
Rabbit	Arjun	Amy	Pimry
Hedgehog	Otis	Ziva	Bella
Seal	Raff	Ilana	Amelie
Dolphin	Maya	Vinson	Anna
Puffin	Imogen	Yana	Florence
Barn Owl	Ruobing	Alexander	Haziq
Woodpecker	-	-	-
Kingfisher	-	-	-
Pine Marten	Chloe S	Sarah-Luisa	Niyam
Red Fox	Bea	Ulvi	Isaac
Shark	Margot	Khaleesi	Mukund
Eagle	Maya-Mae	Tom	Ava

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Awards - week commencing 21/09

Congratulations to our Super Speller of
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Poema - Pine Marten



Congratulations to the recipients of a
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Vishnu, Emily J, Priyam & Beulah -
Pine Marten



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Dates for your diary 2026 - Autumn Term

October 2026	
Friday 2nd	Woodpecker Class Assembly
Friday 2nd	Year 6 Intergenerational project
Monday 5th	Woodpecker Class swimming
Thursday 8th	Year 1 Phonics and Reading Workshop for parents (with your child) @13:30
Monday 12th	Woodpecker Class swimming
Thursday 15th	Year 2 Phonics and Reading Workshop for parents (with your child) @13:30
Friday 16th	Year 3 Harvest Assembly @9:00
Friday 16th	PTA Non-Uniform Day
Monday 19th October – Friday 30th October	Extended half term break

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Dates for your diary 2026 - Autumn Term

November 2026

Monday 2nd	First day back at school
Monday 2nd	Kingfisher Swimming
Monday 9th	Kingfisher Swimming
Wednesday 11th	Individual and Sibling Photos
Monday 16th	Kingfisher Swimming
Monday 23rd	Kingfisher Swimming
Saturday 28th	PTA Christmas Fair - times TBC
Monday 30th	Kingfisher Swimming

December 2026

Monday 7th	Kingfisher Swimming
Friday 18th	End of Term - 1:15pm

BIG BARNSBURY LOVE FUN DAY



Saturday 26th September 2-4pm
The Lighthouse Barnsbury

Come along for an afternoon of community fun on the green at the heart of the Barnsbury estate! There will be inflatables, a BBQ, fun activities for kids, tea and coffee, and a space to relax inside the Lighthouse - all for free!

EMMAUS RD THE LIGHTHOUSE

Barnsbury

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 separate 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



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OCTOBER HALF-TERM CAMP

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SUPERVISED**

SO MUCH TO DO!



**BOUNCY
CASTLES**



**HALLOWEEN
SCAVENGER
HUNTS**



**FANCY DRESS
PARTIES**



**NERF
WARS**



FOOTBALL



**MULTI-
SPORTS**



DODGEBALL



ARCHERY



**HALLOWEEN
COOKERY**



**ARTS &
CRAFTS**



DATES:
**MONDAY 19TH -
THURSDAY 29TH
OCTOBER 2026**

HALLOWEEN PARTY
FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER

...AND SO MUCH MORE!



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FACE PAINTING**

**HALLOWEEN
ARTS & CRAFTS**

**SPOOKY
TRAILS**

**PUMPKIN
CARVING**



**FRIDAY
30TH OCTOBER
2026**



9AM-1PM



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WOKING FC ACADEMY

FOOTBALL

CAMPS

OCTOBER HALF TERM

RELAUNCH 2026/27

Due to the new 2 week half term, we are making our new football camps more accessible to the local community as we relaunch our football camps for the 26/27 season.



DATES

20TH, 21ST, 22ND,
27TH, 28TH, 29TH
OCTOBER



TIME

10AM - 3PM



PRICE

£18
PER DAY



GOALKEEPER CAMPS

22ND & 29TH
OCTOBER
£25 PER DAY



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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