



## Fawbert & Barnard's Primary School

Newsletter 1 || 05.09.2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new academic year! I hope you had a wonderful summer. Despite the very wet start yesterday, it has been a real joy to see the children return with such enthusiasm. Our new teachers are settling in well, and the whole team is looking forward to meeting you over the next two weeks. Please check the school calendar so you know when your meeting is scheduled.

This week, we also welcomed our new PE coach, Coach Marion. She brings a wealth of experience, and we are confident she will deliver high-quality PE lessons. Coach will be with us on Mondays and Fridays, running both lunchtime and after-school clubs.

Our staff-led after-school clubs will begin on Monday 22nd September. The response has been fantastic, with all clubs oversubscribed. Spaces have been allocated to accommodate as many requests as possible, and club registration will open again in the spring term.

Another area we are focusing on this year is homework. Thank you for completing the recent homework survey—it has been invaluable in shaping our approach. From Week 3, homework will go home on Wednesdays and be due back the following Monday. Daily reading and times tables practice will continue as usual.

Next week, we look forward to welcoming our youngest pupils. This year, we are especially delighted to have many new siblings joining us—please join us in wishing them well as they start their school journey.

A quick reminder: please ensure that every item of your child's clothing, as well as bottles, lunch boxes, and other belongings, are clearly labelled. We ended last academic year with nearly 100 unclaimed jumpers, and labelling makes it much easier to return lost items.

Finally, the school gates open at 8:40am for learning to begin promptly at 8:45am.

Wishing you a lovely weekend—we look forward to our first full week together next week.

Warm regards,  
Sophia Ovonlen  
Headteacher



## Achievements



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

STARS OF THE WEEK	
Year 1	Myla M
Year 2	Ronnie
Year 3	Ollie
Year 4	Olly
Year 5	Ben
Year 6	Darcey

Fawbert and Barnard's Prefects 2025-2026	
Head Prefects	Ella P and Billy B-D
Librarians	Amira, Lara and Millie
Fawbert House Captains	Darcey and Denny O
Barnard House Captains	Paris and Niamh
Gibberd House Captains	Buzz and Poppy
Moore House captains	Sophie and Robyn
School Ambassadors	Ella G, Denny G, Daisy, Olivia, Dylan, Lailah, Alba, Lola, Ilias, Freya, Ruby, Rosanna, Isla, Dominika, Billy, B, William P

# Congratulations!

# Academic Calendar 2025-2026

## Autumn Term 2025

INSET DAYS: Monday 1 & Tuesday 2 September 2025

Pupils Start: Wednesday 3 September 2025

Half Term: Monday 27 October - Friday 31 October 2025

End: Friday 19 December 2025

## Spring Term 2026

INSET DAY: Monday 5 January 2026

Pupils Start: Tuesday 6 January 2026

Half Term: Monday 16 February - Friday 20 February 2026

End: 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

End: 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

Autumn Term 2025	
1 <sup>st</sup> September	INSET Day
2 <sup>nd</sup> September	INSET Day
3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Pupils Return
8 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 1 - Meet the teacher @ 9.00am Multisport After School club starts
9 <sup>th</sup> September	WOW Day Year 2 - Meet the teacher @ 9.00am
10 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 3 - Meet the teacher @ 9.00am
11 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 4 Meet the teacher @ 9.00am
12 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 5 - Meet the teacher @ 9.00am Football After School club starts
15 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 6 - Meet the teacher @ 9.00am
16 <sup>th</sup> September	Reception - Meet the teacher @ 9.00am
18 <sup>th</sup> September	School Dinners Taster Sessions @ 3.15pm
22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Afterschool clubs start Year 6 Residential Trip
26 <sup>th</sup> September	Friends AGM / Macmillan Coffee @ 9.00am
29 <sup>th</sup> September	Recycling week
1 <sup>st</sup> October	Individual photographs
9 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 5 Livewire Workshop
13 <sup>th</sup> October	Food Bank Collection begins
16 <sup>th</sup> October	School Council Election Day
20 <sup>th</sup> October	No After School Clubs this week Black History Week
24 <sup>th</sup> October	Learning Showcase @ 2.30pm Last day of half term
Half Term Break: Monday 27 October - Friday 31 October 2025	

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Autumn Term 2025	
Half Term Break: Monday 27 October - Friday 31 October 2025	
3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Pupils Return Anti-bullying week Multisport After School club starts
5 <sup>th</sup> November	Odd Socks Day
6/7 <sup>th</sup> November	Poppies Sale
10 <sup>th</sup> November	After School club starts
11 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Day
12 <sup>th</sup> November	Autumn Book Fair Begins
19 <sup>th</sup> November	EYFS Open Morning
20 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need - Non-Uniform Day
26 <sup>th</sup> November	Autumn Music Concert @ 2.30pm
27 <sup>th</sup> November	EYFS Open Morning
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	EYFS Christmas Performance
4 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1/2 Christmas Performance
8 <sup>th</sup> December	No After School Clubs this week
9 <sup>th</sup> December	Non-Uniform day for Tombola
10 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Pantomime in School Hall Christmas Fair / Concert PM
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Young Carers Event Learning Showcase @ 2.30pm
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Rock Steady Concert @ 9.00am
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Fabulous Finish School finishes @ 1.30pm
Christmas Holidays: 19 December 2025 - Monday 5 January 2026	
5 January 2026	INSET Day
6 January 2026	Pupils Return

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