

Fawbert & Barnard's Primary School  
Newsletter 15 || 19.12.2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of a wonderful first term, I would like to thank you for your continued support and contribution to our school community. It has been a busy and eventful 15-week term, and we can certainly feel that the children—and staff—are ready for a well-deserved break.

This week, we enjoyed our Christingle assembly, which gave us a special opportunity to reflect on and celebrate the meaning of Christmas. Thank you to the Friends Committee for providing so many oranges for our Christingle activity. This generous support meant that every child could take part, and they thoroughly enjoyed making their Christingles.

For the final Class Corner of the term, Year 2 has shared some wonderful learning highlights and activities they have been working on. I hope you enjoy seeing what they have been up to.

Looking ahead, we have lots of exciting events planned for next term. Please do take a moment to note the key dates so you don't miss any of the opportunities to be involved.

Thank you again for an incredible term. Whether you have attended events, supported school activities, or encouraged your child at home, your partnership makes a real difference.

Wishing you a joyful, restful Christmas filled with love, laughter, and special moments with family and friends. I look forward to welcoming you back in January 2026.

Warm regards,

Sophia Ovonlen  
Headteacher



# Christingle Assembly





## Achievements



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

STARS OF THE WEEK	
Reception	Evangeline
Year 1	Pharrell
Year 2	Whole Class
Year 3	Solly
Year 4	Spencer
Year 5	Alfie
Year 6	Lailah





## Year 2 Class Corner

Year 2 have had a wonderful end to the term, celebrating their achievements with a joyful Christmas play that filled the hall with festive cheer. The children shone on stage with confidence and enthusiasm, showcasing all their hard work and practice. To round off our topic work, Year 2 also enjoyed a fantastic 'Fab Finish' in DT, where they worked collaboratively to design and construct their own vehicles. The teamwork, creativity, and problem-solving on display were impressive, and the children were rightly proud of their finished models. It has been a brilliant way to end a busy and exciting term!

Year 2 Team.



# Academic Calendar 2025-2026

## 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

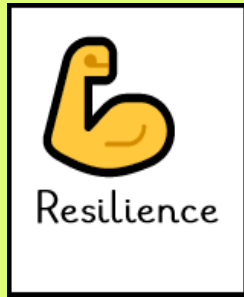
Please note that holidays requests during term time will not be authorised.

## Dates for your diary

Christmas Holidays: 19 December 2025 - Monday 5 January 2026	
Spring Term 2025	
5 January	INSET Day
6 January	Pupils Return
12 <sup>th</sup> January	After school clubs start
19 <sup>th</sup> January	Choir Event
27 January	Year 6 Trip
4 <sup>th</sup> February	Mental Health Week
6 <sup>th</sup> February	After school club end
9 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents Consultation
10 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents Consultation
13 <sup>th</sup> February	Valentines Disco
16 <sup>th</sup> - 20 <sup>th</sup> February Half Term Holidays	

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## 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.

# 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.



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

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