



# Barnby & North Cove Primary School

## Newsletter

### 13th March 2026

Message from Mr Lea

Dear Families

Another week goes past so quickly, it is hard to imagine that this time last year I wasn't even at Barnby! It feels like I have been back for ages!

Our school goes from strength to strength and this week you will now have received the Mid-year reports for your children. We look forward to seeing you all next week at Parent Consultation Evenings on Tuesday and Thursday.

Next week is Comic Relief and children can come to school wearing Red or Pyjamas or both on **THURSDAY for a £1.00 donation.**

We have four classes out on Friday on Educational Visits. We are selling Red Noses too - £2 each - the only place you can get them that isn't online!

I would like to draw your attention to our Easter Service which takes place on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March at St Botolph's Church at 9:30am. We hope you can join us!

**Simon Lea**  
**Academy Head**



## Barnby News

### Dates for your diary

- 16/03/2026 - Year 3&4 Educational Visit to Sutton Hoo
- 17/03/2026 - Parent Consultation Evening 1
- 19/03/2026 - Parent Consultation Evening 2
- 20/03/2026 - Acorns/Oak/Broads Educational Visit to Bewilderwood/Happisburgh
- 19/03/2026 - Red nose day – GO BIG ON THE SILLY!
- 23/03/2026 - Y6 Quicksticks Hockey SJLHS 2.00pm – 4.30pm
- 24/03/2026 - Easter Egg Hunt
- 26/03/2026 - Easter Service at the Church
- 27/03/2026 - PTA Easter Bingo Event
- 27/03/2026 - Last Day of Term
- 13/04/2026 - Students return to school
- 26/06/2026 - Year 5 and 6 Prom

## Message from Miss Forster – Juniper Class

Yet another wonderful week of learning has happened in Juniper Class this week!

Last week, our maths focus was using formal units to measure length. Our learning culminated with the use of our of our favourite things - Rizzo! We used his ball flinger to throw the ball, where the ball landed was marked with a cone and we then used a long tape measure to measure in metres and centimetres.

Our learning remains based in measurement, but this week, we have moved onto weight. We have discussed the terms 'heavier', 'lighter', and 'equal' using balance scales. The children found objects around the classroom to demonstrate these. Further to that, we used weights to measure objects and used our arithmetic skills to add up the amounts: counting in jumps of 20, 10, 5, 2 and 1 to find the totals.

Brilliant practical skills all round!

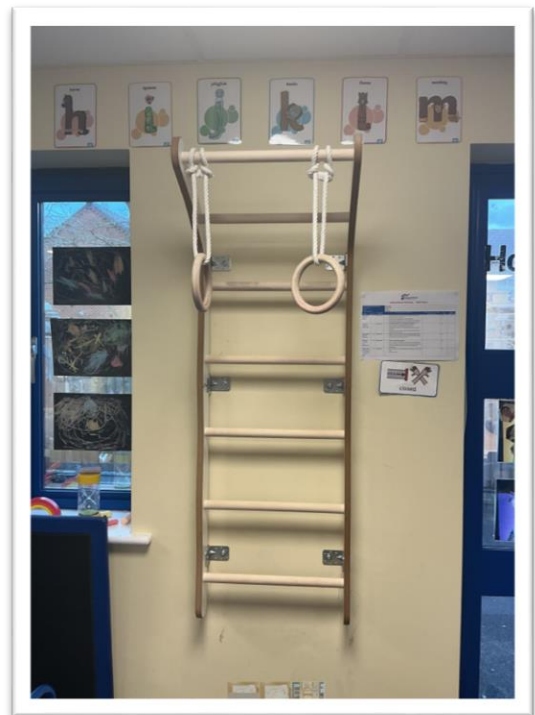


## Message from Mrs Tilley - Hazel Class

This week has been another extremely busy week in Hazel class. We have been planning our own version of Martha's Maps and deciding where our journey will take us and who we might meet along the way. We also created our main character and gave them a name and chose what they were wearing and what they needed in their rucksack for their adventure.

In Maths, we have moved onto capacity and have had a wonderful week using water for our learning. We have found out which container holds the most and the least as well as ordering the containers from least to most.

A very exciting new arrival has arrived in our classroom, which all our children have enjoyed exploring and finding ways to use. We now have a climbing frame attached to the wall for our children to hang from. This will develop their gross motor skills and strength and therefore develop their handwriting.





### Message from Miss Danks – Acorns Class

Another 2 fantastic weeks and we are well on our way with our class story text. We have explored new vocabulary, discussed different parts of a book and sequenced the text, joining in with the story as we go. We have now begun acting out the text and are excited to show you what we have learned.

In Maths we have been consolidating our learning of compositions of 6,7 and 8 and have been practicing finding the total of two amounts. We have also learned about doubles where the children build on their knowledge of finding a double by physically making them using manipulatives and building numbers using the pair-wise pattern on ten frames to help children to see the doubles. We encourage children to say the doubles as they build them, for example, “Double 2 is 4.” It is important for children to do this practically and say the double as they are making the representation rather than just reciting number facts.

World book day (and week!) was a definite high. The children thoroughly enjoyed the Julia Donaldson theme and the teachers loved spreading the joy to all of the other classes as teachers read to other classes and older children read to the younger ones. We most especially loved the catwalk in Acorn class, parading our outfits to music! please see our class dojo post for pictures!

In our 'Understanding the world' learning we continue to learn about where our food comes from and have planted carrots, different types of tomatoes and started a giant sunflower competition - with still more to plant after easter! The children will now learn what plants need to survive and will be learning to label the different parts of a plant.

Lastly our bug hotel afternoon went swimmingly! The children did a fantastic job of working collaboratively with their older peers, some even following a design. They chose their materials and built the most wonderful constructions; we can't wait to see the final product when they are all put together!





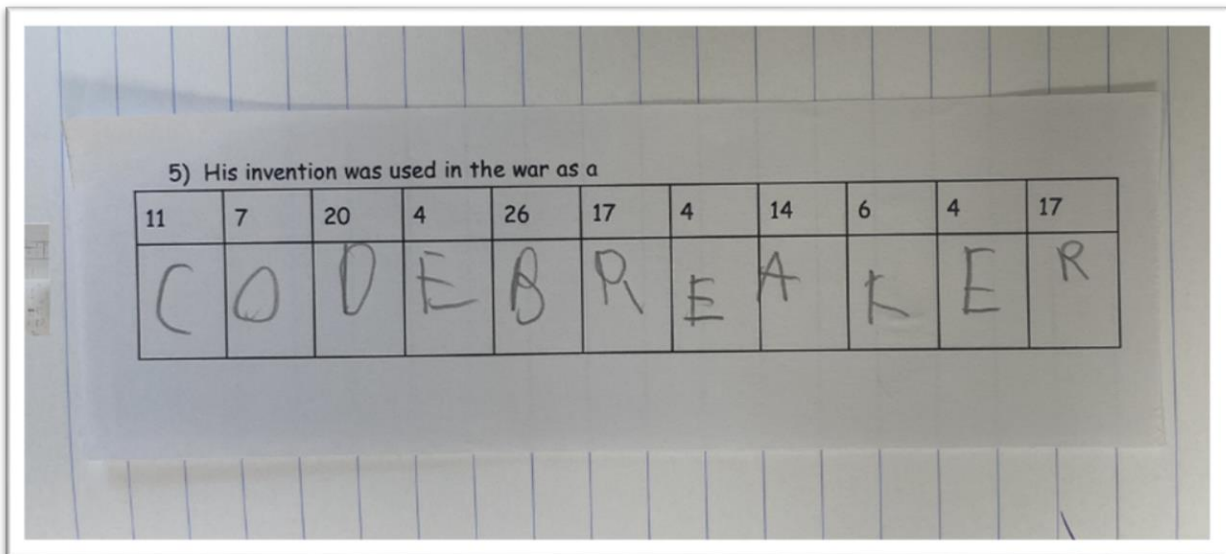
Message from Mrs Bramwell - Oak Class

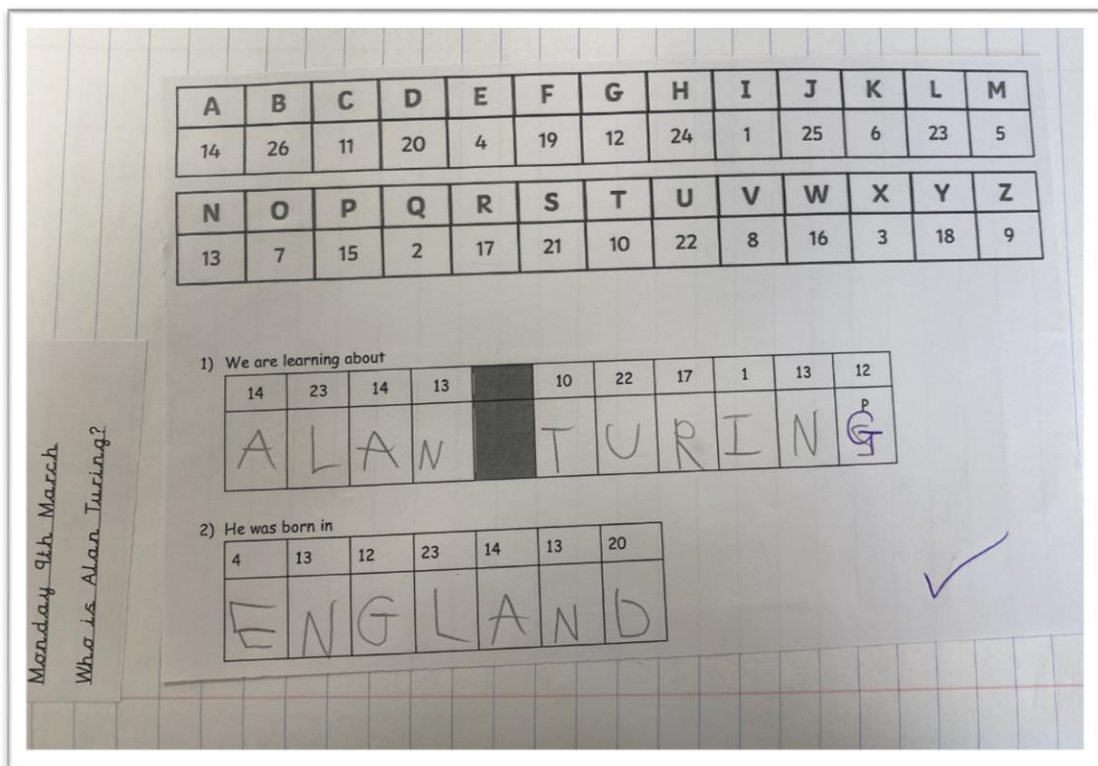
In history we have been learning about different inventors. We have learnt about Stephan Farfeler who invented the first self-propelled wheelchair, Alexander Graham Bell and the telephone, Thomas Edison and the electric lightbulb as well as James Dyson and his bagless vacuum cleaner. This week we learnt about Alan Turing who cracked the German enigma code during WWII creating his own machine and helping the allies win the war. We discovered that he is on the back of the UK £50 note because he is so important. We had a go at being a codebreaker using a secret code to find the answers to questions.

We have a busy week next week with Red Nose Day on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March and then our visit to the lighthouse on Friday. We are very excited about the visit to the lighthouse. Here is the video I showed the children about where we are going if you would like to know more.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m0008c0v/maddies-do-you-know-series-3-lighthouse-and-bathbomb>

Have a great weekend.



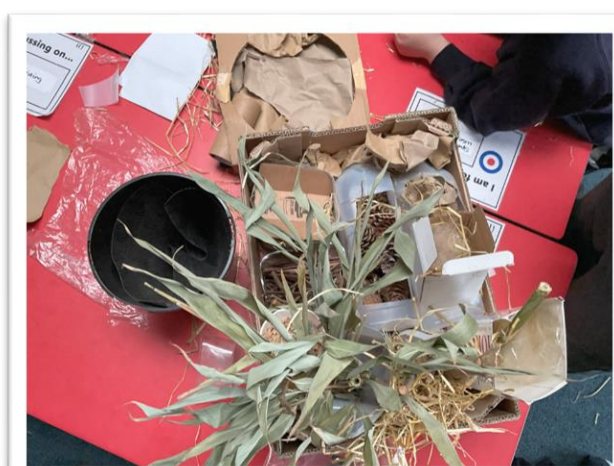
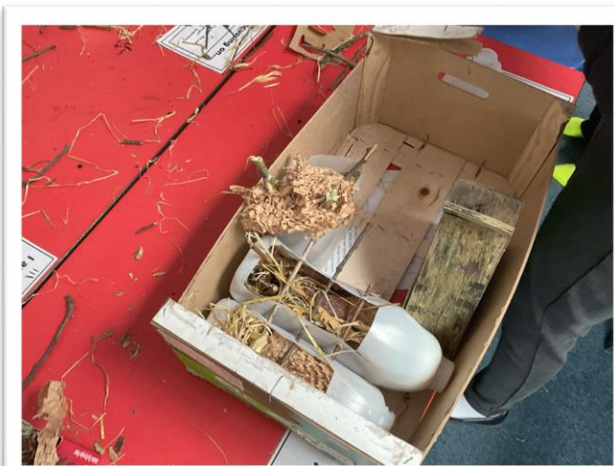


Message from Mrs Hall – Willow Class

Willow class are deep into publishing week, composing a diary entry of their experience in a flood. We have planned, drafted and edited and are now ready to use our best handwriting to show off our creativity.

We had a very exciting afternoon on Tuesday, creating bug hotels. Fun was had; almighty mess was made but it was worth it as the imagination and creativity seen that afternoon was amazing!! The children did their best to tidy up though and I may have clogged up the vacuum (don't tell our cleaner!) In maths, we are still investigating fractions and have just moved on to finding fractions of an amount. In history we compared modern day and 17<sup>th</sup> century firefighting methods and equipment.

**The Willow class fun and learning still hasn't slowed down for next week as we are all looking forward to our school trip to Sutton Hoo on MONDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> MARCH. Please remember packed lunches, water bottles and coats. Children will need to carry their things around so please ensure only essential items are packed in their bag: lunch, bottle, coat.**

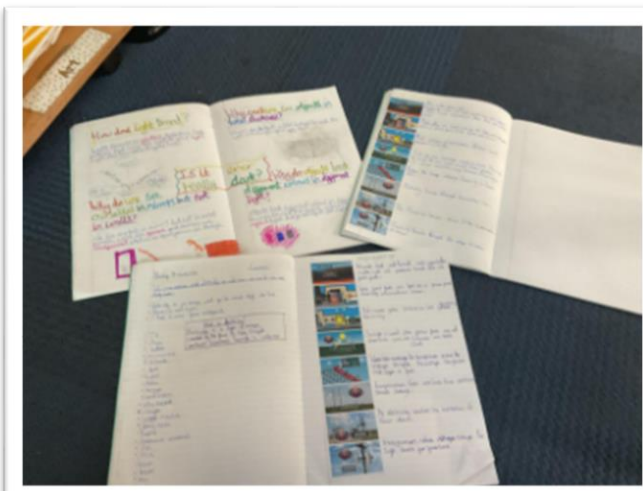




### Message from Miss McCloskey - Chestnut Class

This week in Maths, Chestnut Class have been learning about decimals and how to multiply and divide them by 10, 100 and 1,000. The children have worked hard to understand how the digits move place value columns when numbers become ten, one hundred or one thousand times bigger or smaller. We have also been focusing on presenting our work clearly, and Chestnut Class have made a great effort to improve the neatness and organisation of their maths books.

This week in Science, Chestnut Class have been learning about electricity and how it is generated from fossil fuels before travelling through power lines to reach our homes. The children explored how energy is produced at power stations and the journey electricity takes to power the devices we use every day. We have also been completing our beautiful double-page spreads to showcase our learning from last half term on the topic of light. The children have really enjoyed reflecting on what they learned and presenting their ideas creatively.



### Pupil Parliament

Pupil Parliament would like to say a big thank you for the wonderful range of resources that were donated for our Biodiversity project. We all enjoyed working collaboratively building bug hotels. Pupil Parliament are hoping to assemble them around our school grounds next week.



### 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](http://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.

