



Barnby & North Cove Primary School

Newsletter

30th January 2026

Message from Mr Lea

Dear Parents and carers,

January ends tomorrow and, as a school, we have followed the ideas from the Roman God Janus.

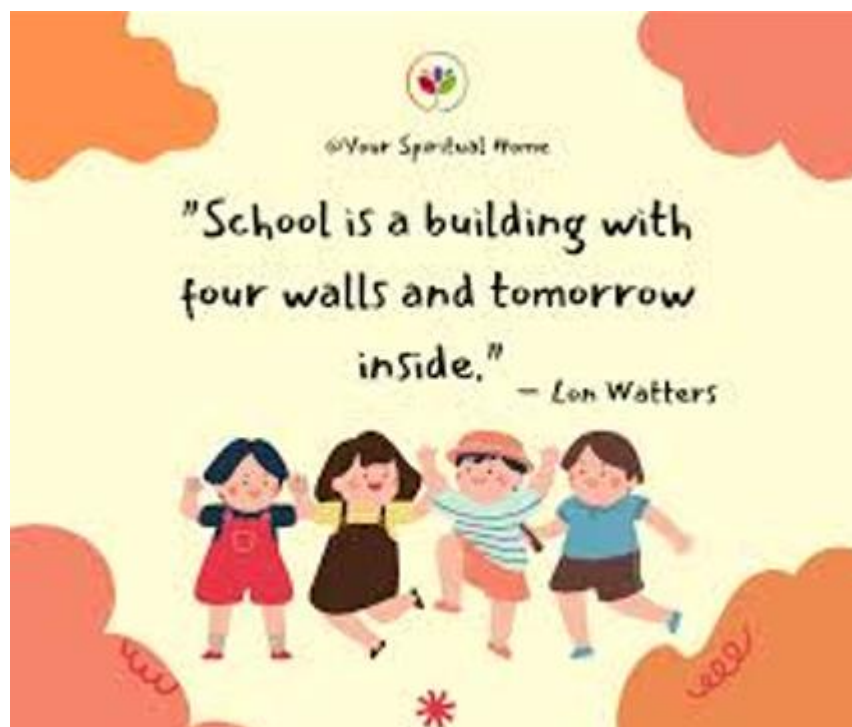
We have 'looked back' over the achievements of last term and celebrated the many successes we had.

As we have begun 2026, we have 'looked forward' by establishing emergency routines for our school, Key Stage 1 and 2 pupils have participated in Emergency First Aid workshops, planning for Sporting Competitions and of course organising Educational Visits for our classes.

Thank you to everyone who has already contributed to the WOW wall - if you have any more photos you wish to send in, please do.

It is important that we continue to push forward in our drive to make the best educational opportunities for every single pupil in our school.

A reminder for everyone....



Dates for your diary

06/02/2026 – NSPCC Number Day – **Oak/Acorns/Hazel - Dress as Numbers, Willow/Chestnut/Juniper - Dress as Rockstars**

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

What a busy week Juniper Class have had! There has been visits from the East Anglian Air Ambulance team for CPR training, we have started a new book in our English lessons, huge advancements in confidence have occurred in our maths learning and further investigations have begun in the topic of Forces!

On Wednesday, the children took part in a CPR workshop. The children listened intently, asked sensible questions and excelled in their practical skills. Ask your children why kids are better than grown-ups at doing CPR - they certainly were brilliant.

Our learning in class involves the new stimulus of the book, 'Around the world in 80 ways' which looks at a Miriam of forms of transport. Our subtraction study ends, as the children become confident in new methods which have become embedded in their practice this week. And finally, the week culminates in a sinking and floating investigation as the children continue to discover the wonders of forces in the world.



Message from Mrs Tilley - Hazel Class

This week in Hazel class we have started our new story in English. It is Emma-Jane's aeroplane. We have immersed ourselves in the story by learning the Makaton symbols for Emma-Jane, aeroplane and the different animals who join Emma-Jane on her journey. In the story Emma-Jane explores different cities around the world including Venice, Beijing and New York. We are going to dive deeper into these cities by cooking and trying food from their region. This week we went to Venice and made pizzas. We then shared our pizzas with our friends in Juniper class. Next week we are going to try noodles and prawn crackers from Beijing. We have also been completing our Drawing club sessions and drawn photos of Emma-Jane in her aeroplane and our favourite animal that joins her.

In Maths we have been learning all about subtraction and what it means to take away. We have found out that the number of objects we have gets smaller when we take away. We all had a teddy bears picnic where all the teddy bears, kept disappearing. In Topic, this week we have learnt about what floating and sinking and conducted a simple Science investigation to find out which objects floated and which objects sank. We had lots of fun, working in small groups and getting very wet!



Message from Miss Danks – Acorns Class

In Acorn class we have been having a blast learning about space! We have joined baby bear on a picnic to the

moon, we have learned lots of interesting facts about the 8 planets in our solar system, we have explored magnetic forces to build an understanding of what gravity means and have even learned some Makaton through a song about space!

The retelling of our class story is well underway and we have been collaborative in our learning. We have sequenced the pictures in the story, drawn our very own story maps and are now taking it in turns to think of different ideas for actions, deciding as a team which work best for our story. We work together to build a group story map to help us remember the story when we are retelling it.

In maths we have been consolidating our learning of 5! We have counted, subitised and composed 5 in lots of different ways! Ask us at home the compositions we have found! We have also learned about 'one more' and 'one less'. We have used stories, games, rhymes and songs to help us add and take away 1 using numbers 0-10. We will be moving on next week to learning about mass and capacity!

Lastly if anyone has any cardboard or easily paintable junk modelling items please feel free to bring them in for us to create. As always if you need anything come and grab me at the beginning or end of the day.

Thanks,
Miss Danks



Message from Mrs Bramwell - Oak Class

It has been a very 'hands on' week this week with lots of practical activities on offer to further our learning.

After making electrical circuits with lemons last week, this week we used a battery pack to create a series circuit to light a bulb. It was good fun and we all worked together well to make the bulb light up. It was tricky at first because some of the batteries were not full of charge but it meant we had to do a lot of problem solving to work out why things were not successful.

On Wednesday morning the Air Ambulance team came into school and taught us how to do chest compressions just in case we might need to know one day. We all listened really well and enjoyed having a go at using the dolls to stimulate squeezing a heart.

In maths we have been using cubes to find equal groups - this is in preparation for our multiplication work that we will be learning over the next couple of weeks.

We have a large collection of PE hoodies and jumpers in the classroom that we can't seem to find the owners for. If you think you may be missing one let us know - we would love to rehome them.

Have a great weekend.



Message from Mrs Hall – Willow Class

Willow class have had an exciting week of activities. Wednesday was particularly interesting with a visit from the Air Ambulance crew to teach us about CPR and then in the afternoon we created our own Pudding Lane fire.

In English, we have started a new topic, writing instructions. We have been looking at the purpose, structure and language of instruction texts. It is important we study the text carefully before we begin writing one to ensure we have the skills to create a wonderful piece of writing.

In maths, we are continuing to study measurement and have been focusing on perimeters this week.

In science we are studying electricity and will be looking at how switches work.



Message from Miss McCloskey - Chestnut Class

This week in Chestnut Class we've been busy learning all about staying healthy in both body and mind. In PSHE, we explored the four pillars of health and talked about how things like sleep, exercise, nutrition and looking after our wellbeing all work together to keep us feeling our best. We tried a mix of active activities to get our bodies moving and calming, restful activities to help us relax and recharge, discovering how important balance is.

We also learned some very important life-saving skills. The children were introduced to CPR and practised the basic steps for helping someone in an emergency, as well as learning how a defibrillator works and when it might be used. Everyone showed fantastic focus and maturity, and we're proud of how confidently they took part in such important learning.



And finally.....

Thank you to our parents/carers who completed the Autumn Term questionnaire and we would encourage you to complete this Spring questionnaire which will help us to track the parent view across all our settings. If you haven't got involved yet or are a new parent within the Trust then please also complete the survey.

The results of the survey have been, and will continue to be, shared with Academy Heads and the Trust Board on a school by school basis and in time the cycle of surveys will provide us with a snap shot of where parents are and allow us to develop plans to respond to any emerging issues.

We would very much like to encourage you to complete the Spring Term survey by clicking on the following link [2026 Spring Term Parent View Questionnaire](#)

Please complete the survey by **Monday 2nd February 2026**



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 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 Lloyd or Mrs Tilley. 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.

