



Newsletter

23.05.2025

Dear Barns Green Families,

I have the fabulous job of writing the newsletter this week to celebrate the first Summer Term.

What a busy half term it has been, we held Fairtrade Day, Year 3 and 4 have started their swimming lessons, all the children have taken part in Chance to Shine cricket, and the Year 6s have completed their SATs!

We end our first summer term by celebrating "Walk to school week". It has been lovely to see so many families enjoying the daily riddles, puzzles and challenges. Thank you to all that took part in our walking bus this morning.

I am also delighted to announce that "Star Warts" will be the KS2 school production. The whole school has enjoyed practising the songs. I am sure lots of parents will have fun supporting the Year 5s and 6s to learn their lines.

We hope that all children and families have a restful and relaxing break.

Miss Bishop

Chartwells Survey

Chartwells would like your feedback about ordering school meals. Whether you are a service user or not, you can enter into a prize draw to win £100 shopping voucher.

Please click the link to complete the short survey.

<https://forms.office.com/e/7PCa7SZ0SF>

Seedlings



On 22nd April 2025, we celebrated Earth Day at school. Every child planted marigold and sunflower seeds and since then, they have nurtured them, watering them regularly, especially important in the current long, dry spell. In order for the seeds to survive over half term, we are sending them home. If you have a garden space or a larger pot, it would be helpful to transfer the seedlings to that so that they have more space to mature.

As well as being colourful, marigolds are usually planted in gardens to repel unwanted bugs like mosquitoes, cabbageworms and cabbage moths, add colour and give off a pleasant smell. They repel harmful microscopic worms called nematodes and attract ladybirds which will eat unwanted bugs. With marigolds present, there is little need for pesticides and many gardeners plant them in their vegetable patches.

Sunflowers grow very tall – it would be wonderful if you could send in a photograph of any sunflowers that grow to be taller than the child that planted them. Sunflower seeds can be eaten; they are a nutrient-dense snack that supports heart health, promotes hair growth, and aids in weight loss. They are rich in healthy fats, vitamins, and minerals, making them a great addition to a balanced diet. Sunflower seeds also help in lowering cholesterol and improving skin health. Sunflower seeds are more than just a snack!

Once your flowers have faded, you can harvest the seeds and grow more next year. Please do let us know if you have success with this.

Dawn Martin

1st Shipley Beavers

1st Shipley Beavers (6-8 Yrs old) and Cubs (8-10 Yrs old) have spaces available. If your son or daughter are interested in joining the fun, gaining confidence and being part of something special please contact Maria Woods 07771533349.

Dates

June

Monday 2nd – Children back in school

Thursday 5th - Year 3/4 swimming lessons

Friday 6th - Dormouse and Hedgehog Drop and Read 8.45-9.15am

Monday 9th – Messy Church (**at the village hall**)

Wednesday 11th – PTA fete planning meeting at Barns Green Social Club 7.30pm

Thursday 12th – Year 3/4 swimming lessons

Outdoor Learning day

Monday 16th – Otter and Squirrel trip to the British Museum

Tuesday 17th – Yr 6 Railway Roadshow Trip

Thursday 19th – Year 3/4 swimming lessons

Friday 20th - Dormouse and Hedgehog Drop and Read 8.45-9.15am

Thursday 26th – Year 3/4 swimming lessons

Weald Big Sing

Friday 27th – Sports Day (afternoon)

Monday 30th – Otter and Fox trip to Lodge Hill

July

Thursday 3rd – Year 3/4 swimming lessons (last session)

Friday 4th - INSET day (no children in school)

Monday 7th – Messy Church (**at the village hall**)

Year 6 swimming (details to follow)

Wednesday 9th – Year 5 Bikeability (details to follow)

Thursday 10th – Fox Class trip to Hever Castle (letter to follow)

Dormouse Class assembly 2.45pm

Friday 11th – Reports sent out

Dormouse and Hedgehog Drop and Read 8.45-9.15am

Saturday 12th – Summer Fete

Monday 14th – Year 6 swimming (details to follow)

Wednesday 16th - End of year production – Yr 6 and all of KS2 to attend - 6pm

Thursday 17th - End of year production – Yr 6 and all of KS2 to attend - 6pm

Monday 21st – Leavers' assembly (time tbc)

Tuesday 22nd – last day of term – break up at 1.30pm

September

Wednesday 3rd – INSET day (no children in school)

Thursday 4th – All children back to school