



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
30 March	98.33%	1 & 4
23 March	99.67%	5

Moore were the winning House for the Spring term 2 achieving 97.87%. Barnard were the winning House for tokens and will be celebrating their achievements on Thursday 20 April 2023.

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
24 March	Year 4	Olivia, Y4	Year 1	Artem, Y1

STAFFING

We would like to welcome two new members of staff to the F&B family. Mrs Jacquie Fagg will be working within our Teaching Assistant team and with our Midday Assistants. Mrs Celina Borysewicz has joined our cleaning team. We all look forward to working with you both.

Governors

We are pleased to welcome two new governors to our school body. Mrs Tessa Bolderston has been appointed as a parent governor and has two children attending our school in EYFS and Year 2.

Mrs Sue Clark has been appointed as a co-opted governor and has worked across the school as a supply teacher when required.

We look forward to working with you both.

UPDATE ON EVENTS HELD

Bus Learning Space

We are pleased to announce that we have £4587 raised for the bus learning space. We are waiting for confirmation from Harlow Council that we can site the bus on the field and will then be looking at having a hard standing fitted. Please see our website ([link](#)) for more details on how you can help.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Celebrate Harlow

We are thrilled that our Year 5 were successful with their audition and will now be taking part in the Celebrate Harlow event taking place at Harlow Playhouse on Thursday 27 April 2023. Tickets

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can be purchased through this [link](#). We wish you all good luck with your brilliant performance. We would also like to thank Sam Ashford and his team for helping with their performance.

School Photographs

Our school photographer will be visiting us on Friday 28 April 2023 to take class photographs during the course of the morning. We will issue proofs for purchasing once they have been received.

Coronation Celebrations

We are busy finalising our plans to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III. We will be holding this event on Friday 5 May and include various activities throughout the day along with a celebration dinner by HCL which has already been pre-ordered. Further details will be issued very soon.

Sports Day

Our sports day will take place on Monday 12 June 2023 with KS2 events taking place in the morning and KS1 in the afternoon. We have a reserve date of Wednesday 5 July 2023 should we need to cancel due to weather.

Please also see our diary of events coming up below.

REMINDERS

Teachers strike

School will be closed to Year 1 and Year 4 only on Thursday 27 April 2023 and Tuesday 2 May 2023 unless they are a child of a key worker. Please e-mail office@fawbert-barnards.essex.sch.uk if you are a key worker and will be sending your child in. All other classes will be open as usual.

HSLO parent drop-in sessions

Kim Douglas is our Home-School support liaison officer and is available to all families seeking this service. She holds regular drop-in sessions with parents when required. If you are seeking help, please leave your name and number with our office staff and your details will be forwarded to her to contact you directly.

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 also see our leaflet with more information regarding attendance which is available on our website [here](#).

Our 2023/2024 and 2024/2025 term holiday dates are also on our website.

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Dates for your diary

Date	Event
24 April 2023	After-school clubs start
27 April 2023	Teacher strike—Y1 & Y4 closed except for key workers (all other classes open)
28 April 2023	Class photographs
1 May 2023	Bank Holiday
2 May 2023	Teacher strike—Y1 & Y4 closed except for key workers (all other classes open)
5 May 2023	Coronation Celebrations (details to follow)
8 May 2023	Bank Holiday
29 May—2 June 2023	Half Term
ADVANCE NOTICE	
12 June 2023	Sports Day—KS2 am; KS1 pm
5 July 2023	Reserve Sports Day (if needed due to cancellation of main event)

