Barns Green Primary School

Newsletter dates

06.11.2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow, the children look amazing today! Thank you to everyone for taking part in Crazy Hair Day. This is a new fundraising event organised by The Friends of Barns Green (PTA) I am sure everyone has enjoyed this opportunity to let their creative spirit shine!

It has been a very positive week at school. The children have returned to school extremely well after the half-term break. On Wednesday we had two education advisors from the local authority spend the morning with us. They spent time in classes, watched teachers teaching and spoke to the children. I can honestly say that they came away impressed by what they observed. They spoke very highly of the quality of teaching, our high expectations for work and behaviour and the calm and purposeful environments in which children thrive. Our children spoke with confidence, enthusiasm and eloquence about their learning. We feel very proud!

I would also like to say a massive well done to those children in year 5 who have organised and run lunchtime clubs through the week. All groups have shown exceptional leadership and the younger children have really enjoyed taking part in a range of activities. A small sample of what has been on offer includes cartoon club, junk modelling and bracelet making. As part of this year 5's had to pitch their ideas to myself, advertise their club, talk to children during assembly and organise the setting up and running of the club. This involves a lot of responsibility and they have really shone!

I hope you have a very pleasant weekend.

Tracey Newbold



Attendance



Attending school every day makes such a difference to a child's sense of belonging and academic progress.

Please try to avoid taking time off from school unless absolutely necessary. Whilst we appreciate that coughs and colds are nasty, we would always encourage children to come into school, and we will phone you if they feel worse through the day. Of course, we do appreciate that there are times when a child is simply too unwell to come to school.

Anti- Bullying Week 2026

Here at Barns Green, we always take the matter of bullying seriously. We understand bullying to be unwanted, repeated behaviour that causes physical, emotional or psychological harm.

We monitor the children very carefully both inside the classroom and outside on the playground. All members of staff are vigilant and are trained in spotting issues before they escalate. I can say with certainty that the school is a happy place, that relationships between children are good and that when there are issues staff communicate and we keep a close eye.

Children do fall out from time to time. This is part of growing up and when this does happen, we use a restorative approach to encourage them to learn from the situation. We will communicate incidents with yourselves if we feel there is a need to do so.

Anti-Bullying week will be celebrated in school between 16th and 20th November. This year's theme is: Break the Silence.

We will be kicking this off on Monday the 16th asking the children to wear odd socks. Odd Socks Day is designed as an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique. This is also the theme for our PSHE unit this term.

Run Barns Green

It was fantastic that so many staff and pupils got involved with Run Barns Green this year. We have received a thanks from the organisation team for our help and support alongside a donation of £500 to the school.

Thank you to everyone who was involved.

Future Developments

After a lengthy process I am delighted to have received a grant to erect a permanent cover for the patio area outside of Hedgehog Class. This will allow the development of this outdoor space and allow us to meet the needs of all learners throughout the school day both inside and outside of the classroom. This is an exciting development.

Over half-term we also arranged to have the 'pond' area filled and flattened. In one sense it is sad to acknowledge that this space will not be utilised as a pond. However, it has never functioned effectively as a pond and the cost and safety requirements associated with using/ developing the area as it was intended were simply too great.

Moving forward we hope to develop the area as a quiet reflection garden and sensory area which will be used by the children on a regular basis.



Children in Need - Friday 13th November – Mufti Day

Harrison, in Otter class, will be selling Pudsey pin badges and wristbands before school next Friday. After school there will be cupcakes for sale and a lucky dip. Please bring your change and support this very worthy cause. All proceeds will go to Children in Need.

Thank you.

Help us create our Christmas Hampers!

We're collecting gifts and goodies to make up some amazing Christmas hampers to raise funds for the school.

We'd love donations of...



Wine



Condiments & treats



Candles & home luxuries



Toys & games



(including Fishers Farm vouchers!)



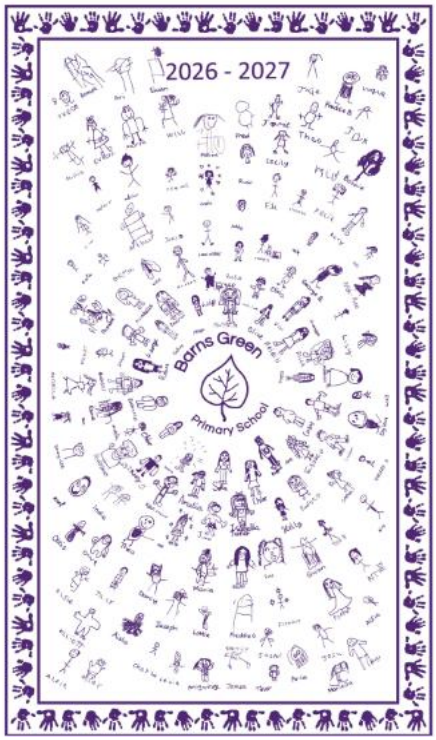
Please bring your donations by **Thursday 20th November**



and leave them in the "Friends of Barns Green" basket outside the school.

Thank you for your support!

Barns Green Tea Towels – Only £6.00 each



Tea Towel Order Form

Are you searching for the ideal Christmas present for grandparents, uncles, aunts and friends or would you just like a memento of your child's time at primary school? Friends of Barns Green are delighted to offer this beautiful tea towel featuring every child at the school's self-portrait as the answer to your quest. Please make your payment by BACS and send your completed order form into school (or hand in an envelope containing the order form and cash to the school office) and your tea towels will be sent home with your oldest child. Please see the order form attached to this email or fill in a form in the foyer.

Dates

November

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

Friday 13th – Mufti day for Children in Need - badges/wristbands and cupcake sale before/after school

Monday 16th – Odd socks day

Tuesday 17th – Dormouse and Hedgehog trip to Bocketts Farm

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

Friday 20th – Horsham Christmas Showcase – Barns Green Performance Choir performing

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

Friday 27th – Dormouse and Hedgehog drop and read 8.45-9.15am (please come in and read with your child if you can)

December

Wednesday 2nd – Otter and Squirrel trip to the Weald and Downland Museum

Thursday 3rd – Fox Class trip to Brighton
Otter class assembly at 2.45pm

Monday 7th – Rocksteady Christmas performance 2.20pm

Tuesday 8th – Nativity 2.30pm

Wednesday 9th – Nativity 9.30am

Friday 11th – Dormouse and Hedgehog drop and read 8.45-9.15am (please come in and read with your child if you can)

Monday 14th – Carol concert 2.30pm

Tuesday 15th – Carol concert 9.30am

Wednesday 16th – Easy Lunch Christmas meal

Friday 18th – Break up at 1.30pm

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