



# Fawbert & Barnard's Newsletter

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Welcome to our latest newsletter.

## SCHOOL UPDATES

### Attendance

We are pleased to announce our attendance winners since our last newsletter:

Week ending	Overall attendance	Best Class
16/03/2023	98.33	3
09/03/2023	98.67	3
02/03/2023	99.67	3

### Important information - Term time holidays

Improving school attendance is a key priority for all schools across Essex. Where families choose to take a family holiday during term time, this can detrimentally impact a pupil's progress and can prevent them from fulfilling their true academic potential. Our school attendance policy, available via our school website, clearly sets out the process that parents should follow if they wish to apply for leave during term time. Please note that applications should only be made, if you feel that there are exceptional circumstances which mean that the leave cannot be taken during the school holidays. **We would ask all parents to note that, where families choose to go on holiday during term time and the absences are coded as unauthorised, Essex County Council may not issue penalty notices and may instead proceed to prosecution and place the case directly before the Magistrates for their consideration in court.** If found guilty by the Magistrates, parents could face a fine of up to £2,500 and/or 3 months imprisonment.

Please keep an eye out for a leaflet with more information regarding attendance which will be issued soon.

### TT Rockstars / Numbots

We are proud to announce the following winners over the past week:

Week ending	Class TT Rockstars	Individual TT Rockstars	Class Numbots	Individual Numbots
17/03/2023	Year 3	Alex, Y4	Year 2	Lucas, Y1
10/03/2023	Year 4	Roman C, Year 5	Year 2	Floyd, Year 2
03/03/2023	Year 6	Daisy, Y3	Year 2	Si, Year 1

## STAFFING

We will be saying goodbye to Mrs Natalie Cooper at the end of the term who will be leaving us for ventures new. We would like to thank her for her support across the school throughout her time with us and wish her every success for the future.

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## UPDATE ON EVENTS HELD

### Friends Events

Our Friends have held some very successful events over the last term raising the following:

- 10 February 2023 Pizza evening raised £400
- 24 February 2023 Fancy dress sale raised £41.80
- 3 March 2023 Spring Disco raised £593.19
- 7 March 2023 Ladies' present sale raised £365.60

We would like to thank everyone involved in organising and running these events and making such a difference to our school community. More information regarding their total fundraising can be found on our school [website](#).



### Science Week

We have had a very successful Stem week with a science dome attending all classes over the course of two days, a speaker from Greenpeace in for an assembly, lots of experiments taking place in classes across the school, planting seeds, learning about fingerprinting and finding out why if you drop a piece of toast it usually ends up butter side down! It has been a very enjoyable week for all.

### Red Nose Day

Today we have seen a blanket of red arrive at school to take part in the school council's Red Nose Day event. We have seen some great hair creations and have raised £183.92 on-line and at our gates which will be paid to the charity. We thank everyone for their support.



### Parents & Teachers take on Half-marathon

Our team of 12 parents, teachers and pupil from F&B ran their marathon on Sunday 19 March 2023 and have raised £2700 towards our double decker bus which will be transformed into a much needed learning space for children at our school.

Well done to you all for completing this achievement and supporting our school. You are all stars. If you would like to donate, please do so using the link below (it is not too late!):

Link: [https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/alexandra-bates-1?](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/alexandra-bates-1?utm_term=x7eGVkGvE)

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### Breakfast Club

We are pleased to inform you that we have received a lottery grant to provide breakfast club for up to 30 children per day free of charge from Monday 17 April 2023 until 31 March 2024 when funding expires. We have up to 20 places available and you can book for odd days, a week or adhoc basis, but we require 24 hours advanced warning so we can allocate sufficient staff each morning. Please see our letter issued on 14 March 2023 for further details.

### Bus Project

We issued exciting news about receiving a donation of a double decker bus which will be converted into a much needed learning space for the children. This will be a project over three phases and more details and how you can help can be found in our letter issued on 14 March 2023 and our dedicated web page [here](#).

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### KS1 Easter Hat Parade

On 30 March 2023 we are inviting KS1 parents to see our Easter Hat Parade from 14:30 in our main playground. Children are encouraged to make their creation for this event at home and bring it into school on the day for judging. A prize from the Friends will be awarded to the best girl and boy in each class.

Please also see our diary of events coming up below.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Easter Activities

See our [community page](#) on our website for a range of Easter holiday activities taking place around the local area to keep you entertained.

### Rainbow Services

Rainbow Family Contact Centre is a registered charity who are offering a safe environment to enable contact between children and their non-resident family member/s. They have recently taken over Freshwaters Child Contact Centre. They provide a safe, neutral meeting place where children can meet with parents, grandparents or siblings that they have been separated from because of family breakdown. They operate one session a week on a Saturday morning, providing Supported Contact. If you would like further information on their services, the Contact centre office is open every Tuesday, telephone 01279 881378.

## REMINDERS

### Walking Bus

We are informing you that our walking bus service will be stopping at the end of the term due to a lack of interest and funding for staff has expired. We would like to thank those who have supported this over the past years.

### Dates for your diary

Date	Event
27 March 2023	Rocksteady attendees concert (09:15-10:00) - 2 parents per family welcome to attend
30 March 2023	KS1 Easter Hat Parade (14:30)
31 March 2023	Y5 drama performance to parents (11:00-11:30) End of term—school closes at <b>13:30</b>
3-14 April 2023	Easter Holiday
17 April 2023	Pupils' return to school
24 April 2023	After-school clubs start
28 April 2023	Class photographs

