



Barnby & North Cove Primary School

Newsletter

16th January 2026

Message from Mr Lea

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a great start to 2026!

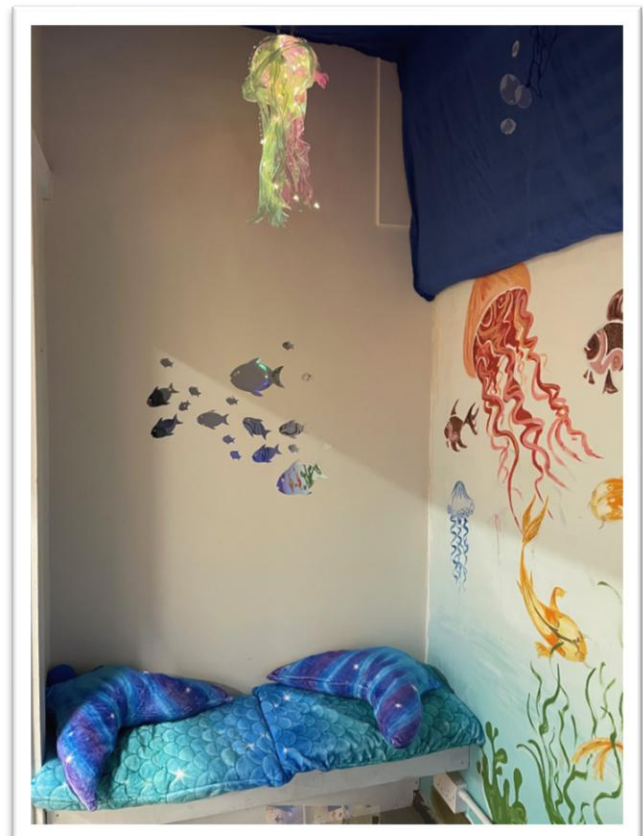
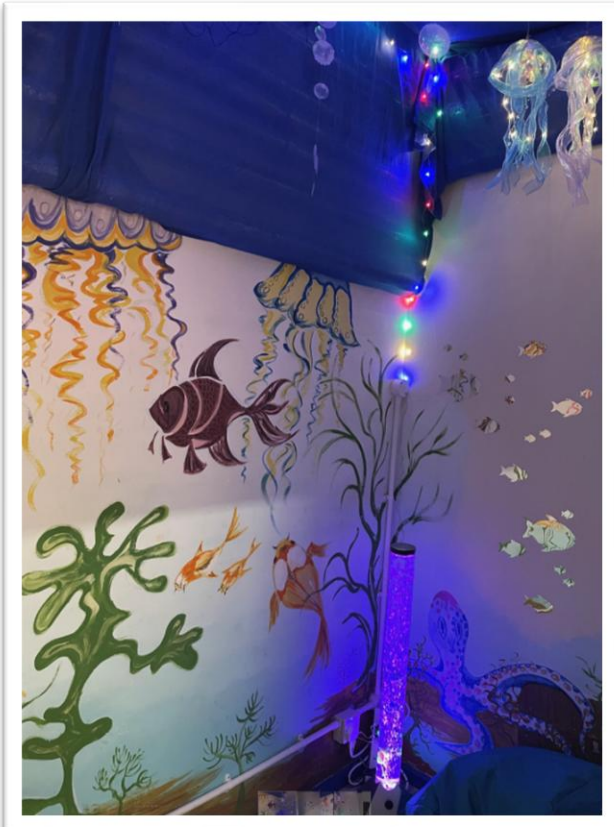
We have had a very positive first two weeks and the children have shown a real enthusiasm in classes. We are continually welcoming visitors into school, and they comment on how well the children are engaging in class.

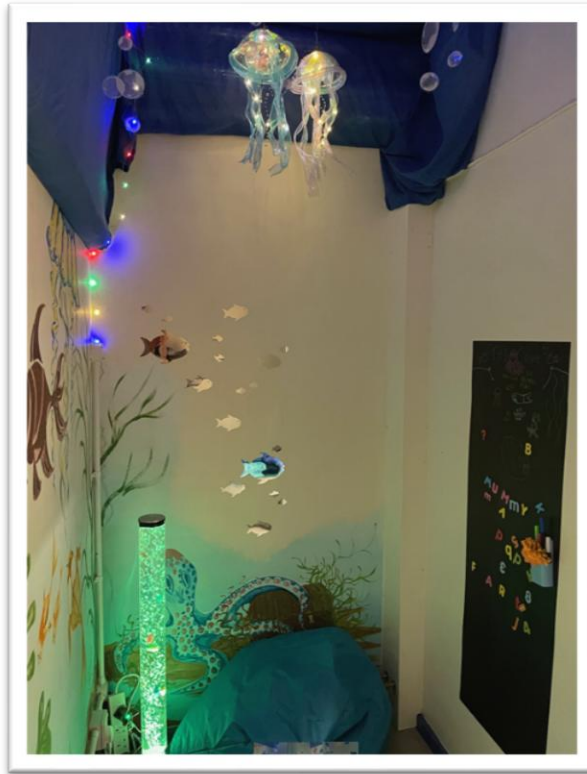
This makes me extremely proud of the team of adults that I work with, who are always looking for creative learning opportunities for our children. This can be seen in the wonderful after-school clubs that have been organised this half term.

In the next few weeks we have our First Aid Training, led by the East Anglian Air Ambulance team. This is a great opportunity for pupils to develop their knowledge and understanding of how to cope in an emergency.

At this point I would like to express my sincere thanks to our amazing PTA who have transformed 'The Cove' into a welcoming and inviting area for children to go to regulate or to have some quiet time by themselves. As you will see from the photos this is now a really calm environment.

Simon Lea
Academy Head





Barnby News

Dates for your diary

28/01/2026 - East Anglian Air Ambulance – First Aid Training – Years 1 to 6

28/01/2026 – Learn more with Mr Lea - Assessments

06/02/2026 – NSPCC Number Day

10/02/2026 – Y6 Basketball SJLHS 1.00pm-3.30pm

16/02/2026 – 20/02/2026 – Half Term

03/03/2026 - Y3 Kwik Cricket SJLHS 1:00pm – 3:00pm

05/03/2026 - World Book Day

11/03/2026 – Learn more with Mr Lea – Safeguarding

17/03/2026 – Parent Consultation Evening 1

19/03/2026 – Parent Consultation Evening 2

23/03/2026 – Y6 Quicksticks Hockey SJLHS 2.00pm – 4.30pm

Message from Miss Forster – Juniper Class

Juniper Class have started the spring term with focus and enthusiasm for their learning. The children have begun learning about fairytales where we have been learning about the key features. They have compared versions of the well-known tales of Hansel and Gretel and Little Red Riding Hood. It turns out that both stories can be quite gruesome - which the children have loved!

In the afternoon, we have been exploring magnets! This has included many different investigations, such as: How many things can you pick up at once with a single magnet? How many pieces of paper does a magnet work through? (It's 1080 pages or 6 exercise books, by the way.)

Further to this, the children were challenged to make a magnet maze which they could use magnets to move an object around. We had a plethora of obstacles for them to navigate around including lava, lakes, and trees. I am sure you will agree that their efforts are impressive.



Message from Hazel Class

This week we used the parachute to explore different emotions. We talked about feeling angry and the children had to think about what the parachute might look like if it was angry. They moved it up and down very quickly and could show what an angry face might look like.

We have also been reading a story called "You can't take an Elephant on the bus." We have learnt Makaton for all the animals and different modes of transport. In the picture the children are signing "monkey." We have also been doing lots of drawings and writing around the book which the children have engaged with really well. Well done Hazel class!



Message from Miss Danks – Acorns Class

In Acorn class we have begun learning about earth and space! The children are very excited about this topic and have come up with lots of interesting questions for us to explore. We have learned that our planet Earth has lots of different layers and that it has a core. We will continue our learning by beginning to learn about the other planets in our solar system. With this theme in mind, we

have also started learning our new class story, 'Whatever Next' by Jill Murphy. The children decided they also would like to have a picnic on the moon! So we have written a shopping list and will be rocketing into space next week!

In Maths we have been learning about 4 sided shapes. We have now learned how to name and describe the properties of lots of different shapes and found out that a square is actually a rectangle! We will be moving on next week to learning to recognise, count, subitise and compose the numbers 6-10.

As the weather continues to be temperamental can you please make sure your child has a warm coat, hat and gloves every day regardless of what the weather looks like in the morning. Waterproof clothing is also definitely a good idea as we like to get outside in all weathers!

Have a lovely weekend!



Message from Mrs Bramwell - Oak Class

Our week has been filled with lots of practical tasks this week, especially in maths where we have been challenging ourselves to add and subtract two, two-digit numbers. We have been using the tens and ones (base ten) to help us as they give us a great visual way of seeing the answer before we record it.

In art we are finding out about prints and patterns. On Wednesday we looked at different printed patterns exploring how they repeated. We then made collages of our prints adding our own patterns. We had so much fun - there was paper everywhere but we were amazing at tidying up after ourselves as well!

Just a quick reminder that the children no longer have outdoor learning so they will need to come into school every day except Thursday in school uniform. PE continues as usual on a Thursday afternoon with Mr Lea this half term.

Have a great weekend.

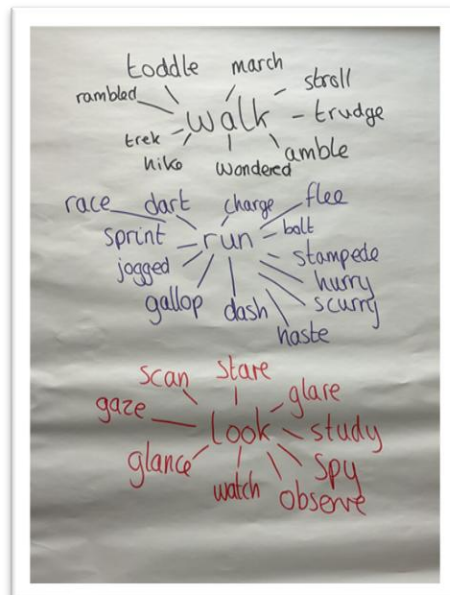


Message from Mrs Hall – Willow Class

In literacy, we have been working towards writing exciting story openers. We have practiced writing dialogue, ensuring we use the correct punctuation, and we had a fun classroom game of Tenable to see how many synonyms for the verbs, run, walk and look we could think of. It was a very exciting and sometimes nail-biting game!

In maths we have been using place value charts and counters to help us divide large numbers. We have been using our partitioning skills to help us divide each place value at a time.

In P.S.H.E we have been thinking about when we may need first aid, the types of first aid we may need and also how we can support someone who is unwell or injured.

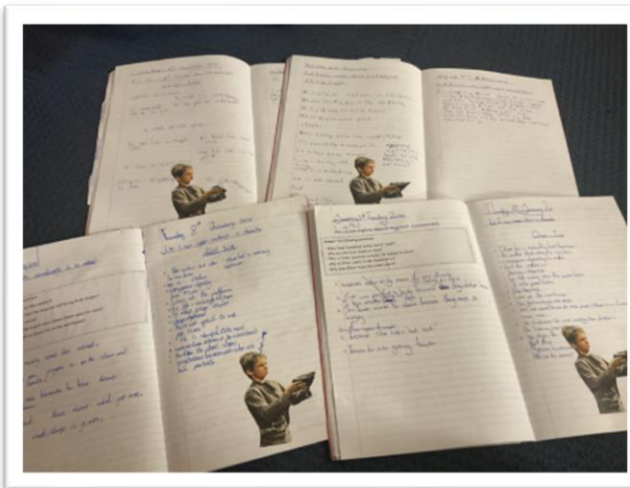




Message from Miss McCloskey - Chestnut Class

In Chestnut Class, we have been learning about Victorian events in history. The children created beautifully illustrated pieces of work to demonstrate the chronology of events, showing how different moments in the Victorian era fit together. Our big question this half term is "What was the Victorians' greatest legacy?" and the children have been enjoying sharing their ideas and opinions.

In Whole Class Reading, we have started *Oliver Twist* and have been accessing the novel in different ways, including through audiobooks and reading extracts. We have been completing character analysis activities — last week we focused on Oliver, and this week we have been learning more about the notorious Artful Dodger.



Online Safety Edition 1



We know that YouTube is very popular with children, but it is not designed specifically for child safety. Even when children are watching 'kids' content, there are still risks!

Key things to be aware of

- Content is not always well moderated
- The algorithm can push unsuitable trending videos
- Some videos share false or harmful information
- The comments section can allow contact from strangers
- Viral trends and challenges can be unsafe
- Scams commonly appear in comments disguised as 'free vbucks' etc

YouTube kids must be safe though... right? Unfortunately not. Inappropriate content is often sandwiched in the middle of a seemingly harmless video, leaving parents unaware if screen time isn't supervised.

What can you do?

- Talk regularly with your child about what they're watching.
- Encourage viewing in shared spaces.
- Use parental controls where possible.
- Reassure children they can tell you if something feels wrong.

Positive resources on YouTube

- Danny Go - Interactive brain breaks
- Hopscotch - Edu songs and videos
- Art for kids hub - Drawing tutorials
- Maddie Moate - How things work / vlogs

Safeguarding Information

The DSL (Designated safeguarding lead) for safeguarding in school is Mr Simon Lea. The ADL's (alternate designated safeguarding leads) are Mrs Kathy Lloyd and Mrs Claire Tilley.

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.

