



Fawbert & Barnard's Primary School

Newsletter 14

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderfully festive and eventful week we've had here at Fawbert and Barnard's! It has truly been a joy to see the school buzzing with excitement as we embrace the holiday season. On Wednesday, we enjoyed our Christmas Dinner, which was a real treat. The children dined together in their house teams, creating a warm and joyful atmosphere. We also held our F&B Friends Tombola Day, and I want to express my heartfelt thanks for the fantastic contributions we received. Your generosity never fails to amaze me, and it made the day a resounding success.

The Key Stage 2 Carol Concert was another highlight of the week. The children sang beautifully, and their performances were nothing short of inspiring. We are so fortunate to have such incredible talent in our school, and I'm sure you'll agree that they made us all feel very proud. Of course, we can't talk about this week without mentioning the Christmas Fair! Thank you to everyone who came out to support this wonderful event. It was a remarkable evening filled with laughter and festive cheer. A huge thank you goes to the incredible F&B Friends team for their hard work in organizing such a successful event. I've included a wide-shot image of the event on the next page—be sure to check it out!

Earlier this week, you may have seen the letter about our Trust Development. If you have any questions, I encourage you to visit the TMAP website, where you'll find detailed information to help answer any queries. Here's the link for your convenience: (<https://www.tmat.org.uk/Governance/The-Structure-of-TMAT/>).

This week's Class Corner showcases the fantastic learning happening in Year 2. They've been incredibly busy so be sure to read all about what they've been up to!

Finally, next term, we are going to be working on raising the profile of reading across school and we need your help. Please can you spare an hour a week to come in and read with a group of children? See page 5 for more details.

I hope you have a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Best regards,
Sophia Ovonlen
Headteacher



Faubert and Barnard's
Christmas Fair 2024.
Thank you for coming.





Achievements



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

AWARD	WINNER
Timestables Rockstar Cup	Year 4
Numbots Cup	Year 1
Timestables Rockstar champion	Harrison (Year 4)
Numbots champion	Niamh (Year 2)
STARS OF THE WEEK	
Reception	Charlie
Year 1	Belle
Year 2	Marley
Year 3	Jayda
Year 4	Whole of Year 4 (Fantastic Performance at the Carol Concert)
Year 5	Dominika
Year 6	Jackson
Christmas Jar Competition winners	
Reception	Hudson
Year 1	Alfie
Year 2	Ema
Year 3	Theyanna
Year 4	Finlay
Year 5	Buzz
Year 6	Reagan
Top Raffle Ticket Sellers	
1 st place	Buzz
2 nd place	Olivia B and George B
3 rd Place	Poppy P
Top selling class	Year 5

Congratulations!

Year 2 Class corner

Year 2 have had a busy few weeks since the last time you read our class corner. We have been working hard performing our Christmas play of Bethlehem Bake Off. Despite a few technical issues, the children pulled it out of the bag and gave a fantastic performance. We hope that you enjoyed their performance!

In Maths, we have been building our knowledge on shape. We know the difference between 2D and 3D shapes and know that we call corners vertices. We have been practicing how to draw parts of a shape using symmetry. We are confident in counting the vertices, edges and faces of the shapes.

In our Writing, we have been reading the book "The Boy Who Sailed The World". For our independent write, we changed the story using our own ideas using the structure of the story. We are going to be writing the next part of the story, making our ideas an adventure story! Our focus is using capital letters and full stops in the right space as well as making our writing better using description.

RE has taught us about what the Nativity means to Christians. We had some visitors from St Marys church work with us to create an advent wreath. We learnt that we have to light a candle each Monday on the lead up to Christmas. Each candle represents love, joy, hope and peace. The middle candle represents Jesus. We have learnt that advent means 'coming' and created a reverse advent calendar where we give something to someone else rather than receiving something ourselves.

In Geography, we have been comparing the UK and Antarctica. We focused on the different travel methods as well as the weather. We learnt that Antarctica is much colder than the UK because it is further from the Equator.

Year 2 have had a fantastic term and continue to work hard. We look forward to sharing more learning with you in the next Year 2 class corner!

Calling All Parents and Carers!

Become a Volunteer Reader at Fawbert and Barnard's!

Do you have an hour or so to spare during the school day? Would you like to make a lasting impact on the lives of our children? At F&B, we are passionate about raising the profile of reading and fostering a love of books next term. But we need your help!

Why Volunteer as a Reader?

Reading is the foundation of learning, and with your support, we can:

- Boost children's confidence and fluency in reading.
- Spark imagination and creativity.
- Cultivate a lifelong love for books and stories.

Whether it's reading one-on-one with a child or sharing a story with a small group, your time can make all the difference.

What's Involved?

It's simple! If you have an hour or more to spare during the school day, you can volunteer to read with our pupils. We will provide guidance and support to make your time enjoyable and rewarding. No previous experience is needed—just a willingness to help and a love for reading.

Interested?

If you'd like to get involved or learn more, please contact the school office. We'd be thrilled to have you join us!

Thank you for your support!



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	

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**Women's
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Monday - Friday
09:00 - 17:30

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

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legal issues, employability, domestic
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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