

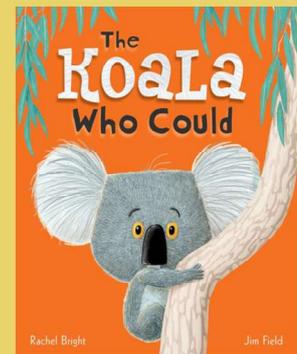


13th March 2026

## A message from Miss Harbridge

This half term, our whole school community has been focusing on the value of **positivity**—a mindset that encourages us to look for opportunities, embrace challenges and recognise the power of a hopeful outlook. Building on our existing work around growth mindset, we have been encouraging children to understand that mistakes are learning opportunities, effort leads to progress, and facing challenges with positivity helps us grow in confidence.

Over the past two weeks, we have explored these ideas through the delightful story *The Koala Who Could* by Rachel Bright and Jim Field. In the book, we meet Kevin the Koala, a character who begins his journey feeling worried about change and reluctant to leave his safe, familiar tree. Through the events of the story—and the encouragement of his friends—Kevin learns that stepping outside his comfort zone can bring exciting new experiences. His transformation has helped spark meaningful discussions about trying new things, believing in ourselves, and taking that brave first step.



It has been wonderful to see how our focus on positivity, combined with growth mindset principles, is already influencing attitudes throughout the school. We look forward to continuing this journey and celebrating all the ways our children “give it a go” with enthusiasm and optimism every day.

## Ramadan at Barnsbury

On Tuesday, we were delighted to welcome Imam Masjid Al-Birr from Woking Mosque to our school. His visit provided a wonderful opportunity for our pupils to learn more about Ramadan, a month that is deeply meaningful for many families in our community.

We are also grateful to Mrs Akram, one of our staff members, who has worked closely with us to help pupils understand the significance of Ramadan. She has kindly provided Ramadan calendars across the school, helping children follow the month's traditions.

At Barnsbury, we love welcoming members of our wider Woking community, and this visit was a wonderful reminder of the richness and diversity that strengthens our school.

We look forward to celebrating Eid later this month with our families.



## Key Messages

\*\*Please can we ask for any empty sweet wrappers to be brought into school, needed for the KS2 Production - no wrappers from any sweets/chocolates that have nuts in please.\*\*

### Reminder: Please Do Not Park in Staff Car Parks

We kindly ask parents and carers not to use the staff car parks at any time, including during drop-off and pick-up. Recently, several members of staff have been delayed because they were unable to access parking spaces. This has resulted in staff arriving late into school, which can affect the smooth running of the school day.

To help us ensure that classrooms are ready, pupils are welcomed safely, and learning begins on time, please use the designated visitor or on-street parking areas instead. We appreciate your cooperation and support in keeping our school safe, efficient, and accessible for everyone.

Thank you.

## 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.

### Improvement - well done!

I am pleased to share that whole school attendance has improved over the last few weeks. This is making a big difference as our children are not missing out on key learning.

We appreciate your support with this! Let's keep moving in that direction.



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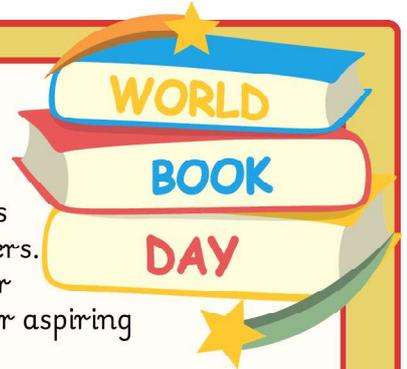


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We were delighted to welcome author and illustrator Jennie Poh to Barnsbury as part of our World Book Day celebrations. The children thoroughly enjoyed hearing Jennie talk about her brand-new book, *Witches of Anderson House*, and learning about the inspiration behind her characters. Many were excited to discover that they had already read some of her other stories. Jennie kindly answered the children's questions and encouraged our aspiring writers and illustrators to keep practising and never give up.

Following the assembly, the Year 2 and Year 3 classes took part in a fantastic illustration workshop where they had the chance to design their own witch. We were so impressed by the creativity and artistic talent shown—what amazing artists we have at Barnsbury! Throughout the morning, the children were polite, respectful and fully engaged in the activities.

In the afternoon, the whole school came together for a wonderful costume parade. From Early Years to Year 6, pupils proudly showcased their World Book Day outfits. We were even treated to some sunshine, making it an extra special end to our celebrations.



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Author and Illustrator Jennie Poh visited Barnsbury on World Book Day -  
Copies of her book can be ordered by the Waterstones website, by  
scanning the QR code.



Scan me!



WORLD

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DAY

# Congratulations!

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE  
WHO ATTENDED OUR  
SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR.**

Together we have raised **£1127**  
for our school to spend on **FREE BOOKS**

 **SCHOLASTIC**



## Congratulations to our new School Council Representatives for 2026!

We are delighted to introduce our newly elected School Council for this year. Congratulations to all of the children who put themselves forward and were chosen to represent their classes. It takes confidence and courage to step into this important role and we are very proud of them.

The School Council plays an important part in helping to make our school an even better place. Our councillors will meet regularly to share ideas from their classmates and discuss ways to improve our school environment. We look forward to seeing the positive contributions they will make and hearing the wonderful ideas they bring to the council. We know they will be fantastic role models and represent their classes with pride.

1M - Jorge

1B - Sadie

2T - Shauna

2A - Louis

3MC - Rebecca

3M - Joe

4B - Roslyn

4J - George

5D - Henry

5T - Abiya

6L - Tammy

6G - Oscar T

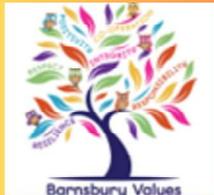


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## Awards - week commencing 23/02

Star Award, Effort Award, Values Award & Writer of the Month				
Oak	Zac T	Zac W	Ethan	Taim
Pine	Sofia S	Georgia	Harry	Royce
1B	Kaven	Reggie	Umai	Amelie
1M	Leonardo	Neel	Sienna	Ava
2A	Azal	Aliza	Danny	Louis
2T	Carter	Haseeba	Elliott	Ruobing
3M	Jannat	Mary-Kate	Ellie	Elize
3MC	Elina	Kashif	Sammy	Aboudy
4B	Lillian	Catrin	Chloe G	Lillian
4J	Jake	Hadley	Theo C	Theo C
5D	Mukund	Lucy	Henry	Margot
5T	Thomas	Tyler	Natalia	Isla
6G	Jake	James	Pippa	Dexter
6L	Maria	Tammy	Jack	Sasha



## Awards - week commencing 23/02

Congratulations to our Super Speller of  
the Week:

Maya-Mae - 5T

Florence - 5D



Congratulations to the recipients of a  
WOW certificates this week:

Conor - 1B

All of Class 4J



## Congratulations to the Lioness of the week: Miss James



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## Awards - week commencing 02/03

Star Award, Effort Award and Values Award			
Oak	Isaac	Lala	Christober
Pine	Ziva	JJ	Sofia M
1B	Gian	Ramona	Conor
1M	Rachel	Matthew	Oscar
2A	Imogen	Pipaliina	Florence
2T	Haziq	Mason	Jack
3M	Mikael	Saharsh	Lottie
3MC	Kyla	Vinny	Isaac
4B	Isla-Rose	Emily J	Musa
4J	Isabelle	Izzy	Gia-Rae
5D	Jayden	Jett	Revaan
5T	Violet	Samantha	Sylvia
6G	George H	Sedef	Dominik
6L	Rachael	Ziena	Jemima



## Awards - week commencing 02/03

Congratulations to our Super Speller of  
the Week:

Lucy - 5D



Congratulations to the recipients of a  
WOW certificates this week:

Otis - Pine

Harley - 4J



## Congratulations to the Lionesses of the week:



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## Awards - week commencing 09/03

Star Award, Effort Award and Values Award			
Oak	Arjun	Rohaan	Mrs Arbab
Pine	Oscar	Lucas	Anabia
1B	Sadie	Raff	Muhammad
1M	Ava	Gianna	Treasure
2A	Ayesha	Jack	Sophie
2T	Havanna	Dominic	Quinn
3M	Saharsh	Lottie	Joiah
3MC	Max	Aboudy	Rebecca
4B	Sarah-Luisa	Fin	Emily R
4J	Harley	Caitlin	Izzy
5D	Benjamin	Emeli	Teniola
5T	Khayaati	Demi	Louis
6G	Isla	Liam	George A
6L	Arvin	Theo	Owen



## Awards - week commencing 09/03

Congratulations to our Super Speller of  
the Week:

Jaswik - 3MC



Congratulations to the recipients of a  
WOW certificates this week:

William - 5D



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## Dates for your diary 2026 - Spring Term

<b>March 2026</b>	
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	Friday 27th
<b>April 2026</b>	
Mon 13th	Start of term at 08:30am
Thursday 16th	Silent Disco - Reception/Year 3/Year 4
Friday 17th	Silent Disco - Year 1/Year 2/Year 5/Year 6

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](mailto:pta@barnsbury.surrey.sch.uk)