



13th February 2026

A message from Miss Harbridge



We have loved welcoming families into school recently, and these moments have reminded us just how powerful it is when parents and teachers come together to celebrate children's learning. Last Friday's Year 1 Night Walk was a wonderful example. Children proudly returned to school with their parents to share their brilliant writing before settling down to hear *The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark*. The excitement continued as families explored our school grounds on a magical night walk, creating memories that will stay with the children for a long time.

Creativity Week was another highlight. Our 'Out of this World' celebrations were made even more special by the many parents who joined us to explore the children's imaginative work. Your involvement brings learning to life and shows children that what they do in school truly matters. We are committed to offering even more opportunities like these. Watch this space...

Lastly, I would like to wish our community has a safe and happy half term break.

Growth Mindset - who do we want to be?

This term, our whole school has been embracing the power of a growth mindset. Children have been learning that mistakes aren't something to fear—they are valuable opportunities to grow, improve, and discover new strengths. Using Matthew Syed's inspiring book *You Are Awesome* as our guide, pupils have been exploring what it really means to keep going, even when things feel challenging or don't go to plan.

Across the school, children have been asking themselves an important question: Am I going to be Kid Average... or Kid Awesome? Through discussions and stories, pupils are discovering that being "Kid Awesome" isn't about being perfect—it's about showing determination, practising new skills, and believing that effort leads to progress.

We are beginning to see our children tackling tricky tasks with greater confidence and resilience. Whether they've been solving a tough maths problem, improving their writing, or learning a new skill in PE, pupils have been encouraged to push beyond what they think they can do because they want to be Kid Awesome!

We are so proud of how our Barnsbury learners are growing not only in knowledge but in self-belief. Their positive attitudes are shining through every day—and that's truly awesome.





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.

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.

We also recognise that improving attendance is not something schools can do alone. As highlighted in Working together to improve school attendance, strong partnerships between schools and parents are essential. When school and families work together, children receive a clear and consistent message that attending school every day is important and valued. We are always here to offer support and guidance where needed and encourage families to talk to us if there are any concerns affecting attendance. By working together, we can ensure every child has the best opportunity to learn, thrive and reach their full potential.



Job Vacancy - Caretaker Assistant

We have an exciting job opportunity here at Barnsbury for the Caretaker Assistant role. This would be to support the Site Manager in the day-to-day management of the school premises and provide support to the school when the Site Manager is not on the school site.

If you are interested and would like to know more about this job role, please refer to the Eteach Website below:

<https://www.eteach.com/jobs>





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Barnsbury Athletics Club - February Update

Barnsbury athletes were out in force this weekend, which is always wonderful to see. A couple of weeks ago, 11 of our Barnsbury athletes took part in an open cross-country event in Stoke Park, Guildford, hosted by Young Athletes Club and welcoming competitors from clubs across Surrey as well as local schools. The relentless rain we have all been enjoying since Christmas created particularly challenging conditions underfoot, with two of our athletes even losing a shoe each to the mud. Despite this, the event offered fantastic racing experience, and Barnsbury athletes delivered some exceptional performances - including an outstanding win for Ewan in the U9 Boys Race. Fresh off the football pitch and leading from the start, he raced exactly as he loves to train. Well done to Ewan and to all of our Barnsbury athletes. We are incredibly proud of every one of you.

U9 Boys Race (Year 3/4)

Ewan - 1st
Zach - 14th
Joe - 20th

U11 Girls Race (Year 5/6)

Abi - 9th
Zoe - 25th
Izzie - 30th
Sylvia - 32nd
Georgie - 33rd
Mara - 36th

U11 Boys Race (Year 5/6)

Louis - 13th
Jack - 32nd



And this week, our athletes have been busy with the Year 3 and 4 Sportshall trials, supported brilliantly by our Year 6 Sports Crew team, as well as the Year 5 and 6 cross-country trials ahead of our upcoming WASPS cross-country races. Both events take place in the first week of March, and we can already feel the excitement building.

Mrs Darne and Mrs Living
Barnsbury Primary Athletics Coaches

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Awards - week commencing 26/01

Star Award, Effort Award, Values Award & Writer of the Month				
Oak	Lala	Rohaam	Navie	Isaac
Pine	Anabia	Ziva	Lily	Asiyah
1B	Anna	Chloe	Matteo	Lucy
1M	Maya	Arianna	Ameer	Enoch
2A	Imaan	Archie	Jasper	Pipaliina
2T	Mason	Aila	Lenny	Havanna
3M	Elize	Scarlett	Layla	Saharsh
3MC	Bertie	Zayan	Talia	Azhaan
4B	Niyam	Fin	Sara-Luisa	Roslyn
4J	Molly	Gia	Freya	Isabelle
5D	Ava	Ben	Mukund	Lucy
5T	Mila	Abram	Kyra	Khayaati
6G	Kaylah	Chloe	Emma	Abi
6L	Andrew	Lexi	Ayush	Jemima



Awards - week commencing 26/01

Congratulations to our Super Speller of
the Week:

Rebecca - 3MC



Congratulations to the recipients of a
WOW certificates this week:

Chloe - 1B



Congratulations to the Lionesses of the week:



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Awards - week commencing 02/02

Star Award, Effort Award and Values Award			
Oak	Christober	Reya	Alizay
Pine	Asiyah	Amin	Bella
1B	Sayuni	Lyra	Ruben
1M	Robert	Aaryadeep	Vichu
2A	Archie	Florence	Noah
2T	Shauna	Vinnie	Hashim
3M	Arla	Connor	Malakai
3MC	Benny	Loggie	Lexi
4B	Emily J	Kiki	Priyam
4J	Mike	Isaac	Zach
5D	Elsie	Edward	Daisy
5T	Cecilia	Natalia	Finlay
6G	Rosie	Nicole	Ted
6L	Ruohan	Max	Grace H



Awards - week commencing 02/02

Congratulations to our Super Speller of the Week:

Nate - 3MC



Congratulations to the recipients of a WOW certificates this week:

Sofia M - Pine

Evie - Oak

Neel & Oscar - 1M

Sammy, Kashif, Max, & Azhaan - 3MC

Mike, Gia-Rae, Christian, Skylar, Maximus, Synthia & Freya - 4J

Sarah-Luisa, Priyam, Musa, Kiki & Fin - 4B

Daisy, Jett, Leo, Henry & Lucy - 5D

Holly, Thomas & Mila - 5T



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Awards - week commencing 09/02

Star Award, Effort Award and Values Award			
Oak	Pimry	Navie	Zach W
Pine	Otis	Arlo	Ella
1B	Ronnie	Isra	Olivia
1M	Arianna	Isla	Lottie
2A	Jasper	Julia	Liv
2T	Dakota	Felicity	Daniel
3M	Elize	Eva	Keagan
3MC	George	Tommy	Kashif
4B	Daniel	Quinn	Musa
4J	Emma	Aaron	Bea
5D	Leo	Zaki	Callan
5T	Logan	Frankie	Vadhana
6G	Ben	Oscar S & Oscar T	Mia
6L	Harry	Sasha	Arvin



Awards - week commencing 09/02

Congratulations to our Super Spellers of the Week:

Amirah - 3MC

Cecilia - 5T

Jimmy - 5D



Congratulations to the recipients of a WOW certificates this week:

Rohaam - Oak

Ramona - 1B

Connor - 3M

George, Harley, Caitlin, Avy, Maximus, Mike, Zach, Christian & Theo C - 4J

Zaki, Mukund, Lucy, Callan, Khaleesi, Leo, Mara, Elsie & Teniola - 5D

Isla, Zoe, Sedef, Chloe, Dexter, Ted, Jake, Spencer, Bella, Abi & Pippa - 6G



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Dates for your diary 2026 - Spring Term

Mon 16th - Fri 20th	Half Term
Monday 23rd	Year 6 Mayans Workshop

March 2026	
Tuesday 3rd	Parents Evening, 3.30pm - 5.30pm
Wednesday 4th	Parent Coffee Morning at The Lighthouse (on Barnsbury Estate), 08:45am - 10am
Thursday 5th	Parents Evening, 3.30pm - 7pm
Thursday 5th	Book Week: Author Visit
Thursday 5th	Book Week: World Book Day - Dress up as your favourite character
Friday 6th	1M Class Assembly
Friday 6 th	Book Week: Magic Show for Book Week

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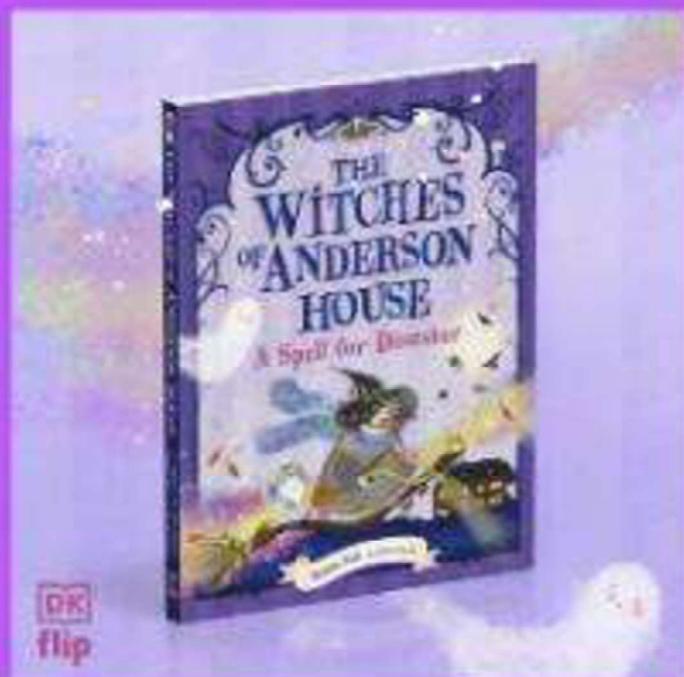


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Dates for your diary 2026 - Autumn Term

Wednesday 11th	Parent Coffee Morning at The Lighthouse (on Barnsbury Estate), 08:45am - 10am
Friday 13th	1B Class Assembly
Wednesday 18th	Parent Coffee Morning at The Lighthouse (on Barnsbury Estate), 08:45am - 10am
Monday 23rd	KS2 Production Dress Rehearsal - times TBC
Tuesday 24th	Rocksteady Spring Concert 9am - Tuesday Bands
Wednesday 25th	Parent Coffee Morning at The Lighthouse (on Barnsbury Estate), 08:45am - 10am
Wednesday 25th	KS2 Production Dress Rehearsal - times TBC
Thursday 26th	Rocksteady Spring Concert 9am - Thursday Bands
Thursday 26th	KS2 Production Final Performance - times TBC
Friday 27th	Rocksteady Spring Concert 9am - Friday Bands
Friday 27th	End of Term - finish at 1:15pm
April 2026	
Monday 13th	Start of Term - at 08:30am

World Book Day



On World Book Day, Artist and illustrator Jennie Poh is visiting Barnsbury!

Jennie will talk about her new book and what it takes to become an author and illustrator. Thursday 5th March 2026.



Scan me!

Copies of the book can be ordered via the Waterstones website by scanning code above. Books can be brought into school on the day for Jennie Poh to sign.



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