



Fawbert & Barnard's Primary School

Newsletter 13

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, we enjoyed the wonderful Christmas performances by our EYFS and KS1 children. They were absolutely amazing, and we are so proud of how well the children performed. Thank you for coming in such great numbers to support them—it truly made a difference!

The children also had a fantastic time at the pantomime at Harlow Theatre. Their behaviour was exceptional, and they thoroughly enjoyed the show.

Important Note for Reception Parents:

The EYFS Road Safety event scheduled for 10th January has been cancelled. We are waiting for a new date and will inform you as soon as it is confirmed. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Staff Farewell:

At the end of the term, we will bid farewell to Ms. Lee, who is moving on to a school closer to her home. Ms. Lee has been a valuable member of our team, and her contributions to Fawbert & Barnard's will be greatly missed. We wish her all the best in her new role.

Classroom Shelving Appeal:

We are in need of bookshelves for our classrooms. If you have any good-quality shelving you can donate, we would be very grateful. Please bring them to the school office.

Upcoming Events:

Next week, we have our Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Fair. Please check the Christmas Fair page for the event schedule. We look forward to seeing you there!

Wishing you a relaxing weekend.

Best regards,
Sophia Ovonlen
Headteacher



Achievements

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



AWARD	WINNER
Timestables Rockstar Cup	Year 6
Numbots Cup	Year 2
Timestables Rockstar champion	Wren
Numbots champion	Florence
STARS OF THE WEEK	
Reception	Ethan
Year 1	Jemima
Year 2	Polly
Year 3	Isabella
Year 4	Robbie
Year 5	Billy B-D
Year 6	Connor

Congratulations!

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Christmas Fair

We are excited about the Christmas Fair on Wednesday, 11th December!

This year, children will perform in the main hall, allowing parents to enjoy the show. Please see the event's running order below. We look forward to seeing you there!



Time	Activity
4:45 PM	Year 3/4 children prepare in Year 6 classroom.
4:50 PM	Year 3/4 parents seated in the main hall.
4:55 PM	Year 3/4 children enter the main hall.
5:00 PM	Year 3/4 performance begins.
5:20 PM	Performance ends: Children handed over to parents.
5:20-5:40 PM	Interval and raffle draw in the playground.
5:30 PM	Year 5/6 children prepare in Year 6 classroom.
5:40 PM	Year 5/6 parents seated in the main hall.
5:45 PM	Year 5/6 performance begins.
6:10 PM	Performance ends: Children handed over to parents.

Year 3 Class corner

This term, Year 3 has been busy exploring fascinating topics across the curriculum:

- **History:** We've delved into the Bronze and Iron Ages, learning about smelting techniques from traders, Bronze Age mining, and megaliths like Stonehenge. Through *The Boy with the Bronze Axe*, children are gaining insights into life during these times. We're now studying Iron Age conflicts, druids, and hillforts, with a glimpse into Great Zimbabwe's Iron Age.
- **Science:** Children have explored food groups, balanced diets, skeletons, and the impact of exercise on muscles. They created Eatwell plates and reflected on their own diets.
- **DT:** We've been designing and testing bridge structures using Tinkercad to create and refine digital prototypes. Final bridges will be made using materials from home.
- **Spanish:** Using LanguageNut, children practice at home and love competing across KS2. They're greeting each other daily in Spanish and learning to sing *Silent Night* in Spanish.
- **RE:** We've been learning about the Trinity, with children creating artwork to represent the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- **PE:** Mondays focus on basketball, with skills like dribbling, passing, and shooting. On Fridays, we've moved from floor gymnastics to learning dance, keeping movements within an 8-beat rhythm.
- **Geography:** We're studying rivers, from their source to their mouth, including the River Thames. Children loved learning about meanders and linking this to past topics.
- **Music:** The focus has been on practicing songs for the school concert, often collaborating with Year 4.
- **Christmas Activities:** December has brought daily advent treats, class song requests during learning, tree decorating, and exciting events like the pantomime.

Year 3 has had a wonderfully engaging term filled with creativity, learning, and fun!

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are working to make our Reception provision as engaging and exciting as possible. With limited school budgets, we are seeking donations to support this effort. Research shows that real-life resources enhance children's imaginative play and promote valuable life skills.

In the first phase of our upgrade, we aim to improve the home corner role play area, mud kitchen, and construction area. Below is a list of items that would greatly enhance the children's experience. If you have any of these at home and are willing to donate, we would greatly appreciate it.

Thank you for your support.

Kitchen items:

Plastic mixing bowls
Wooden spoons
Wooden bowls
Spatulas
Sieves
Small china cups, plates and bowls (not fragile)
Mug tree
A balti set
A kettle
An old microwave
Small saucepans and frying pans or a small wok
Chopping boards
Coasters
Teapot
Place mats
Drying rack for plates etc

Role Play

Costume jewellery
Trinket boxes
Wooden boxes
Hats of any sort
Scarves
Shirts (any size)
Jumpers (any size)
Shoes (any size)
Small bookshelf
Plastic mirrors

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Dates for your diary

Autumn Term 2025	
25 th October	INSET
28 th October - 1 st November - Half Term	
4 th November	Children return to school
4 th November	After school clubs resume
6 th November	Olympic Athlete Visit
11 th November	Reception open morning
15 th November	Children in Need Day
21 st November	Reception open morning
27 th November	Music Concert
28 th November	Year 2 Museum Visit
28 th November	Parent dinner tasting session
29 th November	Flu immunisations After school clubs end
2 nd December	EYFS Christmas Performance
4 th December	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Performance
5 th December	Pantomime
6 th December	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Performance
10 th December	Non-uniform day for Friends tombola stalls
11 th December	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Dinner Day KS2 Christmas Concert & Friends Fair
16 th December	Rocksteady Concert
19 th December	School finishes at 13:30
20 th December	INSET
23 rd December - 3 rd January - Holidays	
6 th January	Children return to school
13 th January	Phonics Workshop for KS 1 parents
14 th January	Phonics Workshop for KS 2 parents
29 th January	Book Fair
31 st January	Open Book Afternoon
3 rd February	Parents Consultations
7 th February	Open Book Afternoon
10 th February	Parents Consultations
17 - 21 February	Half term holidays
3 rd March	Maths Workshop for KS1 Parents
4 th March	Maths Workshop for KS2 Parents
7 th - 18 th April - Holidays	

Parents Page



**Safer
Places**

visit our
**Women's
Centres**

Monday - Friday
09:00 - 17:30

Open to any women in the Harlow
or Waltham Cross community.



Support, advice and advocacy relating to
mental health, wellbeing, housing issues,
legal issues, employability, domestic
abuse, sexual abuse and stalking.

www. saferplaces.co.uk
Tel. 03301 025 812

Charity no. 1018832
Company no. 2789572



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Messy Christmas with Christingle

Crafts, songs and food to celebrate Christmas
aimed at families and children (3-10 years)

Saturday 7th December

3pm



at St Mary's Church,

Churchgate Street, Old Harlow CM17 0JT

Register online or contact us

☎ 01279 432135

✉ admin@stmaryschgate.org.uk





Wassail Winter Festival

Saturday 14th December 2024

10am - 5pm



Join Matipo Arts in Harlow Museum's beautiful Walled Gardens for a winter festival with a twist.



Browse our artisan makers and community stalls, grab a hot bite to eat, and get stuck in with activities, performances and wassailing traditions for the whole family.



The event is free to attend, with ticketed performances and donation based craft activities.



For more information visit: www.matipoarts.com

