



Barnby & North Cove Primary School

Newsletter

3rd July 2026

Message from Mr Lea

Dear Parents

Only 2 weeks left and today we host our Sports Day – we hope you can join us from 12:45pm for a 1pm start – it should be a fantastic afternoon!

Please see the dates below for events before the end of term.

Staffing News

Unfortunately, I have some sad news for our school as I have to inform you all that Mrs Sharman will be leaving us at the end of this term. She has been involved with the school for over 30 years as a parent, volunteer and teaching assistant. Mrs Sharman is one of the most dedicated and caring members of staff that I have had the pleasure of working with. I know I speak on behalf of all the staff at Barnby and North Cove when I say she will be greatly missed. We wish her all the very best for the future and spending time with her family.

Also, I can tell you that Miss Forster is pregnant and will be expecting her second child in November. She will be in school in September before going on maternity leave.

We look forward to welcoming Mrs Bradford, Miss Graham and Mrs Rogan to our Teaching Assistants team in September.

From the Office

It is essential that all outstanding balances on Arbor are paid in full by the end of term.

If you have any problems or require any help, please contact Mrs Lloyd in the Office.

Please see the link to the Trust's Bad Debt Policy below which will be increase where there are balances outstanding:

[Bad debt procedure - please see pages 20-23](#)

And finally.....



Barnby News

- 03/07/2026 - Sports Day – Families to arrive from 12:45pm
- 07/07/2026 - iRock Bands Concert – 2:30pm
- 08/07/2026 - Y5/6 Evening performance – 6pm
- 09/07/2026 - Y5/6 Afternoon performance – 2pm
- 10/07/2026 - Chestnut Class – Pleasurewood Hills Trip
- 13/07/2026 - 16/07/2026 - Beccles High School Transition Days
- 14/07/2026 - 16/07/2026 - Sir John Leman High School Transition Days
- 14/07/2026 - Whole School Transition Afternoon
- 15/07/2026 - Acorn Graduation 2pm
- 17/07/2026 - Final Assembly starting at 1:30pm – Last day of term 😊

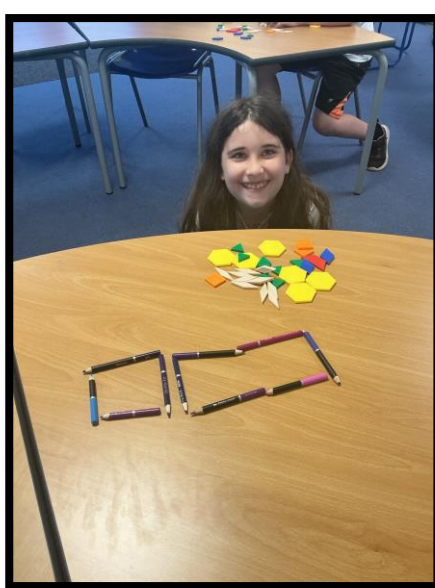
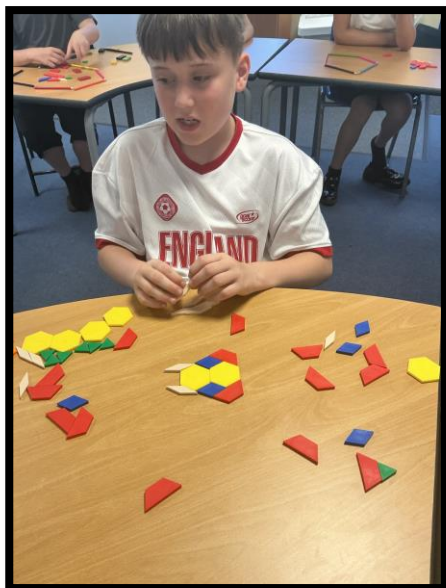
Message from Mrs Tilley and Miss Forster – Juniper/Hazel Classes

Last week, Hazel class were chosen to represent Barnby and North Cove at the Consortium Trust 10-year Anniversary performance at Thorington Theatre. The children rehearsed and rehearsed to make sure they knew what to do. It was a bit overwhelming when we arrived at the theatre and we all realised how big it was but getting to sit and watch for a while slowly and surely calmed us all (adults included down). Before the parents arrived, we got to take our drums onto stage and have a little run through. Then the performance started and all of Hazel class thoroughly enjoyed watching the other school's performances whilst waiting for our turn. When it was our turn, we headed up onto the stage and took our positions, all our nerves went away and every child did an amazing job, remembering all the drumming patterns and words to all 3 songs. We were all so incredibly proud of Hazel class and how well they performed and how much they enjoyed the whole day.



Inside the Juniper classroom, our final few weeks have been as busy as ever. The children have finished a unit on money in maths and have now moved onto learning about 2D and 3D shapes. This has involved building 2D shapes with lollipop sticks, doing lots of sorting and organising of shapes. Our writing is focused on the story of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl. The children have enjoyed exploring all of the characters so far and are excited to see what will happen to them.

At this time of year, it is hard to not become retrospective and look back at the year that we have had together in Juniper Class. We have learned about such varied topics together and the children's resilience has grown as their curiosity has taken over. The children have made such progress, both academically and socially and they should all be so proud of how far they have come. It is also, however, as sad time of year as we come to say 'Goodbye' to our five year six pupils who will be moving on at the end of the year - we will miss them all!



Message from Miss Danks – Acorns Class

Wow! What a busy and exciting couple of weeks we've had in Acorn Class! It's hard to believe we've only got two weeks left of the school year!

Our class story is coming together beautifully, and the children are so proud of themselves for becoming authors. We've written our story map, finished writing the story, and now all that's left is to practise telling it so we're ready to perform it at our Graduation Ceremony. We can't wait for you to see it!

In Maths, we'll keep practising composing numbers to 20 and the subtraction skills we have been learning, but we've also started learning about division. Luckily, I know plenty of delicious treats that might need sharing out to help us with our learning! The absolute highlight of the last two weeks has to be our trip to Africa Alive! The children loved seeing all of the animals we've been learning about in our Understanding the World sessions, and I don't think any of them wanted to come home! They were an absolute credit to the school; their behaviour was fantastic, and they represented the school brilliantly. In P.E we have been practicing for our sports day activities! Everyone is super excited and I know they are going to absolutely smash it!

Don't forget to keep an eye on ClassDojo for lots of lovely photos from everything we've been up to over the last fortnight. Just two more weeks to go so let's make them the best ones yet!



Message from Mrs Bramwell - Oak Class

What a fabulous year we have enjoyed in Oak class. We have learnt so much and made so much progress in our learning. Some of us will be going to new classes and schools while others will stay to be Oak Class 27 but the Class of 2026 has been amazing to teach and I've had a brilliant time with all of your young people.

Just a few stand out moments from the year for me include our Twinkl Nativity with all of our shining stars, our climb to the top of the lighthouse and the many wonderful moments we have shared in class.

Thank you for being such an amazing class and supportive families.

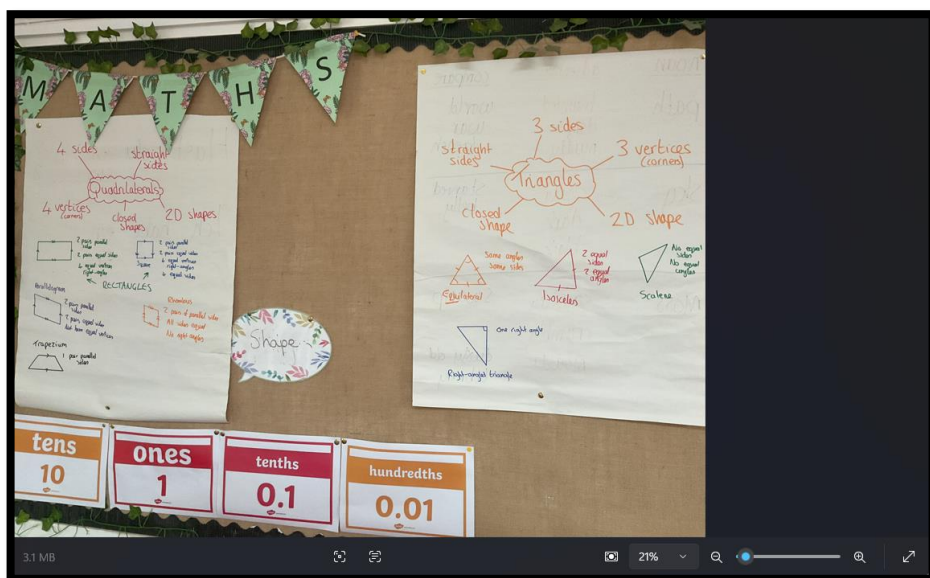
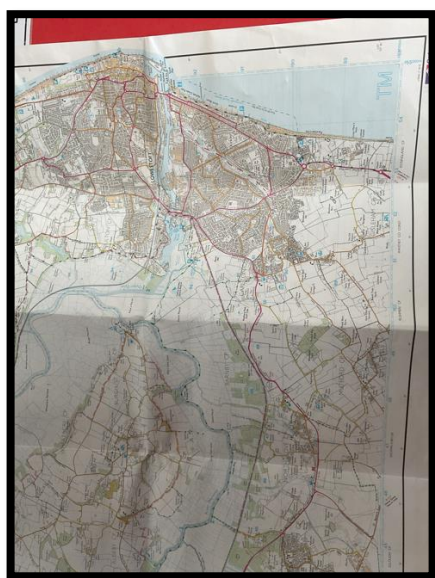
Message from Mrs Hall – Willow Class

This week some of Willow class took on an athletics challenge at Sir John Leman High school and did very well. They were very well behaved and determined to try their very best at all the games. We came home with a couple of medals as well, well done James and Archie. We were the smallest group but we didn't let that get in our way. Well done everyone!

In class, we have moved on to new topics in maths and literacy. Having completed our narratives we are switching to non-fiction and beginning to explore explanation texts. We started by comparing explanation, information and instruction texts to make sure we knew the difference.

In maths, we have finished money and have moved onto shape. We have just been discussing what a triangle and quadrilateral is. There are rules to remember of course, which helps us to identify each shape.

In Geography, we have been looking closely at maps and working on our map reading skills. Hopefully, you won't get lost as we can now find coordinates on a map, write our own coordinates for key features on a map and describe direction using compass points.



Message from Miss McCloskey - Chestnut Class

This week in Chestnut Class, we have been exploring food sustainability in D&T and thinking carefully about how our food choices can help reduce waste and protect the environment. We made our own delicious pizzas using a variety of seasonal vegetables, discussing why eating produce that is in season is often more sustainable. We also made a tasty vegetable soup using wonky vegetables, learning that fruit and vegetables do not have to look perfect to be nutritious and delicious. The children thoroughly enjoyed the practical cooking activities and were fantastic at working safely and cooperatively in their groups.

In English, we have proudly completed and published our non-chronological reports about dragons. The children worked incredibly hard to create informative reports, using exciting vocabulary, relative clauses, fronted adverbials and other features of formal report writing. It has been wonderful to see their creativity shine through as they designed their own unique dragon species while presenting their work beautifully. I am very proud of the effort and progress the children have shown throughout this unit.

Junior Road Safety Officers

We are really pleased to announce that at the annual Road Safety award ceremony at Endeavour House, Ipswich the Junior Road Safety team achieved a GOLD certificate.

Over 15 other schools were there, and the children took part in a question-and-answer panel, which they enjoyed.

The day was lovely and both Anya and Bradley were a credit to the school for their behaviour and attitude.

Well done Bradley and Anya. Your hard work over this year has shown, and we are all so pleased that we achieved the gold certificate.



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.

