



Barnby and North Cove Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 2nd May 2025

Message from Mr Lea

Welcome to the Summer Term - I am really excited to be back at Barnby and North Cove supporting the staff and leading the school forward towards the next academic year.

It has been a busy couple of weeks in school, and I have had the pleasure of visiting classes to see the amazing work our pupils are completing, talking to pupils at lunch both in the hall and on the field and yesterday I enjoyed leading my first Celebration assembly.

There are so many things to be proud of in our school and our staff work extremely hard - I look forward to the rest of the term.

Barnby News

Uniform Update!

This term children are still allowed to wear navy/black jogging bottoms or shorts. From the start of September children will be expected to wear white tops and grey jogging bottoms or navy shorts

Sun cream/hats

Please ensure that your child is ready for the Summer weather when they come to school. Suncream (named) and sun hats are essential.

Many Thanks for your cooperation.

Diary Dates

TODAY – STORY NIGHT AT BNC

04/05/2025 – Reception Class Health Screening

20/05/2025 – Class photos

11th – 13th June – Year 6 Residential visit

24/06/2025 – Sports Day

27/06/2025 – Year 6 Prom

08/07/2025 – Move Up Day

08/07/2025 – Year 6 School Trip

11/06/2025 – Junior Road Safety Officers Awards

22/07/2025 – Year 6 Leavers Assembly/Last day of term

PTA News

All our hard work has paid off the Library revamp is finished! What a transformation it is, we can't wait for you all to see it and hope it will bring joy to the children for years to come. Thank you to the parents who donated and gave up time to help we couldn't have done it without you.

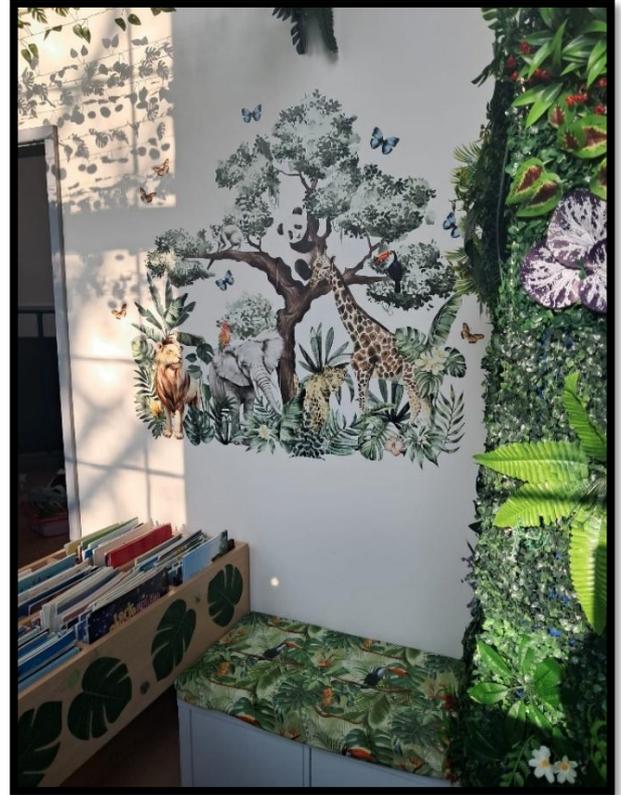
Upcoming Events

Story night - Friday 2nd May 4.30 -6pm. Each classroom has a different theme.

Scarecrow hunt- Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th May. Animal themed scarecrow hunt around the villages.
More details to come.

Next PTA Meeting Thursday 8th May 1pm
All welcome.





Message from Mrs Tilley

In Hazel class this week, we have been extremely busy. We have started our new Maths topic of measurement and have been focusing on weight and what is heavier and what is the lightest. Our drawing club book is Mrs Armitage on wheels and the children have enjoyed creating their own bike and adding lots of imaginative extras to them.

In the afternoons we looked at plants and how to grow them. This week we have started planting our own seeds and keeping a diary to record the different stages of a plant life cycle.

In our continuous provision we have been looking at floating and sinking and finding out how many buttons it takes to make a floating boat sink.



Message from Miss Forster

Juniper class have settled into the term beautifully and have been working hard whilst demonstrating great learning attitudes. We have a new focus book, 'The Magic Finger' by Roald Dahl and the class have had a lot of fun making predictions of what powers the magic finger might have. The children have written persuasive letters to get the Gregg family to stop hunting and have explored synonyms for the word 'angry'. Our Maths work has been themed towards money, so we have been using our knowledge of the 2-, 5- and 10-times table to help us when counting in jumps of the coin's values.



Message from Miss Danks – Acorns Class

What a wonderful start we have had to the beginning of the summer term! The weather is treating us well and we have been lucky enough to make the most of exploring our outdoor area, spotting all the wonders of spring!

The children absolutely loved the new library so a massive thank you to everyone in the PTA who worked so hard to make it an exciting learning space. We share stories and change our library and reading books on a Monday so please make sure bookbags are in every Monday'.

This week in Maths we are exploring shape! We have begun learning about 3D shapes and have tried spotting them in our learning environment. we have discussed the properties of shape and have made up fun games to test each others' knowledge. Next time you are out and about see what 3D shapes you can find!

In Talk for writing we have decided to use a non-fiction book! We have been very excited to start learning about dinosaurs and have begun learning all about a very special woman called Mary Anning; ask your children all about her and see what interesting facts they can remember!

Lastly everyone has been working hard on our mini allotment plot to get it ready for plants. We have commandeered a shelf that was being skipped, removed the wheels, painted it and filled it with soil so we are ready to fill it with plants. The children are very proud of how they are learning how to reuse items and materials rather than putting them in the bin and are very proud of all of their hard work making their recycled allotment! We are very excited for our walk to the garden centre to buy some fruit and veg for it!



Message from Mrs Bramwell

In Oak Class we have had a great first week back at school making the most of our outdoor space. We have been exploring microhabitats in the front garden and the creatures that live in them. There were quite a few wriggly worms under the tyres as well as some speedy ants! We also spent our PE lesson learning about how to run effectively on the running track which has been recently painted on the field. We made sure we looked where we were running, ran on the balls of our feet and pumped our arms. We had such a lot of fun and everyone really tried hard especially as we were running around the whole track.

In Maths we have started a unit of learning about fractions. We have been using shapes and amounts to find a half and on Wednesday we used cubes to find a quarter of an amount.

Just a quick reminder that PE is on a Monday and this half term outdoor learning will be on Tuesdays. We are also getting to the sunhat and suncream time of year (fingers crossed). If you can send these named in bags that would be great - we are more than happy to help reapply during the day.



Message from Mrs Hall – Willow Class

This week in Willow class, we have been working on improving our writing using fronted adverbials. First, we warmed up with the Fronted Adverbial game. Players rolled a dice to select a verb and the type of adverbial. They then worked together to compose a sentence using the verb and adverbial whilst also adding extra detail. The children wrote many sentences then chose their favourite to write in their book.

Here are a selection of some sentences written by the class.



Maybe, I will walk through the forest
happily

Surely, I should go for a walk.

Today I danced happily
the concert.

Maybe, I will eat Ice cream or cake.

In history, Willow class were investigating the difference between invaders and settlers.

We had a group of words that we needed to sort depending on whether we thought they were associated with invaders, or settlers. We then discussed if the Romans entering Britain were invaders or settlers and why?



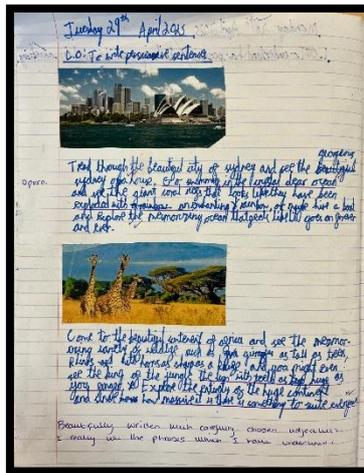
Message from Chestnut Class

This week in Chestnut class has been really busy. We have been preparing for our sharing assembly about Kensuke's kingdom by Michael Morpurgo. We have done a lot of work about our novel, from character studies to looking at holiday destinations around the world. Everyone in the class has something to say – some had more than others! We hope you enjoyed our class sharing assembly.

In English, we have been writing our own holiday adverts about some of the places Michael and his parents sailed to. We learned about the secret strategies to persuade customers to go somewhere. Here are some of them:

- Powerful adjectives
- Alliteration
- Imperative nouns
- And rhetorical question

Now we are ready for a long bank holiday weekend! 😊



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 0808 8004005 (24 hours). If the matter is urgent because a child or vulnerable adult is in immediate danger, phone 999.