Barnby & North Cove Primary School
Newsletter
28th November 2025

Message from Mr Lea

Another busy week at Barnby - this is turning out to be a very good term for our school.
On Tuesday we welcomed a representative from the NSPCC to lead Speak out Stay Safe workshops with some of our pupils.
All the pupils from Years 1 to 6 have also been completing their termly assessments this week - we know they all try their hardest and we know some of them find tests tricky but please be reassured that these are not everything that the school is about, we value your children's efforts every day in the classroom.
This weekend our school is represented at the Christmas Tree Festival at Hungate Church in Beccles. All the children have been invited to use their footprints to create a unique tree on the theme of 'Walking in a Winter Wonderland'
Finally, as well as all of this, rehearsals have begun for the Twinkly Nativity and Key Stage 2 Winter Warmer events!

Don't forget to book your tickets for the performances with Mrs Lloyd!
Simon Lea
Academy Head

Barnby News

Dates for your diary
09/12/2025 - EYFS/KS1 Nativity 2.00pm
10/12/2025 - KS2 Winter Warmer Event 2.00pm
11/12/2025 - EYFS/KS1 Nativity 2.00pm
13/12/2025 – Christmas Fayre
17/12/2025 – Christmas Dinner Day
18/12/2025 - Christmas Celebration at the Church
19/12/2025 - Last day of term
Christmas Holidays
05/01/2026 - Staff PD Day
06/01/2026 - Children return to School

Please remember to check Arbor for any outstanding payments that may be overdue. Any problems, please contact Kathy in the office. Thank You.

Message from Miss Forster – Juniper Class

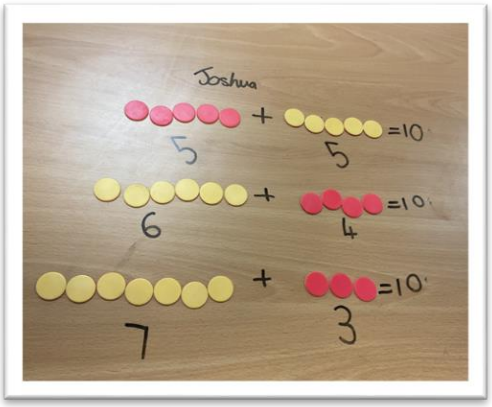
On Tuesday, as part of our weekly class assembly, Juniper Class enjoyed celebrating National Games and Puzzles day. The children took risks completing different puzzles through the form of letter unscrambling to make different types of animals, completing code breakers with different symbols substituted for letters, colour patterns with missing pieces. The children then worked as teams to solve different jigsaw puzzles as well. They showed great collaboration skills and patience.

This week, in writing, the children have been finishing their own version of the story of Finn MacCool. In the children's stories Angus the angry giant has played his own trick on Finn in revenge. The children decided that he could poison a cake or a pie and try to give it to Finn. In the end, the giants agree to stay apart with one living in Scotland and one living in Northern Ireland.

Message from Mrs Tilley - Hazel Class

This week we have carried on our theme of 'The three little pigs' in Hazel class. We have been learning the story through makaton. Using our drawing club sessions to draw different characters and scenes from the story and then having a conversation with Miss Knight about the way different characters look, how they made the houses and how the book made us feel. We have sequenced the story and begun to write phrases or sentences about the beginning, middle and end of the story. We have thoroughly enjoyed 'the three little pigs' and are looking forward to seeing what our next traditional tale will be next week.

In Maths, we have started to look at number bonds. The children learnt rhymes for each of the number bonds including '1 and 9, I feel fine' we included an action with each rhyme to help us remember them. We then moved on to using manipulatives to help us make our number bond calculations and find the answer.



Message from Miss Danks – Acorns Class

Another wonderful couple of weeks have been had in Acorn class. We have been super curious in our understanding the world learning about the polar regions and have asked and answered lots of interesting questions.

We are really enjoying acting out our Class story 'Ten Little Lights' and will soon begin to make props to support our performance.

In Maths we have continued exploring shape and learning to use mathematical vocabulary to describe the properties of 2D shapes. We have also used stories, games and songs to develop our understanding of positional language. We have identified lots of words that describe 'where' something is and have begun to use them ourselves.

Our rehearsals for our play practice are well underway and the children are doing a fantastic job! We can't wait for you to enjoy it with us!

Have a fantastic weekend!

Miss Danks

Message from Mrs Bramwell - Oak Class

A reasonably quiet week in comparison to the last couple which has given us an opportunity to rehearse our nativity with Acorn class. With less than two weeks to curtain up we are very excited to do the very best we can to tell the story of Christmas from the point of view of some twinkly stars. Everyone is doing so well learning their lines and remembering when to sing. Have you got your tickets yet? Don't be disappointed - request them early to avoid missing out!

In other news our Year 2 children took part in the Speak Out, Stay Safe workshop led by the NSPCC. The children learnt about the importance of speaking out if something is happening to them they feel sad about. We talked about which trusted adults we could talk to and learnt the telephone number for Childline. For games and activities visit the website https://www.childline.org.uk/toolbox/buddy-zone-under12service/

Message from Mrs Hall – Willow Class

This week we have been eggsellent scientists and participated in an eggsperiment to see the affect drinks have on our teeth. The children were fascinated by what we found. I'm sure the children can tell you all about what they found.
In English, we are publishing our descriptive narrative. I am looking forward to reading their creative writing.

It was assessment week and the children have shown excellent determination and resilience. Well done Willow class.

Message from Miss McCloskey - Chestnut Class

This week in Chestnut Class, we had a special visitor from the NSPCC who delivered the Speak Out Stay Safe workshop. We learned all about how to keep ourselves safe, the importance of speaking out if something feels wrong, and the

trusted adults we can talk to if we ever need help. The session helped us understand that our voices matter and that everyone has the right to feel safe.
Later in the week, we got creative by making our Christmas footprints for our “Walking in a Winter Wonderland” themed display. We painted the bottoms of our feet, carefully made our footprints on paper, and then decorated them with sparkling glitter to make them look magical and festive. It was messy, fun, and a lovely way to get into the Christmas spirit!

Message from Mrs Sharman and Pupil Parliament

Engages with debate, being a Respectful Active Citizen, Participation and Responsibility were the learning characteristics shown at the first Trust Pupil Parliament meeting last week. We met up with other Trust schools to discuss the new focus “Understanding Biodiversity and what we can do to support this in our schools”. Our new Pupil Parliament already have ideas around this. Over the next few weeks, they will be creating a PowerPoint about this to share with our pupils in assembly, before putting their ideas into motion. It was lovely to see them confidently sharing their thoughts and ideas about Biodiversity with the other adults and pupils from our other schools.

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 0800 917 1109 (24 hours). If the matter is urgent because a child or vulnerable adult is in immediate danger, phone 999.

Safeguarding Children