



Fawbert & Barnard's Primary School

Newsletter 20

Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Book Fair—we raised over £400 to buy new books for our library! Your generosity is already making an impact, as children are reading everywhere, all the time. It seems *Dog Man* has become the viral book of the season! I've attached some images of our enthusiastic *Dog Man* crew sharing their love of reading. One child has even asked to start a book club—music to my ears!

Our Open Book Afternoon was a great success! It was wonderful to see so many children confidently explaining their learning to parents. A reminder that the final Parents' Consultation is on Monday—please check your appointment times.

This week, Year 4 takes the spotlight in our Class Corner, sharing their fantastic learning experiences in PE.

A special shout-out to Ms. Skeaping and Mrs. Derriman for leading our children to the Young Voices event at the O2 in London. It was a long but unforgettable day, and the children had an amazing time. See page 5 for event highlights!

We also marked Mental Health Week with various activities across the school. Read Mrs. Derriman's update on page 6 for a recap of how we celebrated and supported well-being.

Wishing you all a restful weekend!

Best regards,

Sophia Ovonlen
Headteacher



Achievements



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

| AWARD | WINNER |
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| Timestables Rockstar Cup | Year 5 |
| Numbots Cup | Reception |
| Timestables Rockstar champion | Ava |
| Numbots champions | Darius - Reception Jack - Year 1 |
| STARS OF THE WEEK | |
| Reception | Helena |
| Year 1 | Ronan |
| Year 2 | Buddy |
| Year 3 | Livia |
| Year 4 | Oscar |
| Year 5 | Lara |
| Year 6 | Amara |

Congratulations!

PE Highlight

This term, our children are developing mindfulness and independent skills through PE, working together in yoga and physiotherapy-based activities. These sessions encourage focus, balance, and teamwork, helping them build confidence in both body and mind. It's wonderful to see them supporting one another while growing stronger and more self-aware!

Resilience is at the heart of our PE sessions, as children learn to overcome challenges, stay motivated, and adapt to new skills. Whether holding a yoga pose a little longer, trying again after a setback, or encouraging their peers, they are developing the perseverance needed for both physical and personal growth. These experiences help build a mindset that embraces effort, determination, and progress.



Reading at break time



Young Voices Event at O2



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Mental Health Week

This week has been Mental Health Week, and children have been developing their understanding of mental health and how to support their well-being. They participated in healthy eating challenges and built a 'resilience rucksack' to strengthen their coping skills. On Friday, they were fortunate to take part in dance workshops led by Dance Scene, promoting exercise and physical activity as a way to support mental well-being. Additionally, parents had the opportunity to attend a well-being coffee morning on Wednesday, providing a space to connect and focus on their own mental well-being.



Dates for your diary

| Spring Term 2025 | |
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| 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 | Mother's Day Sale |
| 27 th March | Year 4 School Trip |
| 31 st March | RockSteady Concert |
| 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.

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Spring 2025

Weave a Wheel

Use a wide range of materials to weave a wheel to take home and also add to our collaborative weaving project on a real bicycle wheel. A coloring activity will be available for younger siblings.

Tues 18 Feb, 10am/11am/1pm and 2pm
Book on our website, ages 6+

Paint in Motion

Draw inspiration from the museum's collection of bicycles and tap into your inner Futurist artist to create a painting. Experiment with different techniques to capture a bicycle in motion.

Thurs 20 Feb, 10am–12pm & 1pm–3pm
Free drop-in session, all ages

Active Travel with Sustrans

Bring your cycle along for a free safety check, or book onto one of our cycle skills sessions. There will be giveaways and cycle accessories available to purchase at a discounted rate.

Thurs 20 Feb, 10am -12pm
Book on our website, ages 7+

Harlow Poetry Open

Celebrate World Poetry Day 2025 with us by participating in a competition that highlights Harlow's writing talent. This year's theme is 'Home,' and there will be various workshops available alongside.

Deadline Mon 3 March
Visit our website for details, ages 7+

Terrific Tudors this Easter

Join us for a variety of Tudor-themed activities, such as crafting clay jugs, miniature painting, growing a small garden, and creating collages. Plus, our popular annual Easter Egg Hunt returns!

Tues 8 April - Sat 19th April
Visit our website for details, ages 4+

Enchanted Garden

Our Walled Gardens will be transformed into a magical enchanted garden, filled with wonder at every turn. Enjoy storytelling, trails, meet the Fairy Queen and much more.

Sat 31 May, 11am - 3pm
Booking available soon

To book please visit: www.harlowmuseum.com/whats-on/

Opening Times:

Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday

9:30am - 3:30pm (last entry 3pm)

Free car park at rear

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