



Barnby & North Cove Primary School

Newsletter

24th April 2026

Message from Mr Lea

Dear Families

What a great start to the Summer term!

The weather has improved; the children are now on the field at lunchtimes - it really is great to see how well they all collaborate and work together to have a fun time!

Each week brings different events to our school, last week we had an iRock assembly, Orienteering event this week for Year 6 and next week the Mini Marathon.

We hope to see as many of you that can make it to our Mini Marathon next Friday. The event starts at 1:15pm and then after a 2 mile walk around the school grounds join us for our Celebration Sharing Assembly!

Thank you, as ever, for your ongoing support - it really does make such a difference to our school.

Barnby News

Dates for your diary

28/04/2026 - Y1/2 FA Shooting Stars Festival

01/05/2026 - Mini marathon

04/05/2026 - May Bank Holiday

05/05/2026 - Open Day

06/05/2025 - Y5 Rounders at Denes Oval

08/05/2026 - Learn more with Mr Lea

11/05/2026 - 17/05/2026 - SATS Week

18/05/2026 - Class photos

19/05/2026 - 21/05/2026 - Y5/6 Residential

23/05/2026 – 24/05/2026 – Scarecrow Trail

03/06/2026 - Y6 Boys/Girls Cricket at Denes Oval

05/06/2026 - Whole School visit to Benacre Estate

10/06/2026 - Y3/4 Athletics at SJLHS

11/06/2026 - Open Day

15/06/2026 - Y5/6 Quadkids Athletics at Denes Oval

16/06/2026 - Beccles Transition Festival at SJLHS

26/06/2026 - Year 5 and 6 Prom

26/06/2026 - Open Day

03/07/2026 - Sports Day

07/07/2026 - Y1/2 Racket Festival EPA 1.30pm

07/07/2026 - Y6 Leavers Afternoon performance

08/07/2026 - Y6 Leavers Evening performance

13/07/2026 - 16/07/2026 - Beccles High School Transition Days

Message from Miss Forster – Juniper Class

Juniper class have certainly been enjoying the sunshine of the summer term so far. With Miss Knight, the children have been thinking about the power of teamwork. Last week, the children were challenged to build a den as one group. The children demonstrated kindness and turn taking, as well as learning how to introduce an idea that they have had to another person in the group. The whole class did really well, especially when the final task was to dismantle their den!

Our Science topic began outside this week too! Our topic will explore materials and their different properties, so to begin, the children were given 'go and find it' cards and challenged to find materials on the field which matched the properties. Some were easier than others to find - after much searching, one child finally found a spotty leaf as ladybird hunting was taking a while.

Well done, Juniper for an exploratory start to the term!



Message from Mrs Tilley - Hazel Class

This week in Hazel class we have been very busy. In Maths we have been sorting shapes in different groups. We have also been learning the names of 2D shapes and matching the names to the shapes. In writing, we have been creating our own character and pet for our story and designing our own magnificent thing. We've also decided how our magnificent thing goes wrong and how our character would feel when it would happen. The next stage is to turn this into our very own story.

In the afternoons, we have started our new topic which is materials and the children have been curious with how different materials feel. We have sorted materials into groups using a Venn diagram and have made different objects using junk modelling which contained a wide range of materials.

Message from Miss Danks – Acorns Class

Another great start to the new term and the children have all settled back into their school routines beautifully. We have lots of exciting events to look forward to this term as we come to the end of the year so be sure to keep your eyes open for the dates to put into the diary, I will also try and keep you up to date with these on class dojo!

In our communication and language sessions we have begun sinking our teeth into our new class story 'Way Down Deep in the Deep Blue Sea' which the children are loving! We have talked about the different parts of a book, sequenced the story and have used the story to learn how to write a sentence which has gone swimmingly! The children are all very proud of writing their first full sentences. Everyone is joining in retelling the story verbally and we look forward to making up actions to accompany the story next week.

In Maths we have been focusing on the numbers 9 and 10. I am amazed at the incredible mathematicians we are becoming and even the nursery children are enthusiastic about sharing their knowledge of the different parts that make up the whole number. We continue to learn about parts of a whole and consolidate knowledge of number bonds to 10.

In our Understanding the World topic learning we have been learning about what the seaside was like in the past and have been comparing it to the present. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the enhancements to the outside sand pit area as they role play at the beach! We will be moving on to the effects of the sea on the land and the effects of humans on the sea in the coming few weeks.

In Art we continue to learn about different media and have moved on from observational drawings to understanding the difference between figurative art and abstract art; look out for us showcasing our first pieces in the celebration assembly!

We have some stay and play sessions coming up soon, these are for existing families and those thinking of joining the school and will take place on the following dates from 1pm until 3pm - All are welcome!

Wednesday 29th April

Thursday 7th May

Friday 15th May

Lastly can we please try and make sure that toys from home stay at home. We are beginning to have an influx of items brought in which end up getting smuggled into the classroom or on the playground and unfortunately we are beginning to have issues with items being broken and misplaced. If there is an extra special item, the children have been somewhere exciting, had something exciting happen at home or have moments they are proud of that they want to share or 'show and tell' then I will always want to promote this but if you could just pop me a quick message on class dojo to let me know that would be great. 😊

As always, any questions or concerns, my door is always open, you can pop in at the end of the day, send a message on class dojo or email the office whenever you need.

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Danks



Message from Mrs Bramwell - Oak Class

It has been another busy and enjoyable week in Oak Class!

In Literacy, we have been exploring the story *Coming to England* by Floella Benjamin. The children have been working together to build a whole-class story map, helping them to understand the sequence of events and key moments in the story. Alongside this, we have been learning about simple sentences and the differences between statements, questions and commands. The children particularly enjoyed creating their own actions to represent each type of sentence, which has really helped to bring their learning to life.

In Maths, we have been focusing on recognising and counting different coins and notes. The children have been practising identifying their values and using them in simple counting activities.

In Science, the class has been very excited to begin planting their bean seeds. The children have taken great care in setting these up and have been enjoying checking on them daily to observe any changes and growth. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm and curiosity develop as they watch their plants grow.

Well done to everyone for their hard work this week!

Message from Mrs Hall – Willow Class

Willow class have had a very experimental week. On Tuesday, we investigated the affect of a river stream on the landscape. We created our own river banks out of sand and poured water down a channel (our river) and observed how the river channel caused erosion, transportation of sediment and deposition of sediment.

In Science, we investigated the melting rate of ice in different temperature water. We had cold, warm and hot water, placed an ice cube in each and timed how long it took to melt. We used a bar chart to show our results.





Message from Miss McCloskey - Chestnut Class

This week in English, Chestnut Class have been working on making their writing more descriptive and engaging. We've been exploring the five senses to help bring our setting descriptions to life, thinking about what a place looks, sounds, smells, feels and even tastes like. We've also started using figurative language, like similes and metaphors, to make our writing more interesting. The children have been really collaborative, sharing ideas and helping each other to improve their work.

In Whole Class Reading, we've been focusing on dictionary skills and building our vocabulary. The children took part in a fun "speediest word finder" challenge, racing to find words linked to our text *Rhythm of the Rain*. We explored some lovely vocabulary like cascading, rapids, swell and drift. It was great to see everyone getting involved and enjoying the challenge.

In WCR and DT, we've been learning about rivers and the journey they take. The children used natural resources to build their own river models, thinking carefully about different features along the way. They then presented their rivers in assembly, confidently sharing what they had learned.





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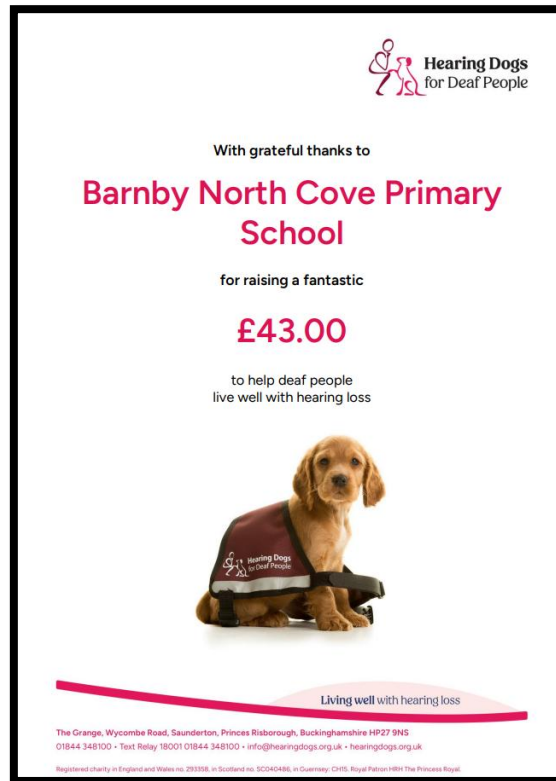
At the last online Trust Pupil Parliament meeting everybody was asked to design a logo that the Trust could use for Pupil Parliament emails and correspondence.

Here are our entries which have been submitted.

What a great effort they have made! There is also a prize for the winning logo!



Hearing Dogs



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 **0808 400 4005** (24 hours). If the matter is urgent because a child or vulnerable adult is in immediate danger, phone 999.

