



Fawbert & Barnard's Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and exciting week at Fawbert & Barnard's! Today, we were delighted to welcome our local MP, who visited to support the children as they prepare for our upcoming School Council Elections. The children are really looking forward to taking part in this important event.

Our dinner tasting session was a great success—thank you for your feedback. The rice and curry proved especially popular!

A reminder that after-school clubs begin next week. These are a wonderful opportunity for children to develop their interests and skills. Clubs finish promptly at 4:15pm, so please ensure you collect your child on time. I have attached the full clubs list for your reference.

Please also remember to label all clothing, bottles, and lunchboxes, as our lost property box is already filling up.

Next week, on Thursday 26th September at 9:00am, we will hold the Friends of F&B AGM, alongside our Macmillan Coffee Morning. A new committee will be voted in, and we warmly encourage you to attend and be part of this important parent partnership.

Finally, a big congratulations to our Year 5 and 6 girls' football team, who represented the school so well at the festival today. They did brilliantly, winning two games, drawing one, and only narrowly losing two. We are very proud of them! Year 6 have also launched our Class Corner feature this year by sharing their wonderful learning with us.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Warm regards,
Sophia Ovonen
Headteacher



Achievements



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

Champions	
Times tables Rockstar Cup	Year 3
Times tables Rockstar Champion	Mia
Numbots Cup	Year 2
Numbots Champion	Meadow

STARS OF THE WEEK	
Year 1	Hudson
Year 2	Flo
Year 3	Rene
Year 4	Jayda
Year 5	Max
Year 6	Denny G

Congratulations!



Well Done Super Team!
We are so proud of you!

Year 6 Class Corner

Over these past few weeks, Year 6 swapped the classroom for the wizarding world as we enjoyed an exciting *Harry Potter Day*! The children arrived brimming with anticipation, ready to step into the shoes of witches and wizards for the day.

We began the morning with the famous Sorting Hat Ceremony. One by one, the Sorting Hat decided whether pupils would join Gryffindor, Hufflepuff, Ravenclaw, or Slytherin. There were squeals of delight and a few nervous giggles as children discovered their houses. Once sorted, everyone got straight to work designing and colouring their very own Hogwarts ties. Each house tie was worn with pride, and the classroom quickly became a sea of red, yellow, blue, and green.

Next, the children entered Potions Class. Using their imaginations (and some everyday ingredients with magical names!), they mixed bubbling brews, swirling colours, and mysterious mixtures. Some potions promised invisibility, others offered super-strength, and a few looked far too dangerous to try! The children had great fun inventing their own recipes and writing down magical effects for their creations.

In the afternoon, we headed outside for one of the most exciting parts of the day - a game of Quidditch! With hoops for goals, a quaffle to throw, and lots of running around, Year 6 really brought the wizarding sport to life. Each house cheered loudly for their team, and the energy on the pitch was incredible. Everyone played with enthusiasm, and there were some fantastic displays of teamwork, strategy, and sportsmanship.

Throughout the day, the children showed brilliant imagination, creativity, and cooperation. It was wonderful to see them so immersed in the world of Harry Potter - from proudly wearing their house colours to cheering their teammates on in Quidditch. The atmosphere was magical, and it's safe to say that Year 6's Harry Potter Day will be remembered as one of the highlights of the term.

In English, we will be using Harry Potter as inspiration to write our own magical story. We will be inspired by the characters and plot and hopefully will produce a sequel to Harry Potter.

We are all very excited as we prepare ourselves for our trip to PGL, which will be full of excitement and laughter!





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

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

Dates for your diary

Autumn Term 2025	
22 nd September	Afterschool clubs start Year 6 Residential Trip
26 th September	Friends AGM / Macmillan Coffee @ 9.00am
29 th September	Recycling week
1 st October	Individual photographs
3 rd October	SEN Workshop @ 2.30pm
6 th October	Maths Workshop for parents at 2.30pm
9 th October	Year 5 Livewire Workshop
13 th October	Food Bank Collection begins
16 th October	School Council Election Day
17 th October	Phonics workshop for parents at 2.30pm
20 th October	No After School Clubs this week Black History Week
24 th October	Learning Showcase @ 2.30pm Last day of half term
Half Term Break: Monday 27 October - Friday 31 October 2025	

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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

Dates for your diary

Autumn Term 2025	
Half Term Break: Monday 27 October - Friday 31 October 2025	
3 rd November	Pupils Return Anti-bullying week Multisport After School club starts
5 th November	Odd Socks Day
6/7 th November	Poppies Sale
10 th November	After School club starts
11 th November	Remembrance Day
12 th November	Autumn Book Fair Begins
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
4 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 Christmas Fair / Concert PM
12 th December	Young Carers Event 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 2026	INSET Day
6 January 2026	Pupils Return

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Safeguarding Update

Safeguarding is how we keep children safe, happy, and ready to learn. It means protecting them from harm, supporting their well-being, and helping them thrive. Our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) are Mrs Ovonlen, Mrs Derriman, Mrs Hutchinson, Mr Downey, Miss Sansom, and Mrs De Howes.

Every year, the government updates its guidance on Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE). Here are the key changes for 2025:

Putting Your Child First

What schools must do: Schools must always think 'child-centred' – focus on what's best for the individual child.

What this means for parents: Children's views and best interests are central to school decisions.

Early Help & Support Sooner

What schools must do: As soon as problems or worries show up (mental health, behaviour, home issues), support should begin.

What this means for parents: The school will offer early help and support before problems grow bigger.

Safe Person in School (DSL)

What schools must do: Every school must have a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) and deputy who coordinate safeguarding.

What this means for parents: A named safeguarding lead is always in place and available for safeguarding matters.

Online Safety Expanded

What schools must do: Schools must protect against risks like bullying, explicit content, misinformation and conspiracy theories.

What this means for parents: Children are protected and taught how to stay safe online, including spotting misinformation, fake news and conspiracy theories.

All Staff Trained

What schools must do: Everyone who works with children – teachers, support staff, lunchtime supervisors – must get regular safeguarding training.

What this means for parents: All staff are trained to recognise and respond to concerns appropriately.

Working Together

What schools must do: Schools must work with parents, health and social care. No one person can hold all the information – concerns must be shared quickly.

What this means for parents: Parents can expect timely communication and collaboration between school and relevant services when safeguarding concerns arise.