



Fawbert & Barnard's Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a positive week in school, despite the very chilly weather. We are hopeful for slightly warmer days next week!

This week we held our first EYFS Open Morning, and it was wonderful to welcome so many prospective families including some of our former pupils returning as parents. We are incredibly fortunate to have such strong interest in our school, and this is a reflection of the thriving community we have all built together. Thank you for your continued support.

Today's Children in Need celebration was a great success, with lots of children dressing up to support this important cause. Year 5 are featured in this week's Class Corner. This term, they have been working hard and we are pleased to share a snapshot of their learning with you.

To help strengthen communication between home and school, we have also included our new Parent Communication Flowchart, which clearly outlines who to contact if you have a question or concern. Thank you in advance for using this to help us respond to queries as efficiently as possible.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Sophia Ovonen  
Headteacher



## Achievements



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

Champions	
Times tables Rockstar Cup	Year 6
Numbots Cup	Year 2
Times tables Champion	Billy B-D(Y6)
Numbots Champion	Lois (Y2)

STARS OF THE WEEK	
Year 1	Maryam
Year 2	Ezra
Year 3	Ensley
Year 4	Livia
Year 5	Mila
Year 6	Billy B-D



## Year 5 Class Corner

Over the past weeks, Year 5 have been working hard across all areas of the curriculum. In Maths, we have been developing our confidence with multiplication and division, using a range of strategies to solve problems. We have also started to explore fractions, so far learning how to recognise equivalent fractions and how to convert them into mixed numbers.

In English, we have begun studying The Saga of Erik the Viking. The children have started to learn how to write effective letters, using the features of formal correspondence to write a letter back home. We have also been planning our own episodic stories, using the text as inspiration for creating exciting characters, settings and adventures.

In Science, we have started to investigate changing oceans. We have started to look closely at the threats and dangers facing marine environments, including pollution, climate change and the impact of human activity. The children have been developing their understanding of how these changes affect ocean life and why it is important to protect these habitats.

In PE, we have begun learning the rules and skills needed for benchball and hockey. The children have been practising teamwork, coordination and tactical thinking as they learn how to move, pass and defend effectively in both sports.

In Computing, we are learning all about systems. This has included exploring how different digital and real-world systems work, how information is stored and transferred, and why systems need to be reliable and efficient.

In History, we are continuing our study of the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. We have been digging deeper into their justice systems, comparing how each group dealt with crimes and disputes. We have also started to investigate how their reigns in Britain eventually came to an end, and the key events that shaped this period of history.





# 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

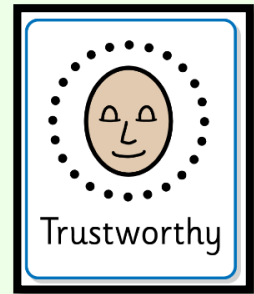
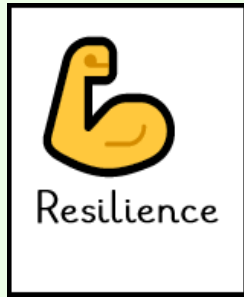
Autumn Term 2025	
21 <sup>st</sup> November	Children in Need - Non-Uniform Day
26 <sup>th</sup> November	Autumn Music Concert @ 2.00pm
27 <sup>th</sup> November	EYFS Open Morning
28 <sup>th</sup> November	Christmas Disco 3.30pm KS1 and 4.30pm KS2
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	EYFS Christmas Performance
9 <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 AM 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 End of term report out to parents
19 <sup>th</sup> 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.





# Messy Christmas

FREE

With Christingle



Family fun for children aged 3-10 years

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December**  
**3 to 4.30pm**

\* GAMES \* CRAFTS \* SONGS \* FOOD \*  
NATIVITY PHOTO BOOTH

No need to register



**St Mary's Church**

Churchgate Street, Old Harlow CM17 0JT

[www.stmaryschgate.co.uk](http://www.stmaryschgate.co.uk)



Everyone is invited to celebrate the joy  
of Christmas with St Mary's Church

**Sunday 30 November 3.30pm**

Harlow Singers Carol Concert

**Wednesday 3 December 5pm**

Carols in High Street, Old Harlow

**Saturday 6 December 3.30pm** Messy Christingle  
family fun with craft, games, songs

**Sunday 14 December 6.30pm**

Carols by Candlelight

**Wednesday 24 December Christmas Eve**

4.30pm Nativity Service

11.15pm Midnight Communion

**Thursday 25 December Christmas Day**

10am Family Celebration with Communion

St Mary's Church, Churchgate Street, Old Harlow CM17 0JR

[www.stmaryschgate.org.uk](http://www.stmaryschgate.org.uk)

# FAWBERT & BARNARD'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Parent & Carer Communication Flowchart

*Helping you find the right person, first time*

### 1. Learning Concerns

*(Progress, attainment, classwork, behaviour for learning)*

Start with → Class Teacher

They know your child best and will be able to resolve most issues.

If unresolved → Behaviour Lead: Miss Sansom

If still unresolved → Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Derriman

Next → Headteacher: Mrs Sophia Ovonlen

### 2. Pastoral / Emotional / Friendship Concerns

*(Playground issues, friendships, wellbeing, possible bullying including discriminatory behaviour)*

Start with → Class Teacher

If unresolved → Behaviour Lead: Miss Sansom

If still unresolved → Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Derriman

Next → Headteacher: Mrs Sophia Ovonlen

### **3. SEND Concerns**

*(Suspected or known SEND, learning needs, behaviour linked to SEND, access arrangements, reasonable adjustments)*

**Start with → Class Teacher**

**Then, SENCo – Mrs Derriman**

**Then → Headteacher: Mrs Sophia Ovonlen**

### **4. Safeguarding Concerns**

*(Immediate safety, disclosures, neglect, abuse, welfare concerns)*

**Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL): Mrs Sophia Ovonlen**

**Deputy DSLs:** Mrs Deriman, Miss Sansom, Mr Downey, Mrs De Howes,  
Mrs Hutchinson

**For urgent concerns:** Contact via the school office **immediately**.

### **5. Family / Home Support Needs**

*(Housing difficulties, finances, behaviour at home, routines, attendance challenges, parenting support)*

**Contact**

**Family Support:** Mrs De Howes

**or**

**DSL/Deputy DSL**

## 6. Administration / Office Queries

*(Invoices, ParentMail, school meals, trips, attendance, paperwork, forms)*

**Contact:**

**School Office Manager – Mrs Hutchinson**  
or  
**School Office Team**

## 7. Concerns About Staff Conduct

**Contact:**

**Headteacher – Mrs Sophia Ovonlen**

**If the concern involves the Headteacher → Chair of Governors**  
(Contact details available via school office)

## 8. Making Contact

Teachers and staff can be contacted via the school office:

**Phone:** 01279 429427

**Email:** [Office@fawbert-barnards.essex.sch.uk](mailto:Office@fawbert-barnards.essex.sch.uk)

**In person:** Appointments can be arranged through the office

## Our Promise

We aim to respond within **48 working hours** to acknowledge your concern and outline next steps.