

Barnby & North Cove Primary School
Newsletter
2nd October 2026

Message from Mr Lea

Dear Parents and carers,
As we start October, I am so proud of the way that the new Academic Year has started. Our pupils have been fantastic in welcoming so many new pupils into our school. We are now standing at 101 pupils!

When I walk around the school and visit classes, the learning attitudes and behaviours of all pupils is superb and has to be commended. Our staff are working extremely hard to create a very positive start for everyone.

Well done to the Key Stage 2 Football Team who attended a tournament this week, winning 2 of their 4 games convincingly, 8-1 and 6-0 - thank you all for your efforts and outstanding behaviour in representing the school.

Our Year 5 and 6 Pupil Responsibility roles have begun to have an impact already:

- The Junior Road Safety Officers have launched their first competition - designing a Cycle Helmet for Bike to School week
- Our House Captains led a whole school assembly this week to plan the activities for lunchtimes for our pupils to participate in
- And finally, our Head Pupils organised the Macmillan Coffee Morning - raising a marvellous £392.55 - thank you to everyone who attended !!!

Finally, a reminder that we have a Uniform Shed - if you are in need some more uniform then the shed is packed full of clean clothes! Please help yourself!



Dates for your Diary

02/10/2026 – Learn more with Mr Lea/Miss Danks - Phonics
09/10/2026 – Learn more with Mr Lea – Multiplication
12/10/2026 – Willow Class visit to Gressenhall Museum
12/10/2026 – Chestnut Class Planetarium event
13/10/2026 – Y3/4 Sporting Festival 12.45-3.00pm
14/10/2026 – The Broads are visited by the Owl Sanctuary
15/10/2026 – Harvest Festival
21/10/2026 – Oak Class visit to Framlingham Castle
21/10/2026 – Flu Vaccinations visit 1
26/10/2026-30/10/2026 – Half Term
02/11/2026 – Flu Vaccinations visit 2
10/11/2026 – Year 4 Basketball tournament
11/11/2026 – Remembrance Service
13/11/2026 – Children in Need
17/11/2026 – Year 6 Crucial Crew event
27/11/2026 – Learn more with Mr Lea
07/12/2026 – Parents Evening 1
08/12/2026 – EYFS/KS1 Nativity
09/12/2026 – Parents Evening 2
10/12/2026 – EYFS/KS1 Nativity
15/12/2026 – KS2 Winter Warmer
16/12/2026 – Christmas Dinner
17/11/2026 – Christmas at the church/Last day of Term!

2026 Autumn Term Parental Survey

Dear Parents and Carers,



The flyer has a QR code but the link to complete the survey can also be used and is:

2026 Autumn Term Parent View Questionnaire

Message from Mrs Tilley- Hazel Class

This week has been an extremely busy and productive week in Hazel class. In writing and drawing club, we have loved our new story 'Funnybones'. We have drawn and created the main characters in a range of ways and used widgit symbols to create our own version of the beginning. It has been brilliant hearing all of their spooky ideas.

We have had a big focus this week on fine motor skills and have been completing a wide range of activities throughout each day to support our writing skills. These have included threading, hand gym, placing small objects on different patterns, pencil and scissor control. All children have taken care and time over each and every activity even if they have found them tricky and we couldn't be prouder.

We have started the big tidy up of our outside area in preparation and to support and help the PTA create our new wonderful outside area. The children have worked collaboratively and purposefully to remove all the old mud and sand from the mud kitchen and sandpit.





Message from Miss Forster- Juniper Class

Juniper Class have been working hard to complete their writing topic where the children have created their own version of the story The Koala Who Could. Our stories have been set under the ocean with a turtle called Tom who was scared of the waves. The children created their own collection of characters to help Tom before he found his bravery.
In Maths, the children's learning continues to be around place value and recognising patterns. This included children recognising that numbers are written in numerals as well as in words.
All in all, a purposeful week of learning all round! Well done, Juniper.







Message from Miss Danks – Acorns Class

Welcome to October everyone!

With the weather changing into such a beautiful season we will be spending as much time as absolutely possible outside as

the leaves begin to change and everything we love about Autumn comes around again! We will be exploring and learning about all the curiosities the outdoors has to give. If you find any exciting treasures when you are out and about please be sure to send them in!

We are well on our way now with our class story 'We're Going On a Bear Hunt' and have made our own story maps. We have begun choosing our own actions for the story and are beginning to build a joint class story board for retelling the story.

In maths we have been learning about matching and sorting and have begun making our own sets of items, following and making up our own rules for groups of objects. We have compared similarities and differences and are now beginning to compare different amounts, learning about 'more' and 'less', building on knowledge of spacial awareness and number.
In Art we have begun looking at primary colours; we have practiced mixing colours using lots of different mediums in our learning play and experimented with secondary colours, only to find they always end up brown! We are starting a new project for harvest with a theme of potatoes ready for our special harvest celebrations in conjunction with the church and will be building different types of potato sculptures using a range of materials. We will be working with Oak class for this performance which will be very exciting!

We have continued to share picture of our families as they come in and are looking for career volunteers! We will be learning about what sorts of jobs our families do and would absolutely love if any of you are available and willing to come in (in your work attire) to talk to the children about what you do, why you like doing it and answer any questions they may have! If you are interested, please let me know!

Lastly, I would like to say I am very impressed with how all of the children are starting and continuing their phonics journeys this year. The children are loving mark making and writing their very first letters and words. I am looking forward to seeing, hopefully, lots of you in school this afternoon for a 'Learn with Mr Lea and Miss Danks'! In the session we will be explaining the phonics program we use, the most important 'bits' to get right when supporting your children in their early reading and how best you can support their learning at home. See you there!

As always if you need anything feel free to message on here, email the office or catch me on the playground.



Message from Mrs Bramwell - Oak Class

We have really been enjoying our Tuesday afternoons over the last couple of weeks. After our class assembly we have been using the laptops for our computing lesson. We have been exploring the different names of the parts of the laptop and using them with purpose. Last week we used the online software paintz.app to create an image using the trackpad. This week we have been using the keyboard to write our name and then draw a picture of ourselves. All children use the laptops confidently and are producing some really great work. We have also been saving our work too so we can look back at it later.

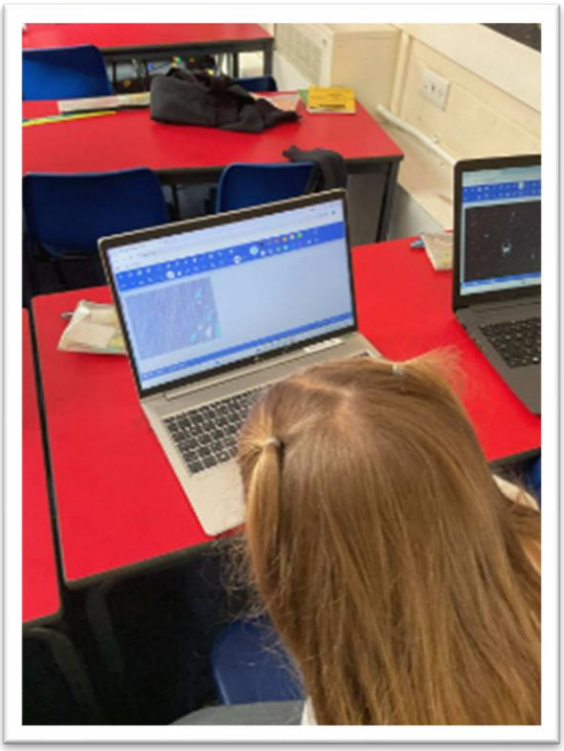
Numbots - https://numbots.com
Wow! What a great first week. So many children have logged onto the website to take part in the different games and activities available. If you haven't yet or you have lost the piece of paper with the password just let me know and I can get another copy for you. Not only are the children developing their maths skills but their computer skills too. I am also watching to make sure we are playing in moderation - time away from the computer is also important.

Finally, I am thinking of hosting a jumble sale due to the large number of jumpers I have collected over the first four weeks in school. I would like to return them to you but unfortunately many of them do not contain names and I've not quite trained my nose to the soap powders you use yet. I will bring them out in the mornings for you to sort through. Any that are not claimed by Tuesday 6th October I will put in the uniform shed for others to share.









Message from Mrs Hall – Willow Class

Willow class have been very creative in art this week. We looked at Orla Kiely's designs and recreated our own versions with leaf stamps and paint.

In history, we have explored ratioing and the impact of the war on the people of Britain. The children had great fun playing shop, taking their ration books to get their weekly rations.

We have reached the end of our place value topic in maths and are about to embark on a journey of discovery through addition and subtraction. We will soon be experts in using column method to add and subtract numbers.

In science, we looked closely at the parts of a flower related to pollination and seed production. We created a little sketch of how a bee pollinates flowers and then went out into the garden to see if we could identify the parts of the flower on our lovely blooms.



Message from Miss McCloskey - Chestnut Class

We have been very busy in science this week, working hard on our papier-mâché planets! The children have been thinking carefully about the shape and relative size of each planet as they create their models, making sure they are as spherical and accurate as possible. Next week, we will be adding colour and finer details before displaying our finished solar system in the classroom. We are also very much looking forward to welcoming the planetarium to school on 12th October, which should be a fantastic opportunity to bring all our learning about space to life!
In English, we have begun the innovation stage of our persuasive writing unit. The children are writing letters to King Charles, persuading him to consider creating a statue in honour of one of the inspirational women from Hidden Figures. Over the past few weeks, we have been building an extensive persuasive writing toolkit, including techniques such as flattery, presumption, veiled threats, rhetorical questions, proof and evidence, fronted adverbials, conditional clauses and relative clauses. We have also been using PEE (Point, Evidence, Explain) to help structure and develop our arguments clearly. The children are doing really well so far, and I am very excited to see their finished published pieces!

Safeguarding Information

The DSL (Designated Safeguarding Lead) for safeguarding in school is Mr Simon Lea. The ADSL's (alternate Designated Safeguarding Leads) are Mrs Kathy Lloyd and Mrs Melanie Bramwell.

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 Lloyd or Mrs Bramwell. If concerns are outside school hours, please contact Customer First on 0808 800 4005 (open 24 hours).

If the matter is urgent because a child or vulnerable adult is in immediate danger, phone 999.