



# Barnby & North Cove Primary School

## Newsletter

### 17th October 2025

Message from Mr Lea

What an exciting day we all had yesterday with the visit of Invictus Athlete Rich Potter! The hall transformed into an energy-filled gym of activity with all pupils taking part in Fitness Circuits. Thanks to everyone for all the sponsorship money already handed in, if we could have all the money handed in by Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October - that would be fantastic!

I am extremely proud to share with you all today the results of our Parents Survey for this term - 39 parents completed this!! We have had some outstanding results and as a staff team we really do appreciate your views.

Next week, is our last week of what has been a packed half term! We will be holding our Harvest Celebration at St Botolph's Church on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October starting at 9:30am. We hope many of you can join us!

I will be in contact with you all next week to share the dates, etc.. for the events taking place in the second half of term, which will include all of the Christmas Key Dates!

*There's still 6 days to collect any sponsorship money for yesterday's athlete visit from Rich Potter, here's a reminder of the great prizes you'll get for your fundraising efforts in this short video: <https://vimeo.com/1000798545>*

*Remember that the money raised will go towards new sports equipment to improve levels of physical activity in our school! If you've not sponsored your child yet, now is a great time to reward them for their hard work. You can sponsor them online here: <https://sportal.greatathletes.org/events/landing>, or bring the cash in with your sponsorship form.*



As ever, thanks for your support!

### Dates for your diary

20/10/2025 - Student Book Sale  
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,

We are so excited for the upcoming PTA events:

#### **Glow Disco- Friday 7th November**

Don't forget to return the slips for the glow disco. They can be posted into the PTA letter box by the PTA Board.

#### **Wreath Making - Friday 5th December**

Sign up via the form below or use the QR code in the PTA board. Hurry places are going quickly!

Many of you may not be aware that BNC PTA are registered with easyfundraising, which means you can help us raise money for FREE. Over 8,000 retailers will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! All you need to do is sign up and remember to go via easyfundraising whenever you shop online. It's easy and completely FREE! These donations really mount up, so please sign up to support us at [https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/barnbynorthcovepspta/?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=pmc&utm\\_content=email-1](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/barnbynorthcovepspta/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=email-1)

If you sign up before 19th October we will be entered into a prize draw to win £200. Please speak to us or email [ptabnc@gmail.com](mailto:ptabnc@gmail.com) if you would like more details

Thank you  
BNC PTA TEAM

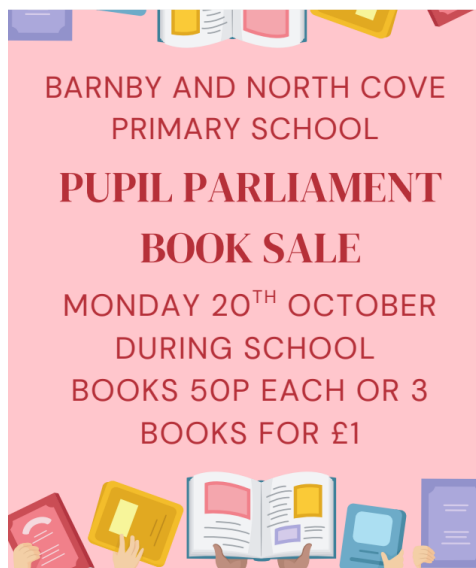


## Pupil Parliament

Always keen to recycle, Pupil Parliament were present in assembly again last week. They announced their book sale which will be taking place this coming Monday, 20th October, in the afternoon during school time. We have many surplus books which need a new home! They informed everybody that the proceeds made would go towards a new defibrillator battery but, since then, we have received some excellent news! Jayne Biggs from the charity Heart 2 Heart Norfolk not only presented us with a much cheaper price than we had been quoted but then generously offered to pay half, along with donating 2 sets of replacement pads! Our PTA have been holding money left over from the original fundraise to help with future expenses. We now have enough money already to pay for the battery.

So, Pupil Parliament have decided that they would like to put the money raised towards some new resources for them to lead activities at break and lunchtimes instead.

The books on sale will be 50p each or 3 for £1. We really hope our pupils will come along and buy some books!



### Juniper

Juniper class have had a busy, busy week: rehearsing for our class assembly, the great athletes visit yesterday, organising the outdoor area, all alongside our usual learning! In Maths, the children revised their knowledge of place value by making numbers in 3 different ways using maths resources. In our writing, we have begun to write biographies of Tim Peake.

### Hazel

This week, Hazel has been focusing on the nursery rhyme, 'Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star' alongside our Halloween crafts and messy play. We have been working on our fine motor skills: rubbing butter and flour together when making Halloween shortbread biscuits, using stamps to create Autumn and Halloween paintings, and using tweezers in our tuff tray with conkers and autumn leaves.





Firstly, a **big thank you** to everyone who came to our afternoon tea last week and supported the school and children. We had such a fun week measuring, baking and trying food that some of us have never tried before. The children absolutely loved having their family and friends in school and we look forward to the next one!

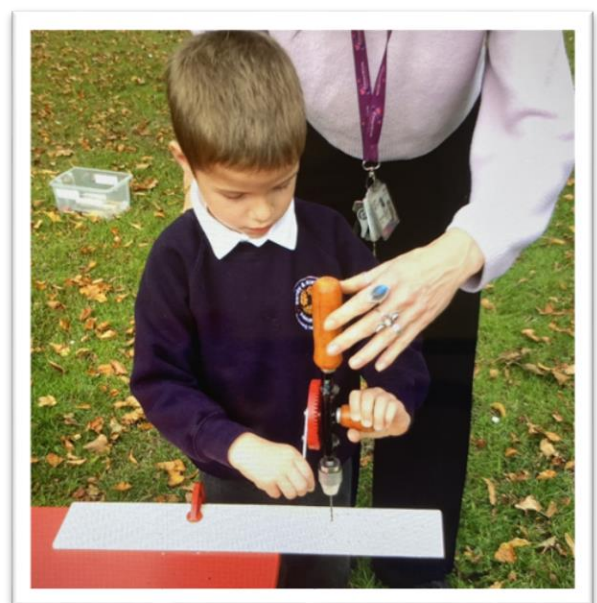
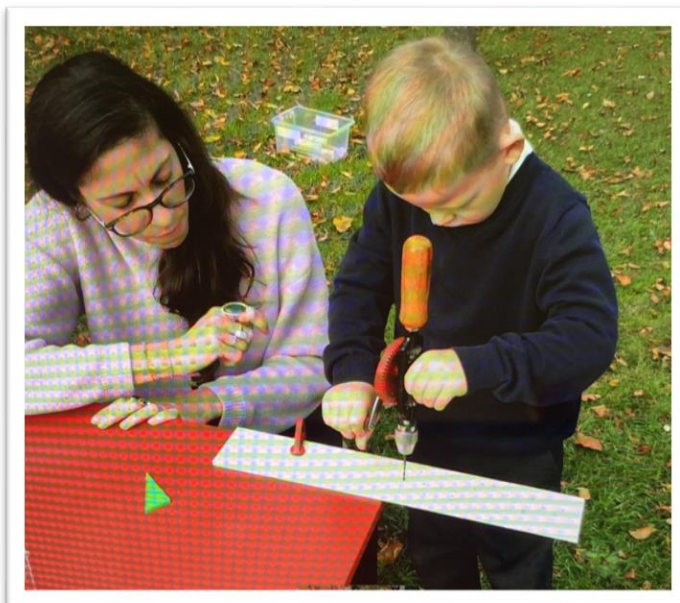
In Acorn class this week we have been learning about pattern! We have begun learning how to continue a given pattern, we have made patterns with natural objects and in our artwork, spotted patterns in stories and books and started to build our own patterns. We have even begun building an understanding of what is a 'unit of repeat'! So please continue to spot patterns in your environments at home and out and about and see if they can build their own patterns using what they can see around them.

In our Literacy, Language and Communication learning we continue to build on our story map, making up actions and performing different parts of the story 'We're going to find a monster!'. The children are very excited to share this with everyone, and we are hoping to have most of it finished, ready to perform on the last assembly of the half term.



In design technology this week we have been learning to use a drill. We were very excited because our new tool kit has arrived with drills, saws and screwdrivers. We are going to be making a musical instrument for Mr Noisy but first we need to practise the skills we need to make our instruments. We used a rotary drill to make holes in our wood. They were quite heavy and it took a little bit of time to balance them before turning the handle and spinning the drill. We had lots of fun and everyone was successful.

Just a reminder to ensure we all have coats and wellies in school now that the weather is changing. Wellies will help keep our classroom floor clean as the mud has begun!



#### Message from Mrs Hall – Willow Class

We have had a special guest at school this week. How exciting! Thursday afternoon saw us getting fit with a great athlete. It wasn't all jumping and stretching all week though. We still had to exercise our brains with some learning across the curriculum.

In English, we have collaborated to create a balanced argument on whether we should ban school uniforms. This is in preparation for our independent write where the children will be discussing the positive and negative views of protecting Dunwich coast or allowing nature to take its course.

In maths, we have tackled using column method to subtract which included the tricky exchanges. The children have persevered and had a good practice at exchanging in different place values.

In science, we looked at how our muscles worked. Perfect for this week's great athlete event. We performed various

activities to investigate how different muscles feel when we use them. This included tapping put foot, holding our arm out, wiggling each finger and moving out jaw.

In Geography, we discussed how building on the coast would have an impact on different people, including negative and positive views.



#### Message from Miss McCloskey - Chestnut Class

In Chestnut Class, we've been busy combining our Art and Design Technology skills! Inspired by underwater sculptures and raft building, we created our very own "underwater forest" using wood and paint. We learned how to use tools such as a junior hacksaw, file, and glue gun safely and carefully, bringing our imaginative designs to life in 3D form.

In RE, we have been learning about inclusion and exploring the meaning behind different religious items. We had the opportunity to handle and discuss objects such as the hijab, kara bracelet, cross necklace, yarmulke cap, bindi, Ganesha ornament, and japamala prayer beads. This helped us understand how these special items reflect faith, identity, and respect for different beliefs.



#### 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.

**Keeping  
children safe  
is everyone's  
responsibility**

