



Newsletter

17.04.2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to school and to the summer term. It has been lovely to see everyone looking so enthusiastic on the gates each morning and I hope that you and your families have enjoyed the break over Easter. The children have certainly updated us with tales of enjoyable times with friends and families alongside eating lots of chocolate!

The summer is always one of my favourite times here at school. Not only are we able to make the best use of our school grounds and spend more time on the field but this is a term where children often make accelerated progress. Classroom routines and expectations are well established, staff are able to focus upon high expectations and after parents' evening we are all able to concentrate upon those important next steps.

In a change from previous years you will receive a comprehensive summative report outlining your child's progress and attainment in July. We are dedicated to ensuring that every child flourishes both academically and personally whilst at Barns Green and recognise the impact of working closely with parents and families to ensure this happens. It is important that we all have high expectations for our children so that they have the very best start in life. As always we value your support and partnership.

I look forward to an extremely busy term and to hearing about and celebrating the children's achievements.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Newbold

School Uniform

Most of the children have returned to school looking very smart. We are rightly proud of our school uniform and the sense of community it promotes.

Please note trainers are not acceptable on Non-PE days when smart school shoes need to be worn. Socks must be plain white, grey or black only.

PE day shorts and jogging bottoms need to be black. Children need to wear either plain grey hoodies or school hoodies.

Please do not allow your child to wear jewellery or nail varnish.

Please ensure that you check items are named and that the name is currently visible!!!

Swimming

Yesterday was the first swimming session for children in years 3 and 4.

It was a really positive start where children were assessed and grouped in terms of swimming experience and ability. This will allow for lots of tailored progress moving forward. Our children were exemplary in both behaviour and attitude.

Thank you to all parents for facilitating this. We really do appreciate your support. Ultimately it is the children who will benefit.

Puppetry

Following on from our successful theatre visits last term Key stage 2 took part in puppetry workshops run by the amazing team behind the BFG at Chichester Festival Theatre. During each session the children learnt puppetry skills and script work whilst thoroughly enjoying acting out parts of the story.

This successful event concludes our whole school focus upon Roald Dahl. We have been thrilled by the children's engagement with the arts, the impact of this is clearly demonstrated through some fantastic pieces of writing.

This forms part of our work towards the Art Mark. This term we will be working towards a celebration of culture through the medium of dance and exhibiting related artwork as part of the Petworth Arts Festival. Exciting times with more information to come...

World Cricket Day

We are pleased to be taking part in World Cricket Day on Thursday 23rd April. Please can all children wear their PE kit to school.

Support for Families

The Household Support Fund (HSF), which has provided support for residents experiencing financial hardship, ended nationally on 31 March 2026. This fund was provided by the UK Government and distributed by councils across England. From 1 April 2026, the Government introduced a new program called the Crisis and Resilience Fund (CRF), which will be administered locally by West Sussex County Council.

If you experience financial difficulties families may now contact the Community Hub for support and advice.

- [Online](#)
- By phone: **0330 222 7980**

The Community Hub is open 09:00 - 17:00 seven days a week (except Bank Holidays, when the service operates between 10:00 - 14:00).

Free School Meal holiday vouchers

Under the Household Support Fund, West Sussex County Council has previously provided holiday food vouchers for all children eligible for Free School Meals. **The Easter 2026 school holiday voucher scheme was the final round of universal FSM vouchers funded through the Household Support Fund.**

Opportunity



ORCHESTRAS INC.
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Orchestras Inc. is our inclusive SEND music group, open to children and young people with additional needs from 8 yrs to 25 yrs. No previous experience required. Free to join!



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Orchestras Inc. is our SEND music group that is open to children & young people from 8 years old to 25 years with a parent or carer for support. No previous experience required. **Free** to join.

Come and join us to explore music through a range of instruments in a fun and creative way and meet other families.

Find your nearest Orchestras Inc. sessions

Worthing Music Centre, Bohunt School Worthing, 65a Broadwater Road Worthing BN14 8AH (A24)

Horsham Music Centre, Millais School, Depot Road, Horsham RH13 5HR

Go to www.westsussexmusic.co.uk/orchestras-inc for more information and to apply

MEET THE TEAM



Alison Sutton | Rania Rummery | Jo Eames | Anna Ryder

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Congratulations!

A special well done for a great start to the term to the following children...





CCTV cameras

We now have three CCTV cameras at the front of the school. One of these is inside the main foyer and two are on the front exterior walls. As members of the school community we are required to inform you that you are under surveillance.

Barns Green Primary School is the operator and data controller.

Dates

April

Thursday 23rd – World Cricket Day – whole school to wear PE kit

Friday 24th - Dormouse and Hedgehog Drop and Read 8.45-9.15am

- Otter and Squirrel Roman workshop

May

Wednesday 6th – KS1 Multiskills Festival at The Weald

Friday 8th - Dormouse and Hedgehog Drop and Read 8.45-9.15am

Tuesday 12th – Messy Church in Village Hall after school

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

Break up for half-term at 3.20pm

June

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

Tuesday 2nd – Children back in school

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

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

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