



Fawbert & Barnard's Primary School

Newsletter 11

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had a good week. As expected, the cold weather has truly set in this week. Please ensure your children are dressed warmly, with coats, hats, and gloves, as needed. We've had a few children off ill with colds, so let's all take care to keep warm and healthy over the weekend.

This week, we said a heartfelt goodbye to Mrs. Buck, a dedicated and valued member of our school community. She has been an incredible asset to the school, and her absence will be deeply felt by staff and pupils alike. We wish her all the best in her future endeavours.

Year 2 had an exciting experience this week as part of their topic on Transportation. They welcomed a special visitor who shared fascinating insights about working on a Disney cruise ship! The children were captivated and had plenty of questions, bringing their learning to life in an inspiring way.

Year 5 took the spotlight in this week's Class Corner, showcasing their recent learning. Their enthusiasm and hard work continue to shine, and it's always wonderful to see the progress they are making.

We also hosted another successful open morning for prospective parents. We received glowing feedback about our school's welcoming atmosphere, engaging lessons, and supportive environment. A particular highlight was the Year 6 pupils, who confidently led tours and spoke passionately about their experiences at our school. They truly represented us brilliantly, and we are so proud of them!

Have a restful weekend, and we look forward to another busy and exciting week ahead.

Best wishes,
Sophia Ovonen
Head teacher

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	Stevie - year 4
Numbots champion	Amber - Year 1
STARS OF THE WEEK	
Year Reception	Marcell
Year 1	Scarlett
Year 2	Matt
Year 3	Artem
Year 4	Lyla-Rose
Year 5	Niamh
Year 6	Reggie

Congratulations!

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Year 5 Class corner

In Year 5 we have enjoyed a good start to our new half term.

Year 5 have been trying hard with fractions, using their times tables to convert fractions. Recently, we have now moved on to adding mixed numbers and fractions before converting improper fractions to mixed numbers. Testing reasoning and problem solving through our learning, the children have shown great resilience to continue with their maths learning journey.

In Science, we have enjoyed carrying out science experiments and writing about reversible and irreversible changes. Our favourites include mentos into coke and vinegar and bicarbonate of soda as they were the most reactive. We were all in wonder at the separation of water and salt in a solution. Using the correct vocabulary, making scientific hypotheses and recording results will give us great experiences for the future.

This half term, our PE is based around floor gymnastics and thanks to a series of fantastic gymnasts who show their skills when doing front rolls, backward rolls and different ways of travelling. From staying healthy and being active in PE the children moved onto our new afternoon learning; we have been looking at food and the nutrients in our Design and Technology lessons. The class have been talking about our favourite foods - what we aim to do is trial different food types, comment on the taste and consistency as well as creating a full meal.

For History we will be looking at the history of Harlow and the new town offer, including how the town was designed. We will design our own towns and have been drawing cities with one-point-perspective in Art, including practising rows of building, drawn in 3D going off into the distance.

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
10 th January	EYFS & Year 5 Road safety event
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 holiday
3 rd March	Maths Workshop for KS1 Parents
4 th March	Maths Workshop for KS2 Parents
7 th - 18 th April - Holidays	

Funding News!

Asda Rewards Cashpot for Schools

Cashpot for Schools is an initiative operated by Asda where they donate 0.5% of Qualifying Purchases during the Qualifying Period to eligible schools. Between **September 2nd and November 30th, 2024**, customers who shop with Asda using their Rewards app can choose a primary school to receive a percentage of their spend. Asda will donate £1 to the school's Cashpot for each customer who chooses that school, and an additional £50 when the first customer shops.



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Download and sign up to the Asda Rewards app	Shop in store across Asda and George, or online at Asda.com	Asda does the rest
Opt into the Cashpot for Schools campaign and select a specific primary school or select 'Schools in Need'.	Asda will donate a percentage of your shop to your chosen school each time you shop and scan.	The money raised will be donated through Parentkind to schools to spend on what they need most. This won't affect your own Cashpot earn.

Once you have opted in and selected F&B, ASDA will add £1 to our school Cashpot to help get us started. Also, our school will get an additional £50 added to our Cashpot, after at least one customer has shopped and scanned their Rewards app.

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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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

