

Barnby & North Cove Primary School
Newsletter
18th September 2026

Message from Mr Lea

Dear Parents and carers,
What a great start to our school year!

Our new staff have settled in so quickly and our new pupils are working well in their classes. I am constantly inundated with children coming to my office to show me their work.

I have been around the school and in and out of classrooms and I have been extremely proud to see all of the efforts of everyone in their lessons.

As we settle into the term we begin to have a number of events taking place - next Friday (25th September) we will be hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

If you are able to donate some cakes or sweet treats then that would be amazing.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support!

Simon Lea

Dates for your Diary

25/09/2026 – MacMillan Coffee Morning
29/09/2026 – Y6 Football Tournament 12.00-4.30pm
02/10/2026 – Learn more with Mr Lea/Miss Danks - Phonics
09/10/2026 – Learn more with Mr Lea – Multiplication
13/10/2026 – Y3/4 Sporting Festival 12.45-3.00pm
15/10/2026 – Harvest Festival
26/10/2026-30/10/2026 – Half Term



iRock

Dear Parents and Carers,

Exciting news! Your child has the opportunity to join their very own band through fun weekly music lessons here at our school.

Through weekly band lessons, children can learn drums, electric guitar, keyboard or vocals, play songs they know and love, build confidence and enjoy making music with their bandmates. **All instruments are provided** and **no previous experience is needed**.

If your child would like to join, you can enrol them here:

Click Here to Enrol Your Child
(If you're not sure whether iRock is right for your child, all new starters are covered by a **first lesson money-back guarantee**.)

To find out more, iRock has created a short year-group guide showing what children can learn and achieve through the **iRock curriculum** at each stage of primary school.

Learn more about iRock by year

If you have any questions, the iRock team will be happy to help. Please contact them on 0330 174 2655 or info@irockschool.com.

After School Clubs Autumn Term 1



Message from Mrs Tilley- Hazel Class

We have continued to settle into our new class this week and are taking time to learn and practise our classroom expectations. The children have been working hard to understand the routines that help make our class a happy, safe and successful place to learn. We are very proud of how everyone is beginning to build positive relationships and confidence in their new environment.

In Drawing Club and Writing, we have been enjoying our first book, *Only One You*. The children created their own fish and talked about what makes each of us special and unique. In Maths, we have been exploring the concepts of *one*, *lots* and *all gone* through practical activities and games. During PE, we used the apparatus safely, learning how to move around it carefully and exploring different routes and ways of travelling. Well done to everyone for a fantastic week!







Message from Miss Forster- Juniper Class

Juniper Class have had a fantastic start to the term! We have pupils who are new to the school, as well as those who have moved in from Hazel and we are all settling into the systems and routines of the day!

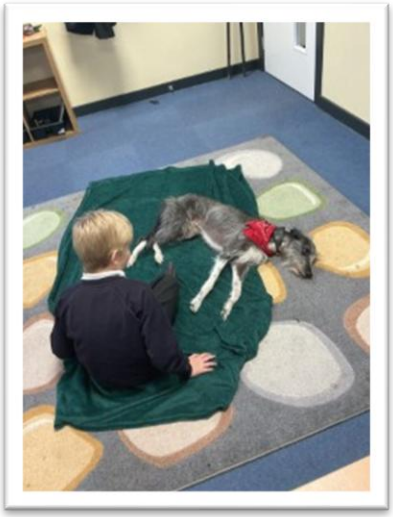
We have now had two music sessions where we are becoming familiar or reacquainted with the djembe drums. This has been great for our listening skills, turn taking and confidence. So far, I believe the class have most liked when the microphone comes out for the 'Walking Song'.

We have welcomed Rizzo back to school and I am pleased to announce that he has settled back in well too and is back to his usual tricks of sleeping in the middle of the floor and standing under the tables when we do our learning!
Finally, if you were in Celebration Assembly last week, you will have already seen our artwork inspired by Wassily Kandinsky. The children have focused on imitating two of his famous painting so far: one where we explored concentric circles using water colour paint, chalk and oil pastel; another where we explored straight lines, grids, circles and geometric shapes.

It certainly has been a busy first few weeks back! Enjoy the weekend!







Message from Miss Danks – Acorns Class

In Acorn class we have had another wonderful week getting to know our class family, exploring our indoor and outdoor learning areas and learning the rules and routines that keep us ready to learn, help us to stay safe and be respectful. We have shared lots of stories that help to explain 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 of 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.

Our Maths learning has been led using Maths stories followed by short activities whilst the children get used to their environment. 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.

In P.E we have begun learning about how we can use our bodies in different ways to express ourselves to music and keep us fit and healthy.

This week coming I will be doing the Reception Baseline Assessments (RBA) with all reception children. This is made compulsory by the government and is used to find out where children are academically as they begin their full time school journey. These will also support the targets we set them in school and the results will be shared with you as soon as they are all complete.

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!

Lastly I have got lots of old wellies! If you think any may be yours could you please come and claim them asap so you are not disappointed when they are gone!






Message from Mrs Bramwell - Oak Class

A very warm welcome to all of our new readers if this is your first time reading the Oak Class news and welcome back to all of our seasoned readers. We have lots of new friends who have joined the class which means we have the biggest class at 24 children.

The Oak Class 26-27 has been keeping me busy over the last couple of weeks - they are just so keen to learn!

A spaceship crashed in the garden at the front of the classroom and we believe it belongs to Beegu, a creature from another planet. We have been writing descriptions of Beegu so we can find her. If you are about school and see a funny, little, yellow creature with three eyes and long ears if you could send her to our classroom that would be great.

In maths we have been counting and making amounts to 20. We have used rekenreks, tens frames, and objects that we have sitting around the classroom. The children were amazing with the make 10 challenge finding two groups of objects to total ten. Five bananas and five cotton reels make 10, as well as nine rekenreks and one teddy. We are getting so good at tidying up after ourselves as well. I wonder what you have around your homes you could group together to make 10?

Just a few housekeeping reminders -

- Reading books are changed on a Monday each week so please have them available to get new books on that day.
- PE is on a Thursday afternoon - you are welcome to come to school in your PE kit for the day to save time with changing.
- We visit the school library on a Friday afternoon - please have your library books in bags that day to change.
- You can contact me via the office or you can email be directly - m.bramwell@consortiumtrust.org.uk I am in the classroom teaching during the day, so please be patient with me if you are needing a reply.

- I am always available at 8.25am for a quick chat on the playground and again at 3.15pm when children are collected. If you would like a longer chat please email and I can arrange a time for after school.

I am so looking forward to working with you all over the next school year. Have a great weekend!







Message from Mrs Hall – Willow Class

Willow have dived into their learning with curiosity and determination.
In maths, we are studying place value and how multiple digit numbers are made of different place values. We have been using the sentence stem: There are ? hundreds, ? tens, ? ones so my number is ?. For example, there are 2 hundreds, 3 tens 5 ones so my number is 235. This is made from 200 + 30 + 5. We have even expanded into the thousands as well.

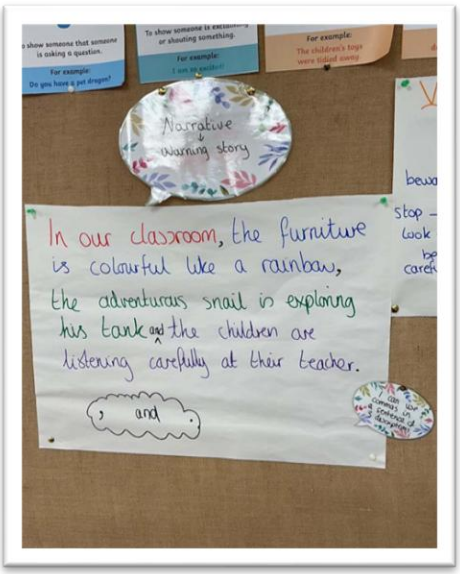
In science, we have been studying the parts of a plant and their purposes. We experimented with coloured water and celery to see how plants transport water through the stem.

In literacy, we have been working on improving our descriptive sentences by adding adjectives, verbs, similes and using a sentence of 3 for detail. We also looked at mood, how to change the mood by choosing our adjectives and similes carefully. If we want to describe a scary scene we need to use adjectives and similes that sound scary.

We have been working very hard and some of the writing has been exceptionally detailed. A lot of work has proudly been sent to Mr Lea an awarded a Wow sticker. Well done Willow.





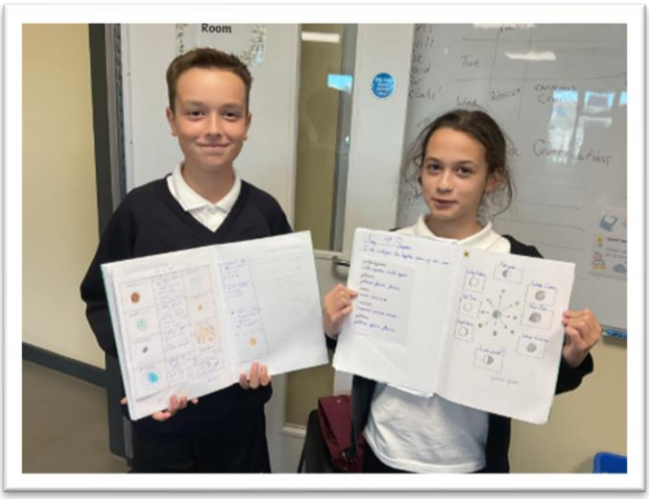


Message from Miss McCloskey - Chestnut Class

We've had a really positive start to the year in Chestnut Class, and everyone has settled in brilliantly.
Moving up from Year 4 to Year 5 can feel like a big step, with new routines, higher expectations and lots to get used to, but the children are doing really well and we will keep building their confidence as the term goes on.

In Maths, we have been familiarising ourselves with the structure of our lessons, including our daily arithmetic and times tables practice. We have also been working hard on place value, particularly reading, writing, comparing and understanding numbers into the millions.

In Science, we have been learning all about the solar system. We have explored the different planets, their shapes, their position in the solar system and how they move. The children have really enjoyed finding out more about space and sharing what they already know. This topic also links nicely with our current Literacy text, Hidden Figures, where we are learning about the important role mathematicians and scientists played in NASA's early space missions. It has been lovely to see the children making connections between their learning across different subjects already.





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 400 4005 (24 hours). If the matter is urgent because a child or vulnerable adult is in immediate danger, phone 999.