



# Barnby & North Cove Primary School

## Newsletter

### 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025

#### Message from Mr Lea

So, this week we welcomed October - it really doesn't feel like we have only been back at school for only a month! The events just keep happening - last week we held our first session of Learn More with Mr Lea and we also raised over £300 at our Macmillan Coffee Morning. This week, we had our Open Day on Wednesday and Crazy Hair Day today!! Thank you for all of your ongoing support.

You will see from the contributions from each class that they are really enjoying their learning across the curriculum. The children are a real credit to you all - I am so proud of their efforts in the first month back.

I would urge you all to complete the Parents Survey as soon as possible - last term's statistics showed that only a few parents completed the survey. Your views are really important to us and we do act upon the results of the survey.

You can access it, via the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/TQyQn70CJM>

This needs to be completed by Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this matter.

#### Barnby News

##### Dates for your diary

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  
22/10/2025 – Harvest Celebration at St Boltophs Church  
**27/10/2025 - 31/10/2025 - Half Term**  
04/11/2025 – Sports Leader Training  
07/11/2025 – Glow Disco  
10/11/2025 - Individual and sibling photos  
11/11/2025 – Remembrance Service  
11/11/2025 – Parent Consultation Evening  
13/11/2025 – Parent Consultation Evening  
14/11/2025 – Children in Need  
17/11/2025 - The Broads Planetarium visit  
18/11/2025 - Crucial Crew Year 6  
18/11/2025 - Oak Class visit to Bridewell Museum  
19/11/2025 – Willow Class visit to Dunwich  
13/12/2025 – Christmas Fayre  
17/12/2025 – Christmas Dinner Day  
**19/12/2025 - Last day of term**

More 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](mailto: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,

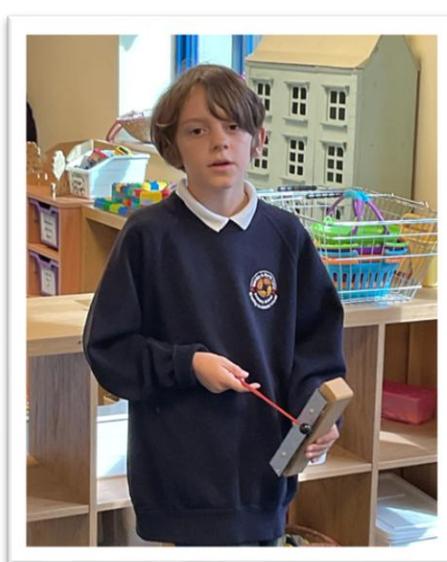
## Pupil Parliament

Collaborative and Purposeful, our new Pupil Parliament have wasted no time in thinking about others. It's the time of year when we celebrate Harvest Festival. We give thanks to the farmers for harvesting their crops, which is then made into food for us. Pupil Parliament thought it would be the perfect time to support our local community. In assembly today they asked our pupils for their help by bringing in some non-perishable foods over the next couple of weeks. The food will then be donated to a local foodbank towards half-term for those in need.



## Message from Miss Forster

Hazel and Juniper very much enjoy our weekly fixture of 'Music with Mr Lea'. The children have been learning musical terms and studying different music styles. They have particularly enjoyed: Fresh Prince of Belair, Rappers Delight, Della Soul. This week, the children used instruments and collaborated to create a band! The results were astounding!



### Message from Miss Danks – Acorns Class

We've had a wonderfully busy and exciting couple of weeks in EYFS, diving into all the beauty and wonder that autumn has to offer!

The children have been fascinated by the seasonal changes happening all around us. From colourful leaves to chilly mornings and sparkling dewy spiders webs, we've been observing, discussing, and investigating what makes autumn such a special time of year.

We've also been exploring **autumn fruits** and learning about **seasonal foods** that are harvested at this time. The children enjoyed using their senses to explore pumpkins, beetroot, and gourds, and we've talked about where our food comes from and how it's grown.

Alongside this, we've continued learning about **our environment** and the importance of using it **respectfully**. The children have shown real care when exploring outdoor spaces and have been thinking carefully about how to protect nature while enjoying it.

This week in phonics, we've learned our **very first digraph!** (A digraph is when **two letters make one sound**, such as *sh*, *ch* or *th*). The children are becoming more confident at **blending** the sounds they know to read simple words, and we are so proud of their growing reading skills.

You can support your child at home by practicing these sounds and blending them together in everyday words. Ask them to "sound out" short words like *ship*, *chat*, or *thin* — they'll love showing you what they know!

In maths, we've been getting hands-on with **comparing size and mass** in lots of fun and practical ways. Whether it's weighing vegetables, stacking blocks or lining up objects (and ourselves!) from biggest to smallest, the children have been using rich **mathematical vocabulary** like *heavier*, *lighter*, *taller*, *shorter*, *bigger*, and *smaller* to explain their thinking.

Finally we are very much looking forward to our afternoon tea afternoon, where we will share with you our autumnal baked goods and raise money for the chickens and our flower garden. All siblings are welcome as are friends and family

so get those tables booked!

Miss Danks



#### Message from Mrs Bramwell - Oak Class

We are very pleased to announce that we are all published authors after writing our very own story this week. Our story is a variation on the sheep and the goat - you may be familiar with the story from our story maps. We have stories about dogs and zebras, kittens and elephants as well as different types of dinosaurs. We are all very proud of our first writing task this year - look out for copies coming home soon for you to enjoy.

In maths we have been exploring addition with parts and wholes. There has been a lot of table graffiti this week as we have showed our working out. We have worked systematically to find the different ways of making the same number with double sided counters. It was tricky to start with but we soon got the hang of it.

In science we have been learning about good hygiene so please don't be alarmed if your child is washing their hands more frequently than usual or using a tissue to blow their nose. It's all part of our learning!

Have a great weekend.



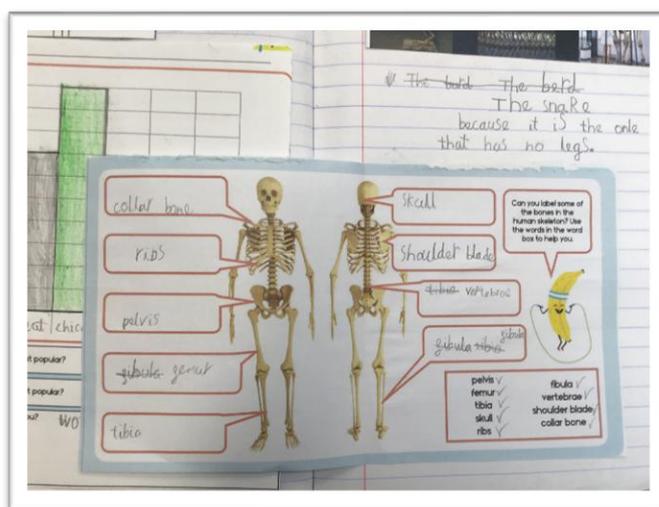
### Message from Mrs Hall – Willow Class

Willow class have been busy this week working on our learning characteristic of being purposeful. We certainly have been purposeful in our learning across the curriculum.

In English, we finished publishing our poems and have now moved on to balanced arguments. We had a go at choosing sides for a range of statements such as 'homework should be banned' 'we should have a 3-day weekend' (definitely a favourite there). What about 'every child should learn a new language' or all children should have mobile phones'. The children were able to argue for their side quite well so I am sure our balanced arguments are going to be very interesting reads in a few weeks.

In maths, we have moved on to our addition and subtraction topic and have been tackling how to add and subtract over a boundary this week. This has also been a good opportunity to revisit our knowledge of number bonds to 10, 100 and 1000.

In Science, we have been looking at our skeletons this week and finding out what bones we have. I wonder what would happen if our skeletons were made of flexible materials? Well, that is our topic question for the term. We will hopefully be able to answer that question soon.



### Message from Miss McCloskey - Chestnut Class

In science over the last couple of weeks, we've been finding out all about how plants grow and reproduce. We looked closely at the different parts of a flower by dissecting a rose, which was really interesting (and a bit messy!). We discovered what each part does and how flowers are specially made to help plants reproduce.



We also set up an investigation to observe how water is transported through a plant using celery and food colouring. Over time, we will be able to see the coloured water move up through the xylem vessels in the stalks and into the leaves. The class is looking forward to monitoring the results and discovering more about how plants take up water and nutrients to stay healthy and grow.

### 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](http://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.

And finally.....

