

Barnsbury Primary School and Nursery Newsletter

(FORTNIGHTLY)



“
We nurture every child in meeting their potential without limits.
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28th November 2025

A message from Miss Harbridge

Last week was an important one for the Barnsbury community. Our Christmas Fair was a resounding success, bringing together families, staff, and friends for an afternoon full of festive cheer, tasty food and performances. The event was beautifully organised, and we are thrilled to share that it raised a significant amount to support school projects and enrichment activities (final numbers to be confirmed soon!). A huge thank you to everyone who contributed their time, energy, and generosity. Special applause goes to our amazing Barnsbury PTA for their incredible efforts and to our talented choir and dynamic street dance crew, whose performances added sparkle, joy, and real festive magic to the occasion.

Earlier in the week, we also held Parents' Evening, and we want to express our appreciation to all parents and carers who attended. Your engagement and support are invaluable in helping us nurture every child's learning journey. These conversations strengthen the partnership between home and school, ensuring the very best outcomes for our pupils.

Finally, a big shout-out to 6G for their phenomenal class assembly! They captivated us with an insightful and creative presentation on evolution and animal adaptations, blending science with performance in a way that truly impressed. The highlight? A quirky and unforgettable Frankenstein dance that had everyone smiling and cheering. Well done, 6G—you've set the bar high!

Thank you to our entire community for your continued support and enthusiasm. Together, we make Barnsbury a truly special place to be.

Focus Value- Co-operation

This week at Barnsbury, we continued to explore the importance of co-operation and what it truly means to work together towards a shared goal. We looked at inspiring examples from the England Football Team and England's Women's Rugby Team, discussing how their success relies on trust, communication, and teamwork. These athletes remind us that every role matters and that great achievements happen when individuals support one another.

To bring this value to life, we watched our Year 6 pupils attempt a challenging teamwork task. It was fantastic to see them problem-solve, listen to each other, and persevere as a group. Inspired by their efforts, every class then took part in their own teamwork challenge, putting co-operation into practice in fun and creative ways.

Co-operation is a skill for life, and we are proud to see our pupils embracing it every day!

Focus Value



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Key Messages

Drop off times- Please note our drop off time begins at 8:30am

KS1 - the gate closes at 8:50am

KS2 - the gate closes at 8:45am

After these times, children will need to come in via the main entrance and school office.

Anti- Bullying Week

Last week, we focused on the importance of kindness and respect during Anti-Bullying Week.

We began by discussing what bullying really means and how it differs from friendship issues. Bullying is repeated, intentional harm, while friendship problems are usually disagreements that can be resolved. Understanding this difference helps us support each other better.

The theme this year was “Power of Good”, reminding us that small acts of kindness can make a big difference. We explored how positive choices create a safe and happy environment for everyone.

Last Wednesday, we celebrated Odd Socks Day, wearing bright and mismatched socks to show that being unique is something to be proud of. It was a fun way to highlight individuality and acceptance.

Together, we learned that standing up for what's right and spreading kindness gives us all the power to make our school a better place.



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Bee-lieve Foundation

This year Barnsbury are working closely with the Bee - lieve Foundation on the 'Make a Difference for Molly Project'.

At the Bee-lieve Foundation, based in NW Surrey, we convert the generosity of donors and the passion of our applicants into evidence-based programmes that build and sustain positive emotional wellbeing and mental health in UK schools. It's a complicated world to be young in.

Molly lived in Woking. She was adventurous, full of love for the people around her, and had a wonderful sense of humour. She had a big heart and a way of making others feel included and valued. But behind her bright exterior, she struggled with her mental health for many years.

When Molly took her own life at the age of 21, it was an unimaginable loss for her family and friends. Molly's story is at the heart of everything we do at Bee-Lieve as she reminds us daily why compassion, connection, and open conversations about mental health truly matter. The Molly project is a schools-based initiative, designed to support children and young people with their emotional wellbeing, resilience, and self-belief. Bee - lieve work with schools and communities to:

- Build resilience – giving children the tools to manage stress, setbacks, and change.
- Grow confidence – helping young people believe in themselves and their abilities.
- Support wellbeing – normalising conversations about mental health and teaching practical strategies to stay well.
- Create safe spaces – ensuring every child knows they are not alone, and that support is always within reach.

It is our way of honouring her life. It's about turning pain into purpose, and making sure other families don't have to experience the same heartbreak.

As a school Barnsbury are benefitting from the support of this charity through extra training and some new well being initiatives that will support our children alongside our ELSA and other already established programmes. It is also promoting the transition from Primary to Secondary and giving us the opportunity to work with our local secondary schools around continuing to support the well being of our young people.

This year there will be collections at the Key Stage 1 and Early Years Christmas performances as well as the donations of £1 on Christmas Jumper day to help support this charity. Every step we take, every conversation we hold, every bit of advice we share, will be done to keep Molly's memory burning brightly and to build a positive legacy out of such a tragic loss. We all have mental health and our emotional wellbeing needs to be nurtured, cared for and developed like our physical health.

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St Mary of Bethany Church - Christmas card competition Winners!



St Mary of
Bethany Church
recently held a
Christmas card
competition which
many pupils
across the local
community
participated in.



Congratulations to the
winners, Harriet (6L)
and Amber (5D)! All
designs, including the
winners, will be
displayed at St Mary of
Bethany's Christmas
services.



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Michael Rosen Poetry Day

On November 13th, Barnsbury Primary School celebrated Michael Rosen Poetry Day with a series of exciting activities designed to spark creativity and a love of poetry. The day began with a whole-school assembly featuring Miss Harbridge and Mrs McConville performing Michael Rosen's famous poem Chocolate Cake, which had everyone laughing—especially when Miss Harbridge was caught with chocolate around her mouth!



After the assembly, children returned to their classrooms to choose a poem that would inspire their own writing. Each class created unique versions, and Year 3 took part in a sensory food hunt, describing the taste and texture of both delicious and not-so-delicious foods to fuel their imaginations.

At 10am, the entire school joined the national live event, listening to Michael Rosen share his stories and poetry. His expressive performance captivated the children, who eagerly participated. To conclude the day, children gathered in the hall to watch their peers perform original poems on stage—a fantastic celebration of creativity and confidence. It was truly inspiring to see every child so engaged and enthusiastic about poetry.

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To continue with promoting poetry within the school, we are running a poetry competition about Funny Food. Deadline for submissions is Monday 15th December.

Poetry Competition!

Topic:
"Funny Food"!

All children welcome to submit
their funniest food poem!

Please include your
Name and Class

Deadline:
Monday 15th December
to Mrs McConville

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Awards - week commencing 17/11

Star Award, Effort Award and Values Award			
Oak	Lalarukh	Amy	Maisie
Pine	Harry	Hugo	Oscar
1B	Conor	Ayman	Anna
1M	Vichu	Sienna	Arianna
2A	Liv	Kris	Aliza
2T	Hashim	Elliott	Miguel
3M	Hannah	Arla	Ted
3MC	Sammy	Bertie	Arthur
4B	Musa	Quinn	Vishnu
4J	Zachary	Fatimah	Finn
5D	Margot	Florence	Daisy
5T	Waheeda	Thomas	Isla
6G	Nicole	Jake	Kaylah
6L	Max	Ruohan	Orla

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Awards - week commencing 17/11

Congratulations to our Super Speller of
the Week:

Miriam - 5D



Congratulations to the recipients of a
WOW certificates this week:

Arthur - 3M
Precious, Kyra, Mila, Khayaati, Abiya
& Natalia - 5T
Mara - 5D



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Awards - week commencing 24/11

Star Award, Effort Award and Values Award			
Oak	Arjun	Zac T	Alizay
Pine	Sofia M	Georgia	JJ
1B	Ramona	Gian	Zara
1M	Isla	Thalia	Robin
2A	Paul	Azal	Pipalina
2T	All of 2T	Quinn	Haseeba
3M	Ellie	Reggie	Elize
3MC	Kashif	Amirah	Talia
4B	Fin	Priyam	Nayna
4J	Caitlin	Freya	Isaac
5D	Henry	Abubakr	William
5T	Sylvia	Holly	Kyra
6G	Dominik	Pippa	Chloe
6L	Orla	Henry	All of 6L

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Awards - week commencing 24/11

Congratulations to our Super Speller of
the Week:

Teniola - 5D



Congratulations to the recipients of a
WOW certificates this week:

Amber & Lucy - 5D



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Dates for your diary 2025-26 - Autumn Term

December	
Tuesday 2nd	KS1 Christmas Panto (in school)
Tuesday 9th	Rocksteady Autumn Concert - Tuesday Bands
Wednesday 10th	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 10th	Parent Coffee Morning at The Lighthouse (on Barnsbury Estate), 08:45am - 10am
Thursday 11th	Rocksteady Autumn Concert - Thursday Bands
Thursday 11th	KS2 Panto
Friday 12th	Rocksteady Autumn Concert - Friday Bands
Friday 12th	KS2 Panto
Monday 15th	KS1 Christmas Performance - 9:15am and 2pm
Tuesday 16th	KS1 Christmas Performance - 09:15am and 2pm
Wednesday 17th	Acorns Festive Family Fun
Wednesday 17th	St Mary of Bethany Carol Concert - 4pm - year 3 and 4
Friday 19th	End of Term (1.15pm finish)

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Dates for your diary 2025-26 - Autumn Term

January 2026	
Monday 5th	Inset Day
Tuesday 6th	Inset Day
Wednesday 7th	Start of Term at 08:30am
Wednesday 7th	Parent Coffee Morning at The Lighthouse (on Barnsbury Estate), 08:45am - 10am

ND LIVE WEBINAR FOR PARENTS/CARERS DELIVERED BY LEARNING SPACE

Book a place on this two hour live webinar exploring neurodivergent conditions, with a particular emphasis on autism and ADHD; whilst also looking at PDA and anxiety.

This webinar is for **parents and carers** of any child or young person with an ND need, whether diagnosed or not. **Please note we will need you to sign up at least a day in advance of the session.**

Dates

Day 1: Wednesday 14 January 12:00-2:00pm

Day 2: Monday 19 January 6:00-8:00pm

Day 3: Wednesday 21 January 12:00-2:00pm

Day 4: Wednesday 4 February 12:00-2:00pm

Day 5: Monday 23 February 6:00-8:00pm

Day 6: Wednesday 4 March 12:00-2:00pm

Day 7: Monday 9 March 6:00-8:00pm

Day 8: Wednesday 25 March 12:00-2:00 pm

PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE OR CLICK BELOW

[CLICK HERE](#)





FAMILY LEARNING



First Steps to Understanding Emotionally Based School Non-Attendance Course

This **FREE** online three week course for parents will be delivered in two hour sessions. You will gain an understanding of your child's school avoidance and ideas on how to make changes for a positive impact for all the family.

What will I learn?

- Understand reasons why your child will not attend school or lessons
- Understand reasonable adjustments from school to support your child
- Be confident in advocating for your child

For course dates, more information and to book your place please click on [this link](#) or scan the QR code



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