



# Barns Green Primary School

Newsletter  
28.02.2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and I hope the majority of you had an enjoyable half term. I know that there were a number of bugs going around and that unfortunately many of you were unwell. Let's pray today's sunshine is a positive sign of things to come!

The second half of the spring term is always a busy and important time for staff and children. It is a period where children are settled and can make accelerated progress towards their end of year expectations. Year 6 are highly focused and working towards their SATs. Currently, teachers are busy writing school reports. You will shortly receive these and have the opportunity to discuss them at parent teacher consultations in March.

In my role as acting SENDCO, I will also be available to discuss children on our SEND register at these evenings. If your child is on our SEND register you will have received the latest Assess Do Review plan which informs you of the targets your child is working towards.

We also have a number of special weeks and events coming up which I will outline below. Please do look out for further information, including emails and letters to ensure you know what is happening and can get involved.

Have a lovely weekend,

Tracey Newbold

## Book Week

Next week we will be celebrating World Book Day and holding book week. Our aim is to promote a love and enjoyment of reading with activities focused around this.

World Book Day, this year takes place on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March. On this day, we are asking children to come to school dressed in PJs for a cosy, reading centred day of activities.

We are holding - **Decorate a potato for world book day** - competition where we are asking children to decorate a potato as a book character. Please do get involved!

Judging will take place on Thursday with small prizes given to winning entries.

We are looking forward to an enjoyable week...





<https://www.worldbookday.com/families/>

### Get Safe Online Parent Information Evening

We are hosting this important event on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March with a start time of 6:30pm.

Refreshments will be available from 6pm in the community room should you arrive early.

This is a very important evening for us and we have arranged for an accredited speaker – Liz Stanton from the Get Safe Online project travelling to talk to you. She is an expert in this field and I am looking forward to a positive, helpful and informative evening.



Our focus will be around how to keep your children safe in the ever-changing world of online technology and communication. It will be relevant to all parents, including those of older children.

I do hope you will support this event. It will last for approximately an hour and a half and there will be an opportunity for Q&A.

In advance, there is a request for all parents to complete a questionnaire. We are currently adding this to Survey Monkey and you will receive a link early next week.

For planning purposes, it would be helpful if you could let the office know you will be attending.

### End of the day supervision

Please ensure that you supervise your children from the moment they are collected at the end of the school day. Whilst on the school property we respectfully ask you to reinforce our expectations for behaviour and monitor your children. This includes stopping children from going on the play equipment. We cannot supervise this equipment at the end of the day and for health, safety, and insurance reasons we insist that the children do not use school play equipment at pick up time. Thank you for your support with this.

### Memorable Experiences

We continue to be ambitious in our delivery of the curriculum and this week Fox Class (and myself) were visited by two wolves. This was awe inspiring and is already promoting engagement and purposeful writing experiences.



### Wraparound childcare

Plans for having this in place are moving forward with a start date of the beginning of the Summer Term. Please remember that this will mean that our current club and preschool provision will cease and we will transfer to Pioneer Child Care. I believe you will be able to begin to book from March 11<sup>th</sup>. Details TBC.

### Chartwells Food Tasting

We have noticed that there is low uptake of hot school meals and have communicated our concerns to Chartwells. As a response they'd like to invite you to this taster session in the hall:



## Chartwells Food Taster Session

**DATE Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March**  
**TIME 3.30**  
**All welcome**

Come and meet the Chartwells team  
 Ask us questions  
 Sign up to ParentPay to order meals.

The allergen team will be on hand to discuss medical diet needs  
 We cater for all dietary requirements.








## PTA News Update

School PTA Coffee Morning - 28 March, Queens Head pub ☕🍰

We are delighted that the Queen's Head pub are helping to support the school by hosting a coffee morning on Friday 28th March! Come along for a cuppa, cake, and a chat to raise funds.

How you can help:

- Raffle prizes: Please bring in any donations on Friday 21st March. A list of suggested donations will be displayed shortly.

- Cake donations: We'd love your delicious cakes on the morning of Friday 28th March. Please bring them to school and we will transport them to the pub, or bring them to the pub if you are able to attend.

Let's come together as a community! Please spread the word to family and friends. See you there!

## Diary Dates

### March

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> – Splash assembly

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> – World Book Day (children invited to wear pyjamas to school)

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> - Dormouse and Hedgehog Drop and Read 8.45-9.15am (please note change of date)**

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> – Messy Church

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> - Class photos

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Get Safe Online – Parent workshop 6.30pm

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> – Chartwells taster session 3.30pm

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> – Dormouse and Hedgehog Drop and Read 8.45-9.15am  
Reports sent home

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> – Parent/Teacher consultations

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> – Parent/Teacher consultations

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> - Coffee morning at the Queens Head pub

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> – Messy Church (final one at school)

## **April**

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Hedgehog Class assembly at 2.45pm  
Fox Class Science trip

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> - Break up for Easter holiday at 1.30pm  
- Easter Eggstravaganza

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Children back in school

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> – Year 3/4 swimming lessons to start (letter to follow)

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> - Dormouse and Hedgehog Drop and Read 8.45-9.15am

## **May**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> – Bank Holiday

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> - Dormouse and Hedgehog Drop and Read 8.45-9.15am

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> – Squirrel Class assembly 2.45pm

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> – Walk to School week

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Dormouse and Hedgehog Drop and Read 8.45-9.15am  
Break up for half-term 3.20pm

## **June**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Children back in school

## **July**

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> - INSET day (no children in school)

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> – Summer Fete