



Fawbert & Barnard's Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the end of our first week back! The half term has flown by, and it already feels like we were never away. It was lovely to see so many children taking part in Odd Socks Day.

Next week marks the start of our Autumn Book Fair. Please support your children in choosing a book. Weather permitting, the fair will be on the playground after school and will run for a week.

After-school clubs led by staff also resume next week, and we look forward to welcoming the children back. If you're unsure which club your child is in, please contact the school office to check.

This week, Reception have shared the first ever Class Corner. Do take a moment to read and enjoy what they've been learning.

Thank you for your generous harvest contributions. In today's assembly, we reflected on what we're thankful for, and the children shared three things that meant the most to them. Brace yourself, their answers may truly surprise you!

Have a lovely weekend.

Warm regards,
Sophia Ovonen
Head Teacher



Achievements



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

Champions	
Times tables Rockstar Cup	Year 3
Numbots Cup	Year 2
Times tables Champion	Dominika
Numbots Champion	Felicity (Year 2)

STARS OF THE WEEK	
Reception	Ida
Year 1	Philip
Year 2	Eima
Year 3	Mia
Year 4	Charlotte
Year 5	Robyn
Year 6	Amira



Year Reception Class Corner

Marvellous Me!

Since the start of the Autumn Term, Reception Class have been learning all about themselves and others! They've been talking about different families, unique features, and the many ways people live around the world.

In Science, the children have been exploring their amazing bodies, discovering bones, learning about the skeleton, and finding out what we need to stay healthy.

Music has been full of energy, with the class singing favourites like Days of the Week, Months of the Year, and a variety of nursery rhymes. In Art, they've been busy using different techniques such as finger painting, drawing, and creating portraits and leaf families using materials from the environment.

In English, Reception have enjoyed a range of wonderful stories – both fiction and non-fiction – including Dirty Bertie, Funnybones, Marvellous Me, Lighting a Lamp, and Handa's Surprise (our focus text for Black History Month). These books have helped us think about ourselves, our families, and our wider community. The children are also making great progress in their daily phonics sessions.

In Maths, they've been working on numbers to 10, patterns, and shapes found in their environment – building confidence in counting along the way! During PE, Reception have been practising throwing and catching, learning to work as a team, and cheering on their friends in group games.

It's been a fantastic start to their school journey, and we can't wait to see our Reception children continue to grow, learn, and shine.

Great job, Reception!





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

Term ends: 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

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

Autumn Term 2025	
10 th November	After School club starts
11 th November	Remembrance Day
12 th November	Autumn Book Fair Begins
17 th November	Anti Bullying Week
19 th November	EYFS Open Morning
20 th November	Children in Need - Non-Uniform Day
26 th November	Autumn Music Concert @ 2.30pm
27 th November	EYFS Open Morning
3 rd December	EYFS Christmas Performance
9 th December	Year 1/2 Christmas Performance
8 th December	No After School Clubs this week
9 th December	Non-Uniform day for Tombola
10 th December	Christmas Dinner
11 th December	Pantomime in School Hall AM Christmas Fair / Concert PM
12 th December	Young Carers Event End of term report out to parents Learning Showcase @ 2.30pm
15 th December	Rock Steady Concert @ 9.00am
19 th December	Fabulous Finish School finishes @ 1.30pm
Christmas Holidays: 19 December 2025 - Monday 5 January 2026	
5 January	INSET Day
6 January	Pupils Return
27 January	Year 6 Trip

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After school clubs - Autumn Term

Club	When 3:15- 4:15	Where
Football club	Monday	On the field with Coach Marion
Creative Club	Tuesday	Year 3
Choir	Wednesday	Year 4
Cooking	Wednesday	Year 6
Hockey	Wednesday	Main field
Netball	Wednesday	Meadow
Booster/Homework	Thursday	Year 3
Drama	Thursday	Year 4
Chess	Thursday	Year 5
Kungfu	Thursday	Studio

🌿 Our F&B Values 🌿

At Fawbert & 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.

Every week, we will celebrate children who show good examples of how to live out these values through their words, actions, and attitudes.



We show care and compassion to everyone.
Children are encouraged to speak kindly, include others,
and help those in need.

"We lift others up with our words and actions."



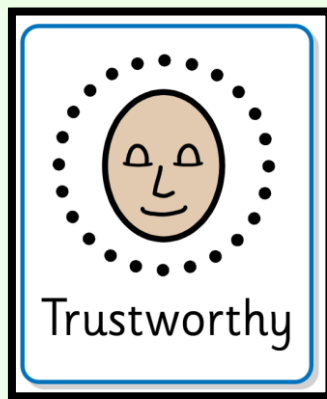
We treat everyone and everything with respect including ourselves,
others, and our school environment.
Children learn to listen, value different opinions, and take pride in their
surroundings.

"We show respect in how we speak, act, and care for our world."



We keep trying, even when things are tough.
Children learn that mistakes help them grow and that
perseverance leads to success.

"We never give up. We bounce back and learn from every challenge."



We do the right thing, even when no one is watching.
Children learn to be honest, reliable, and take
responsibility for their actions.

"We build trust through honesty and integrity."



We take ownership of our learning, behaviour, and choices.
Children learn that they have the power to make a positive difference
to themselves and to others.

"We build trust through honesty and integrity."