



Fawbert & Barnard's Primary School
Newsletter 6 || 10.10.2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the end of another busy and successful week at F&B! The children have all worked incredibly hard, and I hope they enjoy a well-earned rest this weekend. At the start of the week, we held our Maths Workshop for parents. It was enjoyable and informative for those who attended, and we hope to see even more of you at future workshops.

Looking ahead to next week:

- Monday 13th October: Our Food Bank Collection begins. We would be very grateful for any donations. Please place them in the main hall lobby.
- Wednesday 16th October: It's School Council Election Day! This is an exciting event for the children as they vote for their new councillors. We'll be using real ballot papers and a ballot box to make the experience authentic.
- Thursday 17th October: We will hold our Phonics Workshop for parents at 2:30pm. Please come along to see how we teach phonics and early reading as well as explore practical ways to support your child at home.

A few reminders:

- Bikes and Scooters: For safety reasons, please ensure that bikes and scooters are not ridden into the school grounds. We want everyone to feel safe while on the premises.
- Toys and Personal Items: We've noticed an increase in toys and pencil cases being brought into school, which has sometimes led to items going missing. Please avoid sending toys to school. Each class already has a range of fidget toys and stress balls available if children need them.

During our recent SEN Workshop, one discussion point was how we are refining our behaviour systems. Our vision as a school is to celebrate good work, positive behaviour, strong learning attitudes, and demonstrations of our school values. As part of this ongoing journey, we've included a feature (on pages 7-8) on our F&B Values and what they mean to us as a community.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Have a lovely and restful 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	Charles
Numbots Cup	Year 1
Numbots Champion	Jacob

STARS OF THE WEEK	
Year 1	Evelyn
Year 2	Beau
Year 3	Rene
Year 4	Ibadullah
Year 5	Ella
Year 6	Paris

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	
13 th October	Food Bank Collection begins
13 th October	Year 3 School Trip
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

Helping Children Spot Fake News

These days, our children see so much online—videos, posts, news stories—that it can be hard for them to know what's real and what isn't. Fake news and conspiracy theories can look very convincing, and young people can easily come across them while scrolling or gaming.

The best way to keep them safe is through simple conversations at home. You might:

- Ask what they've seen online and listen without judgement.
- Show them how to check if a story comes from a trusted source.
- Remind them that just because something is shared widely doesn't mean it's true.
- Reassure them that it's okay to ask questions if they're unsure.

A handy phrase children can remember is: **"Pause and check."**

Together, we can help children grow up confident in spotting what's fact and what's fiction online.

🌿 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.



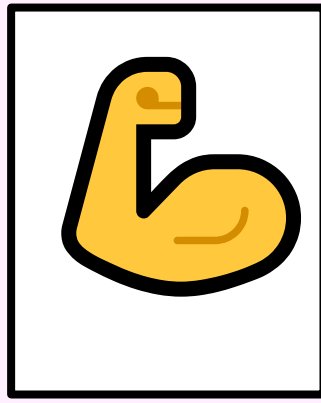
We show care and compassion to everyone. Children are encouraged to speak kindly, include others, and help those in need.

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



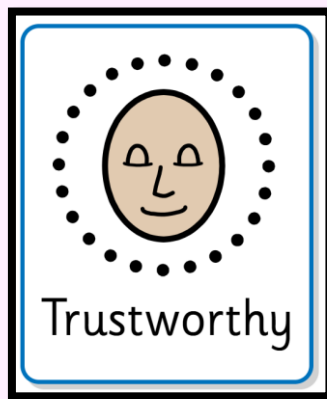
We treat everyone and everything with respect including ourselves, others, and our school environment. Children learn to listen, value different opinions, and take pride in their surroundings.

"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."



Trustworthy

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."



Responsibility

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."

AUTUMN TERM

THE ESSEX LOCAL OFFER SEND ROADSHOWS



Are you a parent or carer of a young person with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) aged 0 to 25? Do you want to know what support is available in your area? Come along to one of our Essex Local Offer Roadshows.

You can chat with teams from Education, Health and Social Care, as well as local support groups and activity providers.



The marketplace is free and there is no need to book. Children are welcome!



Drop in between 9:30am and 12:30pm



This term we are in Loughton, Burnham on Crouch, Brentwood and Harwich

Scan the QR Code for all the information, including dates and venues or visit the Essex Local Offer at:

<https://send.essex.gov.uk/i-think-my-child-needs-help/essex-local-offer-roadshows>



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