

Fawbert & Barnard's Primary School Newsletter 29 | 02.05.2025

Dear Parents and Carers.

We've been incredibly fortunate with the warm weather this week, and it's been a joy to see the children making the most of it—playing and enjoying on the field during break and lunchtimes. As the sunshine continues, please remember to apply sunscreen to your child before school and ensure they bring a hat and water bottle each day.

Our Year 3 pupils have been busy sharing their learning on the class pages this week. Do take a look—you'll be amazed by the depth of their knowledge and how enthusiastically they've approached their topics.

This week and at the end of the half term, we say a warm goodbye to Ms Irvine and Mr Lambert. We're grateful for their dedication and wish them all the best in their next chapters.

Our Safeguarding Focus this week builds on last week's theme of screen time. We're turning our attention to the importance of kindness and respect in online spaces. It's essential that children learn how to interact positively and safely with others when using digital platforms. Please see the safeguarding section for simple, practical reminders you can share with your child.

Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable long weekend.

Warm regards, Sophia Ovonlen Headteacher





<u>Achievements</u>

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

AWARD	WINNER
Timestables Rockstar Cup	Year 3
Numbots Cup	Year 1
Timestables Rockstar champion	Jayda
Numbots champion	Scarlett
Year 5 TTRS	Amira
Year I TTRS	Scarlett
STARS OF THE WEEK	
Reception	Jemima
Year I	Johnny
Year 2	Josh
Year 3	Penny
Year 4	Ronnie
Year 5	Billy B
Year 6	George



Year 3 Class Corner

The children have made excellent progress so far this year, demonstrating growing confidence, creativity, and curiosity across all areas of learning. This half term promises to build on that momentum with exciting new topics that will further develop their knowledge and skills.

In English, we're focusing on strengthening the foundations of writing, using a different storybook each week to inspire creativity and improve storytelling. Our Reading Comprehension lessons centre on the classic *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, encouraging rich discussion, deeper understanding, and vocabulary development.

Maths will explore fractions, volume, and capacity, helping children to deepen their number fluency and apply their learning to problem-solving. In Science, we're investigating contact and non-contact forces through hands-on experiments involving magnets and movement.

Our Geography lessons will continue to develop map and compass skills, incorporating digital tools to explore and describe physical features. In Computing, we're tapping into the children's creativity with a frame-by-frame animation project that builds both digital and design skills.

In RE, we're exploring what it means to be a Muslim, looking closely at daily practices such as the Five Pillars of Islam and the significance of mosques. In Art, we're diving into 3D sculpture, with children designing and creating their own clay pieces.

Well-being sessions are focused on healthy living—covering nutrition, habits, managing feelings, and safety—including fire safety and staying safe outdoors. Music lessons will give children a chance to compose their own pieces, building confidence and self-expression through sound.

In PE, indoor sessions focus on gymnastics using wall bars and climbing equipment, while outdoor games will introduce dodgeball to support teamwork and strategy. Spanish lessons continue with vocabulary around animals, nature, colours, and size, building fluency in speaking and understanding.

The children's enthusiasm, positive attitude, and eagerness to learn continue to impress us. We're looking forward to another fun, enriching, and productive half term.

Dates for your diary

Summer Term 2025	
22 nd April	Children return to school
25th April	Geography Week exhibition
Ist May	Year I School Trip
5 th May	Bank Holiday
6 th May	Summer Safety Assembly
2 nd May	Swimming Gala
12th May	Year 6 SATS WEEK
May 26th - 30th Half Term Holiday	
2 nd June	INSET Day
3 rd June	Children return to school
11 th June	Friends Sale
13 th June	Sports Day
19th June	Class photos
20 th June	Reserve Sports Day
4 th July	Reports out to parents
22 nd July	End of term.
	School finishes at 1.30pm
July 23 rd - 2 nd September	

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

Safeguarding Focus: Kindness and Online Respect

SAFEGUARDING FOCUS: KINDNESS AND ONLINE RESPECT

As children spend more time online, it is important they understand how to treat others with kindness and respect.

- Be kind in comments, messages, and group chats
- Never say something online you wouldn't say face-to-face
- If someone is unkind online, tell a trusted adult right away
- Don't respond to hurtful messages take a screenshot and block or report instead
- Think before posting once something is online, it's hard to take back

