



Barns Green Primary School

Newsletter dates

02.10.2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today I am doubling as Mrs Coxon as she is unable to be with us. This is a good opportunity to see the school run from a different perspective and I am sure we will all learn quite a bit from this experience!

A massive thank you to all staff who helped out at the Barns Green Run last Sunday. It was good to see so many familiar faces and we enjoyed helping out with the colour run. Although I have to confess that maybe white trainers were not the correct choice of footwear for me that day.

This was a great opportunity to strengthen community links, something we would like to continue to work on.

We are aware that there is most likely so much untapped talent out there within the community. This could be artistic expertise, or experience of music, drama, business or gardening etc.

We are always looking for ways to tap into opportunity and would be grateful for any thoughts and ideas relating to this. My door is always open and I'd love to hear of opportunities to enrich our school offer by tapping into what is around us locally. Please do bear this in mind, all suggestions welcome!

Have a great weekend.

Tracey Newbold



School Attendance

Thankfully some of the initial coughs and colds appear to be clearing and our school attendance is starting to improve. (It is now working its way through staff!) We do understand that some children have been particularly badly hit and have had a number of days off already this year. Hopefully this will balance out across the year. We look forward to seeing their attendance improve as the year progresses.

The importance of attendance is something I regularly communicate about. We are all aware of the important impact of strong attendance upon outcomes for education. We are also aware that as a school our attendance is worse than that at other schools. We need to continue to reflect upon why this is and take steps to address this.

How can you help? Please help us improve attendance figures by avoiding days off unless absolutely necessary. If a child is feeling poorly, we will always contact you on the day if we feel it is necessary.

Harvest Celebration

We are asking children to bring cans, packets and dried food to school on Monday 5th October to donate to the Horsham Matters food bank as part of our annual Harvest Celebration. A member of this organisation will be leading the assembly on Monday and sharing with the children the difference their donations can make to people's lives.



Thank you in advance for your generosity.



Show Racism the Red Card

The school are proud to be taking part in Wear Red Day on Friday 16th of October. Wear Red Day is the UK's greatest celebration of the anti-racist movement and a reminder that racism has no place in our school, community and society in general. We will celebrate this through togetherness, reflection and fun.

Horsham Library



Book Party!

Are you overdue some fun this half term? Join us at Horsham Library for a National Year of Reading book party you'll never forget! Why not come dressed as your favourite book character!



Mini activities include: Storytime, craft, pop-up Construction Club, Virtual Reality headsets, a character hunt, giant games, refreshments and more!

Thursday 29 October
10.00am - 12.00pm

This is a free event for ages 4 - 11 years, just drop in.

Parents and carers must remain with their child during this activity



Horsham Library
Lower Tanbridge Way, RH12 1PJ
01403 224353
horsham.library@westsussex.gov.uk

Barns Green Players Message

Come along and watch the wonderful Youth production brought to you by The Barns Green Players. Two of the directors are staff and there are former pupils taking the stage. Full of music, dance and a fun story. We look forward to seeing lots of you there 🐾



Scan QR code to book tickets

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YOUTH SHOW

SPEECH DAY

TEAMWORK
CONFIDENCE

MEMORIES
CREATIVITY



By Nigel Currie. Directed by Philippa Berry, Anne-Marie Nicholson & Laura Duda

16th & 17th October 2026: 7pm until 9pm
at Barns Green Village Hall, RH13 0PT

Tickets Only £7 for Adults and £5 for Concession
Book online: barnsgreenplayers.co.uk

Dates

October

Monday 5th – Harvest Festival assembly

Wednesday 7th – Year 3 & 4 Multiskills Festival at The Weald (selected children)

Friday 9th – Year 5 Christ's Hospital Theatre visit

Wednesday 14th – Reception '6 Weeks in' parents meeting 9.15-10am

Friday 16th – Show Racism the Red Card (children are invited to wear red to school)

Monday 19th – Whole school African Drumming workshop

Thursday 22nd – Yellow photos – Individual and siblings

Friday 23rd – Break up for half-term at 3.20pm

November

Monday 2nd – Children back in school

Wednesday 11th – Parent/Teacher consultations

Year R 2027 Open morning 9.15-10.00am

Thursday 12th – Parent/Teacher consultations

Year R 2027 Open afternoon 2.15-3.00pm

Tuesday 17th – Dormouse and Hedgehog trip to Bocketts Farm (letter to follow)

Thursday 19th – Year R 2027 Stay and Play session 3.30-4.30pm

Wednesday 25th - Year R 2027 Stay and Play session 3.30-4.30pm

December

Thursday 3rd December – Fox Class trip to Brighton (letter to follow)

Friday 18th – Break up

January

Monday 4th – Children back in school

February

Thursday 11th – Break up for half-term at 3.20pm

Friday 12th – INSET day (no children in school)

March

Thursday 25th – Break up

April

Monday 12th – Children back in school

May

Monday 3rd – Bank Holiday

Friday 28th – Break up for half-term

June

Monday 7th – INSET day (no children in school)

Tuesday 8th – Children back in school

July

Friday 2nd July – INSET day (no children in school)

Wednesday 21st – Break up