

Barnby & North Cove Primary School Newsletter

23rd October 2026

Message from Mr Lea

Wow - what an amazing first half term!

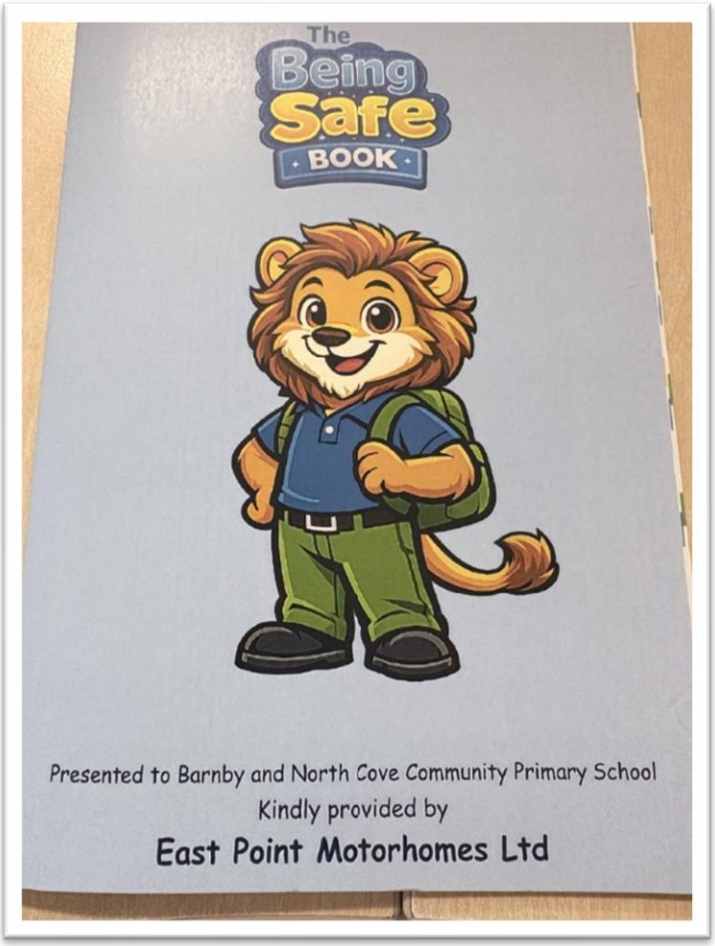
Your children have settled so well into this new academic year and have shown a ready to learn attitude every day! You should be so proud of them. Our school goes from strength to strength, and it really is a pleasure to work in such a fantastic school.

At this point I would like to say a massive thank you to my amazing staff who have worked so hard to ensure that this has been a positive start to the year.

I hope all of you have a safe and peaceful half term break and we look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 2nd November.

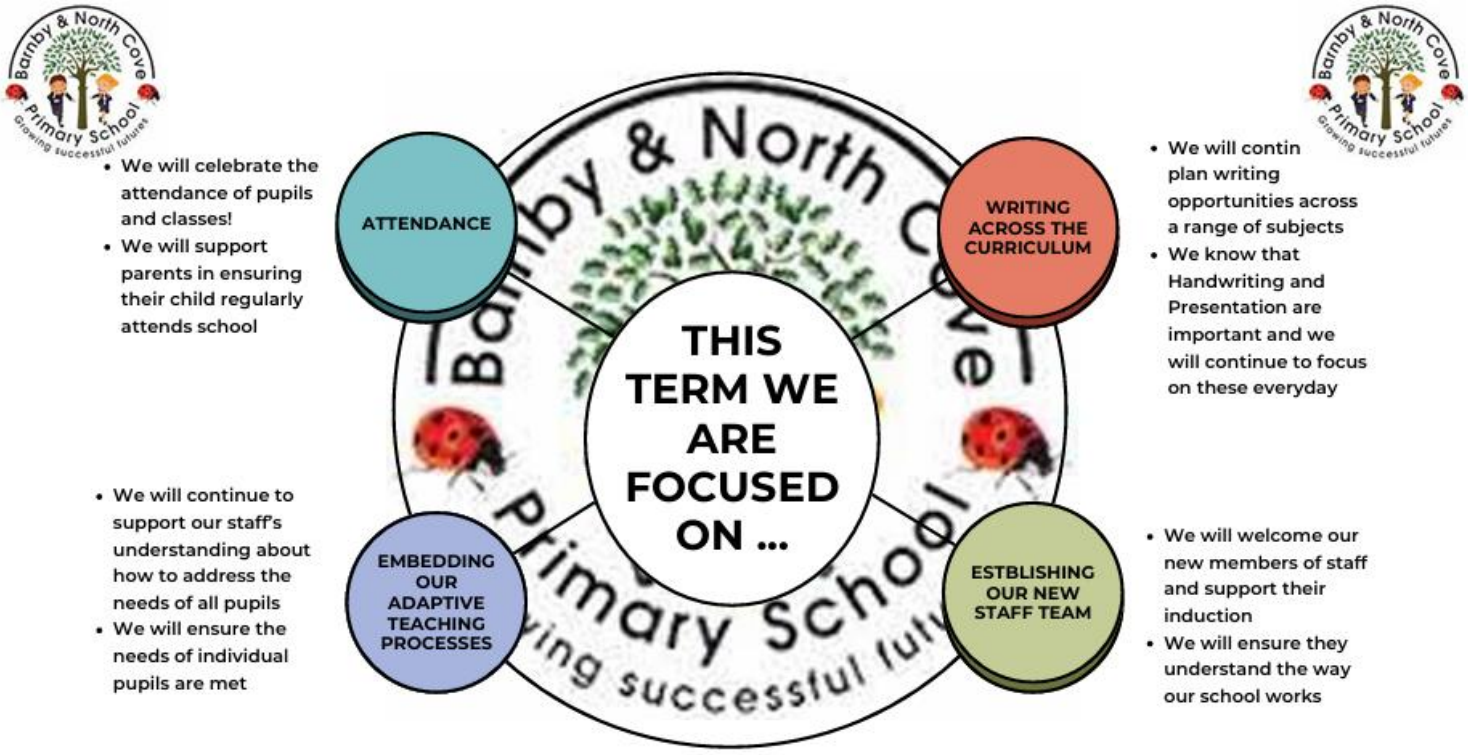
Finally, Thank you to Mr Andrews - grandparent of Nelly Andrews - Year 1 for the Be Safe books which Willow class have taken home - they are a valuable resource!

Simon Lea



School Development Plan

As a school we are always striving to improve - these are the areas that we are focussing on this term!



Dates for your Diary

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
09/12/2026 – Parents Evening 2
10/12/2026 – EYFS/KS1 Nativity
11/12/2026 – EYFS/KS1 Nativity
15/12/2026 – KS2 Winter Warmer
16/12/2026 – Christmas Dinner
17/11/2026 – Christmas celebration
18/12/2026 - Last day of Term!
05/01/2027 – Children return to school 😊

Message from Miss Forster and Mrs Tilley – The Broads

The children were absolutely captivated by our special visitors from **Fritton Owl Sanctuary** last Wednesday afternoon. We were fortunate to meet three amazing owls: **Oak** the tawny owl, **Winston** the little owl and a beautiful American barn owl.

The afternoon was filled with excitement and wonder as the children learned all about these fascinating birds. Everyone sat beautifully, listened carefully and asked some fantastic questions to discover even more owl facts. One of the children's favourite discoveries was that owls can wee and poo at the same time, which certainly raised a few giggles! We also learned that the colour of an owl's eyes can help indicate whether it is a daytime or nighttime hunter.

It was wonderful to see the children's curiosity and enthusiasm throughout the session. To make the experience even more memorable, every child had the opportunity to hold all three owls. It is safe to say that there were some very excited adults too!

A huge thank you to Fritton Owl Sanctuary for such a fascinating and unforgettable afternoon. The visit has certainly inspired lots of discussions and owl facts back in the classroom.









Message from Miss Danks – Acorns Class

What a super couple of very autumnal weeks we have had!

In Maths we have finished our learning on comparing capacity and mass and moved on to investigating pattern. We have learned to match, continue and create our own simple patterns. We have explored these through a wide range of pattern stories, creating using our bodies, arts and manipulatives on smaller and larger scales. We now begin to get stuck in to number, starting with 1, 2 and 3. We are learning to count, find, subitise and compose!

In P.E we have created our own dance routine using what we experience in our morning routines to school. We have been learning to use our bodies in lots of different ways using control, coordination and balance. We have worked as a team to sequence and memorise the dance routine and are growing in confidence and skill.

Even more exciting, we have come to the end of learning our class story 'We're going on a bear hunt'. The children have all done incredibly well and are super excited to perform it for you all on Friday in our weekly celebration assembly so I hope to see as many of you as possible there!

We have also found out that due to our suits being a few fair years old they are no longer actually waterproof! So with that in mind, and all of the fantastic weather we probably have on the way, if you have waterproof suits or trousers at home could we

please have them in school during the week so we can enjoy everything Autumn has to offer comfortably? Also can you please pack your child extra clothes and most importantly SOCKS!

Lastly we have learned this week about how to stay safe while having fun at Halloween! Please ask your children about this to help everyone stay happy and healthy over the holidays!

Have a great half term break and we will see you rearing and ready to go in a week!

Miss Danks







Message from Mrs Bramwell - Oak Class

The highlight of our half term has been the visit to Framlingham castle last Wednesday. During the soggy morning, we explored the castle battlements taking the wall walk around the curtain wall. The children enjoyed looking down at the people below who looked very tiny. They pretended to fire arrows through the arrow slits. The children were able to recall their classroom learning in a real castle. After lunch we took a walk around the dry moat, looking up at the tall castle walls imagining what it might be like to attack the castle.

Have a lovely half term break.









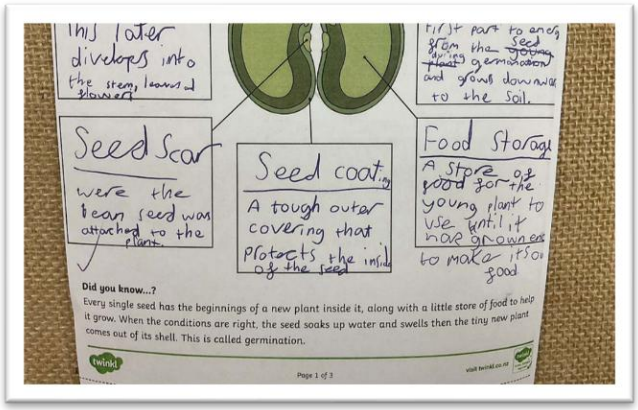
Message from Mrs Hall – Willow Class

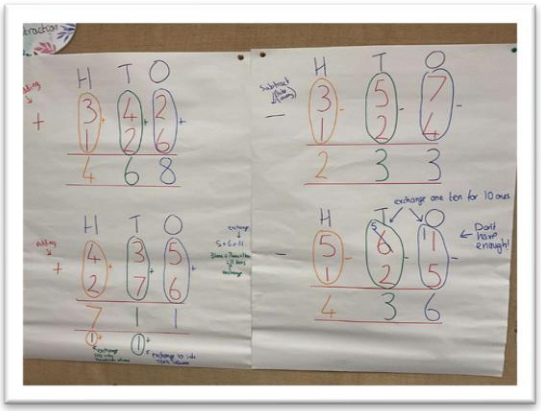
Willow class have had a busy 2 weeks of learning but also fun activities.
We thoroughly enjoyed our school trip to Gressenhall, where we were fully emersed in the World War 2 evacuation. We discovered what special treats we could not buy due to rationing and attempted to create chocolate truffles from mashed potato. A very mixed response but I don't think it will be a recipe they will try again!
We got stuck in with the land girl, harvesting potatoes on the field. Then to end, we joined the Home Guard and learnt how to defend ourselves with bayonets (training version of course, the high-tech broom stick!) Mrs Hall may have got a little over excited with this part and enjoyed attacking the hay bag a little too much!

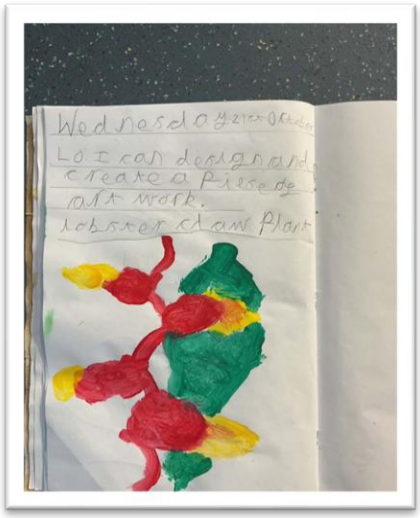
We had an excellent afternoon at the sports festival, where Willow got stuck in with extra enthusiasm and perfect attitudes and behaviour. They represented the school perfectly.

But what about the learning in class, well we have certainly been busy in maths tackling column addition and subtraction. We worked our way up to exchanging across all place values.
In art, we have finished our topic of plant art with our final piece. The children chose a plant they would like to represent and then used the skills we have learnt to create their own unique artwork.
In literacy, we are working towards writing a war time poem which builds learning links with our history topic nicely. This week we are drafting and publishing and should have lovely presented poems by the end of the week.

After all that fun, we need a rest so I wish you all a fun but restful half term holiday.







Message from Miss McCloskey - Chestnut Class

In Science, we have been finishing off our Earth and Space unit. The children have been using their knowledge of the planets to write their own creative stories about a rover landing on a planet for a mission, only for something to go wrong! They have had to think carefully about the conditions on their chosen planet and how these might affect their rover. To finish the unit, the children have also been creating double-page spreads to show off everything they have learnt about our solar system.

In Literacy, we have been continuing our learning about the suffragettes. The children have been writing recounts from the perspective of a suffragette attending a protest, imagining what they might have seen, heard, felt, smelt and even tasted! We have been focusing on using the five senses, direct speech, expanded noun phrases and a range of sentence types to make our writing more descriptive and interesting. The children have been working hard to capture the atmosphere of a protest and put themselves in the shoes of the women fighting for the right to vote.

Free 'Kellogg's Breakfast' at Morrisons

FREE BREAKFAST FOR SUMMER: MORRISONS AND KELLOGG'S TEAM UP TO FEED FAMILIES



'Breakfast Clubs' are back to help kids and grown-ups enjoy a free Kellogg's breakfast during the summer holidays at all

Morrisons Cafés nationwide. Initiative aims to ease money worries during school holidays. New research reveals that parents will begin to feel the financial 'pinch' around week three of the summer break

Morrisons and Kellogg's have announced the return of their school holiday 'Breakfast Clubs', offering free meals to families across the UK to help ease the financial pressure over the summer holidays.

As schools close for the summer holidays, many parents face a financial pinch, with new research from Morrisons showing that more than half (54%) of parents feel the strain during the long summer period. In fact, "week three" of the school holidays is the critical tipping point where the financial impact is most acutely felt by households.

Almost half (48%) of parents also confessed they have been forced to skip meals entirely just to make ends meet and ensure their child does not go without – with breakfast being the number one thing cut from the menu.
Families visiting their local Morrisons Café throughout the summer holidays can enjoy a free 'Kellogg's Breakfast', which includes a bowl of cereal and a portion of fruit. The best part, it's not just for kids, adults get to eat completely free too.

Both kids and adults can choose from much-loved favourites Corn Flakes or Rice Krispies, topped with their choice of dairy or non-dairy milk and a free apple or banana. The summer holiday offer will be available from 29th June to 6th September across all Morrisons Cafes nationwide*.

The research also highlighted that alongside the financial strain, parents are also dealing with the repetitive demands of children at home during the holidays. Parents reported hearing the following phrases every day of the school holidays (between at least 1-5 times a day) – driving up the pressure to entertain, as well as keeping them fed:

- "Can I have a snack" - 44%
- "What are we doing today" - 43%
- "I'm hungry" - 40%
- "Can I play on my iPad / phone / console?" - 36%
- "I'm bored" - 31%
- "Are we there yet?" - 28%
- "Can I have a playdate" - 22%

By reopening the 'Breakfast Clubs' across the school summer holidays, when term-time clubs do not run, Morrisons and Kellogg's are providing families with a welcoming space to enjoy a balanced breakfast together, helping to ease financial strain and rumbling tummies, while a trip to the local supermarket will help keep kids entertained.

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.