



Fawbert & Barnard's Primary School  
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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has flown by, and I've had the pleasure of seeing so much wonderful learning. What made me proud was not just the children's work, but the confidence with which they spoke about it.

Thank you to everyone who joined our SEN workshop—I hope you found it helpful. This is the first of many workshops planned for the year.

Our Harvest Festival will be on Monday 13th October. We're collecting non-perishable food donations for the local food bank, every contribution, big or small, makes a difference.

Snacktember has been a huge success! The children have loved exploring healthy snacks, discovering new favourites, and even weaving their experiences into learning. Year 2's writing linked to *Mrs Armitage on Wheels* was a highlight. Thank you for supporting healthy choices at home too.

In today's Class Corner, Year 4 shared what they have been learning. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm and the pride they took in presenting their work. Looking ahead, our Maths Workshop is on Monday 6th October at 2.30pm. Come along to see how maths is taught in school and how you can support at home.

We are also looking for new parent volunteers to support in school. If you are interested, please contact the school office for more information.

Finally, a reminder to label all items of clothing, bottles, and bags so nothing goes missing.

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 4   |
| Times tables Rockstar Champion | Olivia P |
| Numbots Cup                    | Year 2   |
| Numbots Champion               | Flo      |
|                                |          |

| STARS OF THE WEEK |           |
|-------------------|-----------|
| Reception         | Seraphina |
| Year 1            | Hamza     |
| Year 2            | Ollie     |
| Year 3            | George Be |
| Year 4            | Isla      |
| Year 5            | Lyla-Rose |
| Year 6            | Ruby      |
|                   |           |

# Congratulations!

## Year 4 Class Corner

What a fantastic start to the year it's been in Year 4! The children have thrown themselves into a wide range of exciting learning opportunities and have shown great enthusiasm and curiosity every step of the way.

In Art, we've been unleashing our creativity by drawing dragons, while in Geography, we've been exploring the wonders of the rainforest. Our Science lessons have been both fascinating and a little bit disgusting (in the best way!) as we've learned all about teeth and the digestive system.

In Maths, we've been mastering place value and rounding, and in English, we've been writing warning stories inspired by *The Great Kapok Tree*. Our P.E. sessions have included gymnastics, where we've been creating sequences using unison and canon, as well as football training with our coach.

Music has been lively and fun as we've been learning to sing and perform *Mamma Mia*, and in Computing, we've been focusing on staying safe online through our e-safety lessons. Our Wellbeing sessions have helped us understand how our brains work, and in Spanish, we've been learning how to write the date and talk about our daily routines.

In RE, we've been learning about Christianity and exploring key beliefs and practices.

We're all looking forward to our upcoming trip to Hertfordshire Zoo on the 21st October, which promises to be a brilliant day out.

As a new teacher at the school, I've felt incredibly welcomed by the children in Year 4. It's been a joy getting to know each of them, and I'm excited for all the learning and fun still to come this year.

Warm wishes,

Mr Downey & the Year 4 Team

# 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                                            |                                                       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| 6 <sup>th</sup> October                                     | Maths Workshop for parents at 2.30pm                  |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> October                                     | Year 5 Livewire Workshop                              |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> October                                    | Food Bank Collection begins                           |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> October                                    | School Council Election Day                           |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> October                                    | Phonics workshop for parents at 2.30pm                |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> October                                    | No After School Clubs this week<br>Black History Week |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> October                                    | Learning Showcase @ 2.30pm<br>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<br>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                         |

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| Autumn Term 2025                                             |                                                                            |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Half Term Break: Monday 27 October - Friday 31 October 2025  |                                                                            |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> November                                     | Pupils Return<br>Anti-bullying week<br>Multisport After School club starts |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> November                                     | Odd Socks Day                                                              |
| 6/7 <sup>th</sup> November                                   | Poppies Sale                                                               |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> November                                    | After School club starts                                                   |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> November                                    | Remembrance Day                                                            |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> November                                    | Autumn Book Fair Begins                                                    |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> November                                    | EYFS Open Morning                                                          |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> November                                    | Children in Need - Non-Uniform Day                                         |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> November                                    | Autumn Music Concert @ 2.30pm                                              |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> November                                    | EYFS Open Morning                                                          |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> December                                     | EYFS Christmas Performance                                                 |
| 4 <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<br>Christmas Fair / Concert PM                    |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> December                                    | Young Carers Event<br>Learning Showcase @ 2.30pm                           |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> December                                    | Rock Steady Concert @ 9.00am                                               |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> December                                    | Fabulous Finish<br>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.