



Fawbert & Barnard's Primary School
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the end of the first half term. It has certainly been a busy one, and I hope you all enjoy a well-earned rest over the break.

As I write this, the Valentine's Disco is in full swing. I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to our Friends Committee for giving their time to organise this special event. The children always have a fantastic time, and we are very grateful for your continued support.

It was wonderful to see so many parents attend the recent parent consultations this week. I hope you found the meetings helpful in discussing your child's progress and next steps. Please remember that if you ever have any questions about your child's learning, you can contact their class teacher at any point during the year. Thank you also to those who attended the Tea and Chat session with me. It was lovely to speak with so many of you on a one-to-one basis. Your feedback is invaluable and helps us continue to grow and strengthen our school community.

I am delighted to share that our Reception class will be moving back into their newly refurbished classroom after half term. The children have shown great resilience while adapting to their temporary learning space. Thank you to both Reception and Year 3 parents for your patience and understanding during this time.

From next half term, the newsletter will be sent out fortnightly rather than weekly. We are also excited to share that we now have Instagram and Facebook pages, where we will post regular updates and showcase the wonderful learning taking place across the school. Please do follow us by searching for **Fawbertbarnards**.

There are many exciting activities planned for next half term, so please keep an eye on the diary dates for further information.

I wish you all a restful and enjoyable half term break, and thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Sophia Ovonlen
Headteacher

Achievements

Please see below for some of the achievements that were celebrated this week.

STARS OF THE WEEK	
Reception	Lola
Year 1	Josie
Year 2	Alfie
Year 3	Olivia
Year 4	Harley
Year 5	Dulcie
Year 6	Ella P
Numbots Cup	Year 1
Numbots Champ	Eima - Year 2
TTRS Cup	Year 5
TTRS Champ	William P



Academic Calendar 2025-2026

Spring Term 2026

INSET DAY: Monday 5 January 2026

Pupils Start: Tuesday 6 January 2026

Half Term: Monday 16 February - Friday 20 February 2026

Term ends: Friday 27 March 2026

Summer Term 2026

Pupils Start: Monday 13 April 2026

Half Term: Monday 25 May - Friday 29 May 2026

INSET DAY: Monday 1 June 2026

Term ends: Friday 17 July 2026

INSET DAY: Monday 20 July 2026

Please note that holidays requests during term time will not be authorised.

Dates for your diary

Spring Term 2025	
16 th - 20 th February Half Term Holidays	
23 rd February	Children return to school
23 rd February	After School Clubs start
5 th March	World Book Day
5 th - 10 th March	Book Fair
2 nd - 6 th March	World Book Week
6 th March	Friends - Mother's Day Sale
16 th March	Friends - Wonky Bar Sale
16 th March	After School Clubs ends
20 th March	Red Nose Day
20 th March	Learning Showcase (From 2.45pm)
23 rd March	Rocksteady Concert
23 rd - 27 th March	Science Week
26 th March	Easter Bonnet Parade Friends - Scavenger Hunt
27 th March	Last Day of term (finish at 1.30pm)
30 th March - 10 th April Spring Holiday	

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WORLD BOOK DAY

PARENT VOLUNTEER READERS NEEDED!



We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to:

- Come into school on World Book Day
- Dress as a favourite book character (optional but highly encouraged!)
- Read a short extract from a children's book (10–15 minutes)
- Talk briefly about why you enjoy reading

World Book Day (5th March 2026) is approaching and this year at Fawbert & Barnard's we are celebrating with the theme

“Characters Assemble!”

As part of the day, we would love to invite a small number of parents and carers to join us as Surprise Guest Readers.

This is a wonderful opportunity to help us promote a strong reading culture and show our children that reading is valued not only in school, but at home and in the wider community.

You do not need to be an expert reader or performer — enthusiasm is what matters most!

If you are interested in volunteering, please email the school office by Thursday 26th February with:

- Your name
- Your child's class
- The book you would like to read (if known)
- Your availability on the day

Thank you in advance for supporting us in making this year's World Book Day joyful, purposeful and inspiring for our children.

🌿 Our F&B Values 🌿



At Faubert & Barnard's, our values guide everything we do in the classroom, on the playground, and beyond the school gates.

They help our children grow into kind, confident, and responsible individuals who make a positive difference in their community and the wider world.

FAWBERT & BARNARD'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Parent & Carer Communication Flowchart

Helping you find the right person, first time

1. Learning Concerns

(Progress, attainment, classwork, behaviour for learning)

Start with → Class Teacher

They know your child best and will be able to resolve most issues.

If unresolved → Behaviour Lead: Miss Sansom

If still unresolved → Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Derriman

Next → Headteacher: Mrs Sophia Ovonlen

2. Pastoral / Emotional / Friendship Concerns

(Playground issues, friendships, wellbeing, possible bullying including discriminatory behaviour)

Start with → Class Teacher

If unresolved → Behaviour Lead: Miss Sansom

If still unresolved → Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Derriman

Next → Headteacher: Mrs Sophia Ovonlen

3. SEND Concerns

(Suspected or known SEND, learning needs, behaviour linked to SEND, access arrangements, reasonable adjustments)

Start with → Class Teacher

Then, SENCo – Mrs Derriman

Then → Headteacher: Mrs Sophia Ovonlen

4. Safeguarding Concerns

(Immediate safety, disclosures, neglect, abuse, welfare concerns)

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL): Mrs Sophia Ovonlen

Deputy DSLs: Mrs Deriman, Miss Sansom, Mr Downey, Mrs De Howes,
Mrs Hutchinson

For urgent concerns: Contact via the school office **immediately.**

5. Family / Home Support Needs

(Housing difficulties, finances, behaviour at home, routines, attendance challenges, parenting support)

Contact

Family Support: Mrs De Howes

or

DSL/Deputy DSL

6. Administration / Office Queries

(Invoices, ParentMail, school meals, trips, attendance, paperwork, forms)

Contact:

School Office Manager – Mrs Hutchinson

or

School Office Team

7. Concerns About Staff Conduct

Contact:

Headteacher – Mrs Sophia Ovonlen

If the concern involves the Headteacher → Chair of Governors

(Contact details available via school office)

8. Making Contact

Teachers and staff can be contacted via the school office:

Phone: 01279 429427

Email: Office@fawbert-barnards.essex.sch.uk

In person: Appointments can be arranged through the office

Our Promise

We aim to respond within **48 working hours** to acknowledge your concern and outline next steps.