

Fawbert & Barnard's Primary School
Newsletter 25 || 21.03.2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It finally feels like spring has arrived! It was such a joy to see the children enjoying their lunches outdoors on the picnic benches, making the most of the sunshine.

This week, pupils across the school have shown fantastic focus and effort—particularly in their extended writing. It has been wonderful to see such high-quality work being produced in classrooms.

A special well done to our Year 5 children, who gave a brilliant performance at the Celebrate Harlow event. They sang a song they wrote themselves and performed it with confidence, complete with a choreographed dance routine. We are so proud of their creativity and teamwork!

Our Year 6 pupils also showcased their recent learning, including some stunning pieces of artwork. Their hard work and attention to detail really stood out—well done, Year 6! We hope you enjoy reading more about their learning in this week's Class Corner.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Easter Craft Sale—your participation is greatly appreciated. We're now looking forward to the KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade, which will take place on Thursday 3 April 2025 at 2:30pm on the main playground. We can't wait to see the creative bonnets on display!

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Best wishes,
Sophia Ovonen
Headteacher





Achievements

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

AWARD	WINNER
Timestables Rockstar Cup	Year 4
Numbots Cup	Year 2
Timestables Rockstar champion	Amira
Numbots champions	Hamza
STARS OF THE WEEK	
Reception	Josie and Myla M
Year 1	Lucy
Year 2	Zakiyah
Year 3	Ethan
Year 4	Lil
Year 5	Amira
Year 6	Bea

Congratulations!

Year 6 Class Corner

A Term at Hogwarts!

Year 6 have been experiencing the magical world of Hogwarts through books, film clips, and extracts. They have immersed themselves in their writing and produced some wonderful pieces they can be very proud of.

They became journalists and reported on the break-in at Gringotts Bank, the return of He Who Shall Not Be Named, and the final of the world-famous Quidditch tournament. The children wrote character descriptions of their favourite characters and brought various locations in the book to life through vivid setting descriptions.

We then explored a 'story within a story' - The Tale of the Three Brothers. The children learnt to re-tell the story to develop their oracy skills and then chose how they wanted to re-write and re-tell the familiar tale, including writing from a different perspective. They also added dialogue to develop characterisation.

In art, the children explored clay work. They designed, planned, and created their own clay dragon eyes, bringing their imaginative ideas to life. They revisited clay techniques and used their painting skills to add a burst of colour to their creations.

We also went on a school trip to Crucial Crew 2025, where the children took part in a variety of workshops to help prepare them for the transition to secondary school. They learnt about water safety, recognising healthy and unhealthy relationships, and the impact of anti-social behaviour. They were also taught how to identify unsafe situations when out and about. As part of the day, the children took part in realistic scenarios with Essex Police to enhance their awareness of drugs and knife crime.

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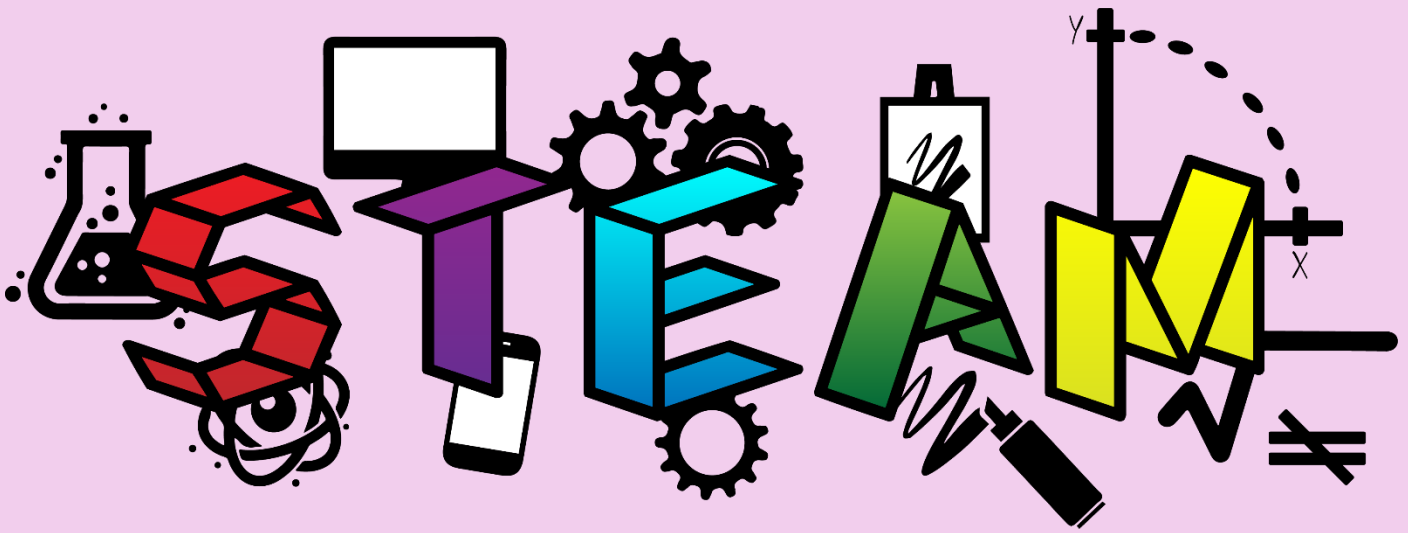




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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Science Week is coming up at the end of March! This year's theme is Change and Adapt—as the world's population grows, plants and animals must adapt to survive, and we too must change our behaviours to protect our planet.

One way we can make a difference is by rethinking how we consume resources and recycling waste. To support our activities, we need washed and cleaned plastic bottle tops—please drop these in the collection box in the hall. We also need washed and cleaned 500ml plastic bottles, which can be left at the collection point outside Year 5.

Thank you for helping us inspire students to think about sustainability and positive change!

Best regards,

Mrs Derriman

Science Subject Leader

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Dates for your diary

Spring Term 2025	
3 rd February	Parents Consultations
7 th February	Open Book Afternoon
10 th February	Parents Consultations
14 th February	Valentine Disco
17 - 21 February	Half term holidays
27 th February	School Photos
3 rd - 7 th March	World Book Week
7 th March	Osborne Book Fair
6 th March	World Book Day
18 th March	Year 6 Trip
20 th March	Celebrate Harlow
21 st March	Easter Craft Sale
24 th March	Year 5 Trip
25 th March	Ladies in your life Sale
27 th March	Year 4 School Trip
31 st March	Rocksteady Concert
31 st March - 4 th April	STEAM Week
3 rd April	Easter Bonnet Parade
4 th April	Last day of term School finishes at 1.30pm
7 th - 18 th April - Holidays	

Please note that holidays requests during term time will not be authorised.

Keeping Our Children Safe: Types of Abuse and How to Spot Them

At Fawbert and Barnard's Primary School, we strongly believe that safeguarding is a shared responsibility. As part of our commitment to working with parents and carers, this week we're focusing on the different types of abuse and how you can spot the signs to help keep children safe.

What Are the Types of Abuse?

There are four main types of abuse that children may experience:

1. Physical Abuse:

This involves intentionally causing physical harm.

Possible signs:

- Unexplained bruises, burns, or cuts
- Wearing long sleeves in warm weather
- Fear of going home or flinching when approached

2. Emotional Abuse

This includes constant criticism, threats, or rejection that affects a child's emotional wellbeing.

Possible signs:

- Low self-esteem
- Withdrawn or anxious behaviour
- Sudden changes in behaviour or mood

3. Sexual Abuse

This involves forcing or enticing a child to take part in sexual activities.

Possible signs:

- Difficulty walking or sitting

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- Inappropriate knowledge of sexual behaviour
- Reluctance to be left alone with certain individuals

4. Neglect

This is the failure to meet a child's basic needs, such as food, clothing, shelter, or medical care.

Possible signs:

- Constant hunger or tiredness
- Poor hygiene or untreated medical issues
- Inadequate clothing for the weather

What Should You Do if You're Concerned?

If you're ever worried about a child—whether it's your own or someone else's—it's important to act:

- Talk to your child gently and without pressure.
- Keep a record of anything concerning.
- Contact the school's safeguarding team or Essex Children's Social Care.

At school, we take every concern seriously and act swiftly to support families and protect children.

Remember: You don't need to be certain that abuse is taking place—reporting a concern is about ensuring a child gets the right help as early as possible.

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DURING SCHOOL HOURS**

Please send cash in with your children on the morning. Please put cash in an envelope with their name, year & amount. Younger children can also add suggestions on the envelope if you wish (eg £5 for Mummy £3 for Nanny)



1st & 2nd Church Langley Rainbows

Meet Tuesdays, term time only

(1st unit) 4.30- 5.30pm (2nd unit) 5.45 – 6.45pm

Girls, aged 4- 7 years of age



2nd Church Langley Brownies

Meet Monday's, term time only. 4.45- 6.30pm.

Girls, aged 7- 10 years of age

Meet: Potter Street Baptist Church Hall

Contact us on:

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Not sure where to turn?

We can offer information and guidance to help you get the support you need. So don't be shy, if you've got a health or social care issue – we're all ears.

We can help with:

- finding health and care services
- accessing advice and support
- sharing feedback about services
- how to make a complaint



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