



Fawbert & Barnard's Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the end of our first full week back at school. It has been wonderful to see how quickly the children have settled back into routine and how much enthusiasm they have already shown for their learning. A special mention must go to our new Reception children, who spent time in school this week. They have embraced life at "big school" with such confidence, and we are all incredibly proud of the way they are settling in.

Thank you to everyone who attended meetings with your child's teacher—it was a pleasure to see so many of you. These conversations are such an important way to work together, so if you have any further questions or would like to follow something up, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

We're also excited to share a few updates from this term. Just before the summer break, Miss Moore travelled to Tanzania to work with a local school. She had a fantastic experience, and you can read more about her visit and see some wonderful photos on page 3.

This Monday, we officially launched My Happy Mind, a programme that helps children understand how their brains work and supports them in building resilience, confidence and positive mental health. We encourage you to explore the parent resources available on the app so you can continue this learning at home together.

From next week, we'll also be taking part in Snacktember, a fun initiative that encourages children to enjoy healthy snacks and make positive choices for their bodies. More information about how you and your child can get involved is included in this newsletter.

A gentle reminder: we've noticed some bikes and scooters being ridden once inside the school grounds, especially on the main playground. For everyone's safety, please make sure children get off at the gate and walk their bike or scooter to the stands. We want to keep our school environment safe and enjoyable for all.

Finally, on Thursday 18th September we will be holding our Dinner Tasting Session. Full details can be found on page 8, and we look forward to welcoming you there. We also have a number of parent workshops coming up this half term—please check the "Dates for Your Diary" page so you don't miss out.

We are excited for the year ahead and grateful for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend.

Warm regards,
Sophia Ovonlen
Headteacher



Achievements

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

Champions	
Times tables Rockstar Cup	Year 6
Times tables Rockstar Champion	Ella P
Numbots Cup	Year 1
Numbots Champion	Eloise

STARS OF THE WEEK	
Year 1	Ethan M
Year 2	Lois
Year 3	Teddy
Year 4	Roma
Year 5	Joanna
Year 6	Antonette

Congratulations!

Miss Moore's Trip to Tanzania

I spent several incredible weeks volunteering at a school in Tanzania, helping in a range of classes and teaching many subjects. The school needed practical support, so my friend and I—thanks to fundraising—fixed classroom and kitchen roofs, repaired walls, painted the exterior, and provided equipment like a printer, speaker, and classroom supplies. We shared so much laughter and learning with the students, teaching them new skills (including the Cha Cha Slide!) and joining in sports and games. The experience was unforgettable, full of joy, teamwork, and cultural exchange, leaving us inspired and grateful.



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 st September	INSET Day
2 nd September	INSET Day
3 rd September	Pupils Return
8 th September	Year 1 - Meet the teacher @ 9.00am Football After School club starts
9 th September	WOW Day Year 2 - Meet the teacher @ 9.00am
10 th September	Year 3 - Meet the teacher @ 9.00am
11 th September	Year 4 Meet the teacher @ 9.00am
12 th September	Year 5 - Meet the teacher @ 9.00am Multisport club starts
15 th September	Year 6 - Meet the teacher @ 9.00am
16 th September	Reception - Meet the teacher @ 9.00am
18 th September	School Dinners Taster Sessions @ 3.15pm
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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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.

School Dinner Tasting Session

Thursday 18 September
3:15 – 3:45 pm
School Hall

COME ALONG WITH YOUR CHILD/REN AFTER SCHOOL AND
TRY SOME EXCITING DISHES FROM OUR NEW WINTER
MENU (LAUNCHING AFTER OCTOBER HALF-TERM).

VEGETARIAN OPTIONS

Cheese Pinwheel
Vegetable Lasagna

MAIN OPTIONS

Chicken Curry
Beef Bolognaise

DESSERT SELECTIONS

Chocolate Brickwall
Gingerbread Biscuit
Oaty Fruit Crunch



Meet the Catering Team

Our friendly staff will be on hand to:

- ✓ Show you our portion sizes
- ✓ Answer questions about school meals
- ✓ Share more about our Winter menu

Snack better this September!

**Snack
tember**

EXPLORE BETTER SNACKING...

TRY NEW SNACKS...

MAKE YOUR OWN SNACKS!



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www.nutrition.org.uk/snack-tember-2025

Better snacking. One bite at a time.

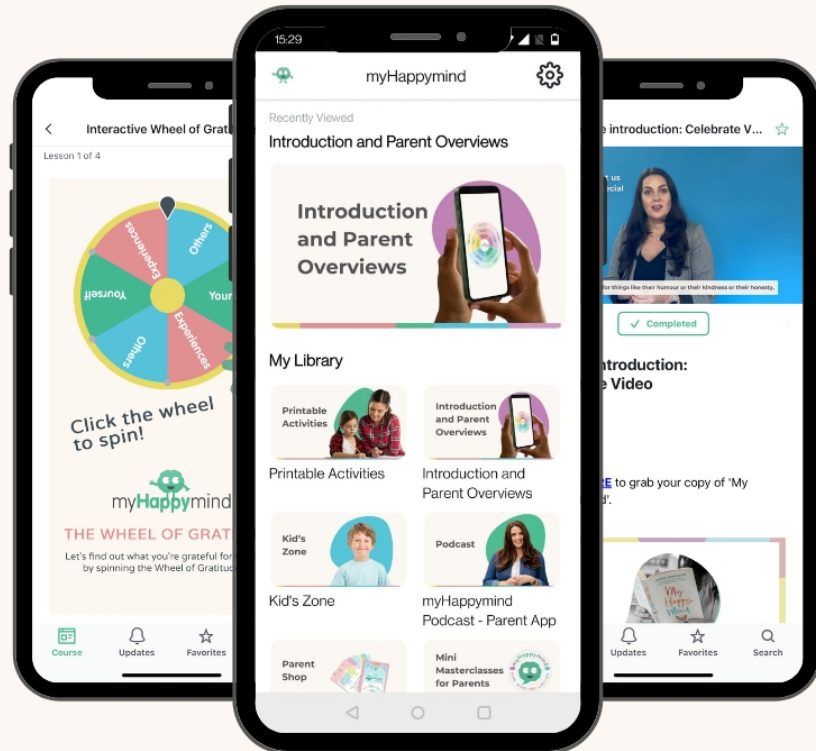
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