



Barns Green
Primary School
Newsletter

15.05.2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week our year 6s took their Statutory Assessment Tests, commonly known as SATs. These tests assess children in reading, maths, grammar and spelling. They are a useful measure of academic progress and attainment across the stages of primary education. Success indicates a very solid foundation for transfer to secondary school and readiness for the next stages of learning. They do not provide the whole story but they are important and as such all schools (along with Ofsted) take them seriously.

By the time the children take these tests here at school I can say that they are all well prepared and ready. Year 6 at Barns Green is about so much more than the tests but we would be doing the children a disservice if we did not thoroughly prepare them. It is important to thank everyone who has been involved in this process, and all those who have taught the children throughout their time here at school, every single year counts.

The children themselves were amazing this week. They handled the pressure admirably and each and every one of them tried their absolute best. We cannot ask any more from them. I was involved throughout and I have to say that I felt incredibly proud of the children. I hope they feel proud of themselves too. These tests were not easy. Maths paper 2 was particularly tricky and yet the children showed resilience and maturity in the way they approached the challenge.

Truthfully we cannot ask for much more of our children. Year 6 have most definitely earned a rest this weekend and I hope they relax and enjoy themselves. They have much to look forward to over these important last weeks at primary school, not least the PGL trip to the Isle of Wight and of course the Key Stage 2 play. Again, all important milestones as we prepare them for their transition to secondary school.

Well done year 6!

Warm wishes

Mrs Newbold

Parent Workshop

Parents often come to us concerned that their child is having outbursts or struggling with aspects of behaviour at home. Whilst this is often a normal part of childhood and parenting it is natural to feel concerned if this happens often. In response to this we are soon holding a parent workshop looking at emotional regulation and how to support children within the home.

This will be led by Debbie Cole who is our new Designated Schools Team lead. This will be a valuable time to get to know Debbie and an opportunity to get a further understanding of potential support that is available.

It is of course also a great time to get a coffee/tea and meet other parents!

Please do come along!

Riding Team

We now have a riding team and they have made a successful start representing the school and qualifying for Hickstead in August. Whilst the school is not directly involved, If you would like to join the team and represent the school please talk to me and I'll point you in the right direction!



Walk to School Week

We hope to see many of you walking to school next week as we celebrate Walk to School week!

Wouldn't it be lovely for the road in front of the school to be free of parked cars as everyone who can walk or parks at the Village hall and walks from there!

The weather is looking more positive next week so I hope we can rise to the challenge!!

I do hope everyone thoroughly enjoys the activities during the week, with funky footwear on Tuesday, riddles on the way and our picnic on the green on Friday!

Headlice

We have been informed of a case of headlice in the school. Please check your children and treat as necessary.

Friends of Barns Green Welcome

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to warmly welcome you to The Friends of Barns Green.

As a parent or carer of a child at the school, you are automatically a member of the group. Our aim is simple: to bring our school community together and help raise additional funds to enrich the children's experience at school.

The Friends of Barns Green supports a range of extra in-school activities, events, and resources that benefit all of the children. Thanks to the generosity and enthusiasm of families, we are able to provide opportunities and experiences beyond the school's core budget.

Our next major fundraising project is to provide shade sails for the classrooms, helping to create more comfortable outdoor learning and play spaces for the children during warmer weather.

We are especially keen to encourage parents and carers to take the lead on fundraising events and activities in smaller groups. Whether it's organising a coffee morning, quiz night, bake sale, sponsored event, or something completely new, we would love to support your ideas and enthusiasm.

The Friends of Barns Green already has the infrastructure in place to help make this easy — including a bank account for handling funds and the ability to provide a float for events where needed. You do not need to organise large events alone or join a formal committee to get involved; we hope lots of different parents and carers will feel empowered to run smaller events, team up with friends, and bring fresh ideas to the school community.

Every contribution, big or small, makes a genuine difference to the children's experience at school, and the more people who get involved, the more we can achieve together.

We are still collecting second hand uniform if your child has outgrown anything and will be having a sale soon!

Finally, if you are able to use Easyfundraising to do any of your day to day shop then please put the school as your chosen fundraiser! It's free for you to use and raises money as you shop.

Thank you for your support, and we look forward to working together to make even more wonderful things happen for the children.

With best wishes,

Friends of BG

Run Barns Green

Run Barns Green is on 27th September 2026 and we would love to have a sponsored Barns Green Primary School squad running in the half marathon, or any of the shorter races, to raise funds for the children at the school. If you are in training – or were thinking of starting – and would be willing to gather sponsorship, please leave your name at the school office by half term. If there are enough volunteers, we will set up a support squad and send you sponsorship forms. If, like me, you are not competing in Run Barns Green, please consider sponsoring those who do!

Friends of Barns Green Primary School.



Dates

May

Tuesday 19th – Funky Shoesday - Pupils are invited to wear their most colourful, decorated, or "funkiest" shoes for their journey to school! Whether it's neon laces, mismatched boots, or custom-decorated trainers

Wednesday 20th – Hedgehog Class assembly 2.45pm (all parents/carers welcome)

Friday 22nd – Dormouse and Hedgehog Drop and Read 8.45-9.15am – CANCELLED

The Walking Bus - Staff and families will meet at the Village Green (8.30am) to walk together as a group to the school gates.

Whole School WALKOUT - To celebrate the end of the week, we will hold a whole school "Walkout." At **11:30**, all classes will head out together for a symbolic walk around the village green to champion active travel and road safety. **This will end with a whole school picnic for just children and staff. Please ensure your child has a packed lunch for the day!**

Chance to Shine cricket

Break up for half-term at 3.20pm

June

Monday 1st – INSET day (no children in school)

Tuesday 2nd – Children back in school

Friday 5th - Chance to Shine cricket

Sunday 7th – Wednesday 10th – PGL residential for Yr 5 and 6 children

Tuesday 9th – Messy Church in Village Hall after school

Friday 26th – Sports Day (afternoon)

July

Thursday 2nd – Fox Class trip to Hever Castle (letter to follow)

Friday 3rd - INSET day (no children in school)

Monday 6th – Dormouse and Hedgehog classes trip to West Wittering (letter to follow)

Thursday 9th – Otter and Squirrel classes trip to Bignor Roman Villa (letter to follow)

Tuesday 14th – Messy Church in Village Hall after school

Wednesday 22nd – Break up for summer holidays

September

Tuesday 1st- INSET day (no children in school)

Wednesday 2nd - INSET day (no children in school)

Monday 21st-Wednesday 23rd – Yr 6 Bikeability – Level 1 and 2

Thursday 24th – Yr 5 Level 1 Bikeability