



Barnby & North Cove Primary School

Newsletter

19th September 2025

Message from Mr Lea

What a fantastic start to the year! All the children have shown they are ready to learn with some wonderful work being produced. I am so proud to show prospective parents and visitors around the school - the children are so polite and respectful to everyone.

Thank you for all the positive comments and support in our Celebration Sharing Assembly - it really does make a difference. We have an exciting few weeks coming up in school with 'Learn More with Mr Lea' on Wednesday 24th September, Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 26th September and our Open Day on Wednesday 1st October. We hope you can join us for some or all of these events.

Staff are busy planning educational visits and details of these will be coming out soon to you all.

We look forward to an exciting term ahead!

Barnby News

Dates for your diary

26/09/2025 - Macmillan Coffee 9.00am to 12.00pm

02/10/2025 - SJL Primary Arts Day (Year 6)

03/10/2025 - Crazy Hair/Hat day

10/10/2025 - Flu Vaccinations Reception – Year 6

16/10/2025 - Great Athletes Visit

17/10/2025 - Chestnut Class visit to Wroxham Barns

27/10/2025 - 31/10/2025 - Half Term

10/11/2025 - Individual and sibling photos

17/11/2025 - The Broads Planetarium visit

18/11/2025 - Crucial Crew Year 6

18/11/2025 - Oak Class visit to Bridewell Museum

19/12/2025 - Last day of term

Details of Christmas events will follow after half term

PTA News

Hi everyone,

The PTA is excited to be supporting Acorn Class in transforming the front play space!

We're looking for volunteers who can:

- Help prepare and create a concrete path/bike road
- Lay wood chippings and landscape
- Source or help build a small storage shed

- Build a playdough kitchen using pallets and a sink (materials already ready to go)

If you have skills, contacts, or just a willingness to lend a hand, we'd love your support. Our goal is to finish the project by the end of October half-term—before the area turns into a mud bath!

👉 If you can help, please get in touch:

- Email: ptabnc@gmail.com
- Through the school office or Miss Danks
- Or simply chat with us in person

A plan of the area is available on request.

Thank you so much for any help you can give!

Kind

The PTA Team

regards,

Message from Mrs Tilley

What a busy and exciting week in Hazel class! In writing, we introduced *Incy Wincy Spider*—the children had so much fun finding spiders hidden in a sensory tray, labelling them, washing them out of the drainpipe, and practicing their mark making. In Maths, we've been focusing on numbers: ordering them, going on a number treasure hunt, matching the correct number of objects to each numeral, and even practicing writing numbers in chalk on the playground. In Topic, we explored the sun and the moon, learning how to tell day from night and thinking about the activities we do during each time. Plus, our budding builders have been making bug hotels, practicing sawing and hammering safely while creating little homes for insects. It's been a week full of hands-on learning and lots of fun!



Message from Miss Forster

Juniper have been busy in all areas of the curriculum this week. They have particularly enjoyed outdoor learning with Mrs Kirby. Mrs Kirby works at our alternative provision, The Link, but has been with us for two days a week this term. The children have each used hammers, saws, nails and a drill to create a bee house each. They have really enjoyed the task and have shown great listening skills and following instructions to be safe and ready to learn.



Message from Miss Danks – Acorns Class

In Acorn class we have had another wonderful week getting to know our class family and our outdoor area as we move from summer into autumn. We have been exploring changes in the world around us, begun hunts for autumn treasures and have learned about which seasons our birthdays fall in. We have shared lots of stories about how we are all different and unique in our own way. Next week in our learning we will be focusing on our families and how they are different or similar so if everyone could email or send a message on class dojo with a picture of family members or people who are important to your children we can share these in class together.

In phonics we have been learning to recognise, read and write single sounds. I will be sending home practice sheets of each of the sounds we have learned so that you firstly know the sounds we are learning but also you can support your child at home to become more confident in their phonic knowledge. In maths we have been learning all about similarities and differences also. We have been matching and sorting using colour, shape and size in lots of different ways. We have been using mathematical vocabulary to explain our thinking when building sets of items.

Once again if you could please make sure your child has a hooded waterproof coat every day, even if it is sunny, as we all know the weather is interchangeable!

Thank you all for a wonderful week
Miss Danks



Message from Mrs Bramwell

What a whirl wind couple of weeks we have enjoyed in Oak Class. We have learnt so much and had so much fun!

In English we are learning the story of the Sheep and the Goat, we have learnt the story part by part using our Talk for Writing skills and we can now retell it to you. A story map should have gone home with your children this week so you can carry on practising at home.

In maths we have been finding out about numbers to 20. We started by recognising them, ordering them, finding one more and one less as well as finding out that two digit numbers with a 1 at the front have one ten and some ones. We spent a couple of lessons using the base 10 to show the composition of numbers to 20. Those teen numbers are mean though and they tricked us into writing the ones number first!

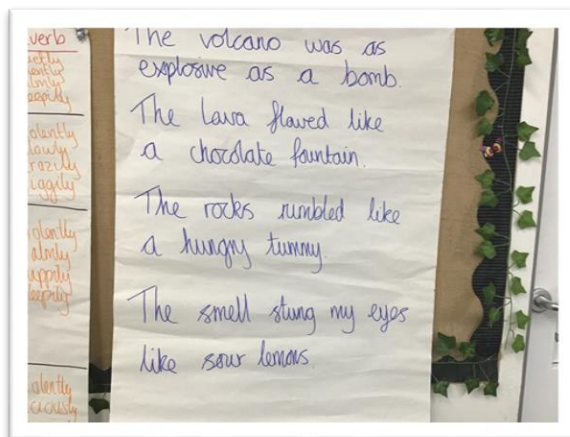
We have also had an opportunity to take part in some road safety sessions this week organised by our Junior Road Safety officers, Bradley and Anya. We learnt how to cross the road by remembering to stop, look, listen and think.

Just a quick reminder... Monday is our library day and Thursday is our PE day. Also could you please provide a pair of named wellies for those wet and muddy autumn playtimes to save our carpet. Many thanks.



Message from Mrs Hall – Willow Class

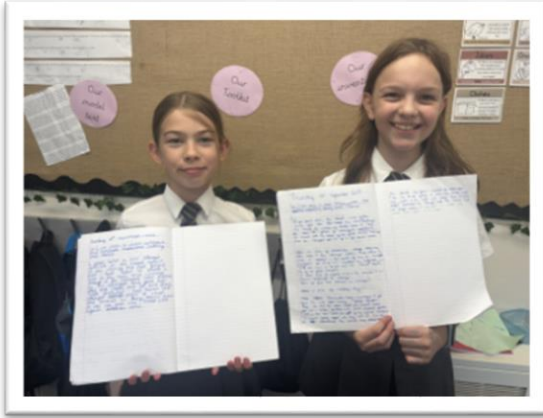
Willow class have settled in nicely and have cracked on with our learning topics for this term. In art we are studying the human form and how different cultures show the human form in sculptures. We had a go at creating Egyptian tiles using clay. In English, we are working towards creating a poem about the journey of a rock through the ages. We have practiced using adjectives, verbs, adverbs and creating similes.



Chestnut Class

This week in Chestnut Class, lots of our Year 6s have been out and about taking part in Bikeability. They've been learning how to ride safely on the roads, practising their signalling, using their gears, and becoming more confident cyclists. It's been brilliant to see their skills improving and the huge smiles on their faces as they mastered new challenges.

Back in the classroom, we've been learning all about how to use dialogue in our writing. The children explored how conversations between characters can bring a story to life and then used these skills to create their own sequels to *The Island* by Armin Greder. Their ideas were so imaginative, and I've been really impressed with how much thought they put into their stories.



Safeguarding Information

The DSL (Designated safeguarding lead) for safeguarding in school is Mr Simon Lea. The ADSL's (alternate designated safeguarding lead) are Mrs Claire Tilley and Mrs Kathy Lloyd.

A copy of the safeguarding policy and all other policies are available on the school website.

The Suffolk Safeguarding Partnership website contains a wealth of information: www.suffolksp.org.uk

If you are worried about the welfare or safety of a child speak directly to Mr Lea, Mrs Tilley or Mrs Lloyd. If concerns are outside school hours, please contact Customer First on **0800 917 1109** (24 hours). If the matter is urgent because a child or vulnerable adult is in immediate danger, phone 999.