



Barns Green
Primary School
Newsletter
31.01.2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy week! I have spent a lot of time meeting with parents and families throughout the last five days. This is always valuable and it is an important opportunity to work together to support all children within the school.

Thank you for the positive response to last week's comments about unacceptable language. This will continue to be a focus for us and all the adults are aware of this. There is no place for unacceptable language within our school! We do appreciate your support with this at home.

We have welcomed a number of visitors into the school throughout the week. On Monday, the NSPCC ran workshops for children in years 2, 5 and 6. It is so important for children to recognise how to keep themselves safe and our association with the NSPCC provides an opportunity to reinforce important messages. Years 3, 4 and 5 have also worked with members of the local community this week. We have visited the allotments and heard members of the community talk about the importance of growing locally here at school. This supports learning in the topic - Seeds, Soil and Sunshine. (Looking forward to the sunshine!)

Next week we be thinking about Children's Mental Health Week and planning a number of activities to support with this. It is thought provoking to hear that research suggests that nationally 1-5 young people have a probable mental health disorder. Any work we can do to support children and young people with their feelings and behaviour is valuable. The focus of the week is choosing kindness. Something I wholeheartedly believe in.

Here at school our Mental Health Ambassadors are half way through their training and they will be speaking to the children next week all about this role and next steps.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the school disco tonight and thank the PTA for organising this event to brighten up the month of January!

Have a good weekend,

Tracey Newbold

Get Save Online – Parent Workshop

This important workshop is now confirmed and in the calendar. It is scheduled for 6:30pm on Monday 17th March.

It is being led by an expert in this field. The speaker is travelling a considerable way and uniquely is volunteering their time.

I do hope it will be very well attended, as this is such an important matter. I will confirm further details closer to the time.

Number Day

Mr Griffin is leading the school's participation in Number Day on Friday 7th February. Just to add to the fun we would like the children to come to school wearing a number or a representation of number on this day.

Car Parking and Safe Driving

Once again, this tricky subject has come to my attention. Please do park and drive considerately. When people park inappropriately or drive inconsiderately, they are endangering pedestrians including their own children and negatively affecting our neighbours. We all have a responsibility to do the right thing. Thank you to those of you who have brought this to my attention, we have informed the local police requesting further support.



An allotmenteer in action



NSPCC



Squirrel class investigating farms, landtypes and 6 figure grid references



Christ's Hospital open morning



We warmly invite the families of your current Year 5 pupils, who are considering secondary education in **September 2026** to our **Open Morning** on **Saturday 8 March 2025**.

Christ's Hospital was established over 470 years ago as a charitable school and is proud to maintain its founding principles and ethos. It offers an independent boarding education of the strongest quality to children with academic potential, from all backgrounds in a caring and supportive environment. Our means-tested bursaries are granted to **650 of our 900 pupils**; 11% of those receive a free place with 35% paying less than 10% of the full boarding fee. To book now sign up here > [Book an open morning - Christ's Hospital](#)

Diary Dates

February

Wednesday 5th – Splash Assembly

Friday 7th – Number Day – dress as a number

Monday 10th – Messy Church

Tuesday 11th – Fox Class assembly 2.45pm

Wednesday 12th – Dogs Trust visit

Thursday 13th – Break up at 3.20pm for half-term

Friday 14th - INSET day (no children in school)

Monday 24th – Children back in school

Thursday 7th – Wolf visit – Year 6

Friday 28th - Dormouse and Hedgehog Drop and Read 8.45-9.15am

March

Wednesday 5th – Splash assembly

Thursday 6th – World Book Day (children invited to wear pyjamas to school)

Monday 10th – Messy Church

Friday 14th - Dormouse and Hedgehog Drop and Read 8.45-9.15am

Class photos

Monday 17th – Get Safe Online – Parent workshop 6.30pm

Friday 21st – Reports sent home

Wednesday 26th – Parent/Teacher consultations

Thursday 27th – Parent/Teacher consultations

Friday 28th - Dormouse and Hedgehog Drop and Read 8.45-9.15am

Monday 31st – Messy Church (final one at school)

April

Thursday 3rd – Hedgehog Class assembly at 2.45pm

Friday 4th - Break up for Easter holiday at 1.30pm

- Easter Eggstravaganza

Tuesday 22nd – Children back in school

May

Monday 5th – Bank Holiday

Friday 23rd – Break up for half-term 3.20pm

June

Monday 2nd – Children back in school

July

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

Saturday 12th – Summer Fete