

### Fawbert & Barnard's Primary School

## Newsletter 8

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of this half term, I want to take a moment to reflect on what a positive and productive time it has been. The children have worked incredibly hard and truly earned themselves a well-deserved rest. I hope they all have a relaxing and enjoyable break over half term.

This week was particularly special as we celebrated Black History Week. The children have engaged enthusiastically in learning about the rich history and contributions of Black culture, and we ended the week with a wonderful celebration. We've shared some fantastic images from this week's activities on our 'Black History' page, so please take a look.

In addition, we are currently upgrading our Reception area to make it even more engaging for the children. As always, we are mindful of our budget, so we are asking for donations to help enhance our provision. If you have any items from the list shared in our earlier communication, we would greatly appreciate your support in making this a reality for our youngest learners.

I'm also excited to announce our new school councillors! We look forward to seeing the exciting projects they will be working on throughout the year, and I know they will bring fresh ideas and enthusiasm to their roles.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and I wish you all a restful and enjoyable half term break.

Best regards, Sophia Ovonlen























## Achievements

## Please see below for some of the achievements

that were celebrated this week.

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AWARD	WINNER
Timestables Rockstar Cup	Year 3
Numbots Cup	Year 2
Timestables Rockstar champion	Roma, Y3
Numbots champion	Teya, Y2
Attendance cup winner	Year 3 (98.75%)
STARS OF THE WEEK	
Year Reception	Ayaan
Year 1	Grace
Year 2	Teddy
Year 3	Charlotte
Year 4	Ronnie
Year 5	Ella P
Year 6	Laura



## Year Reception Class Corner

We've had a wonderfully busy and exciting half term in Reception! The children have settled in well, building friendships and growing in confidence as they adjust to school life. They've been working hard across phonics, maths, reading, and writing, showing great enthusiasm for learning and making excellent progress.

We've also covered a range of engaging topics. During our focus on feelings, the children impressed us by identifying their emotions and learning to use our Zones of Regulation board. They have been fantastic at recognising when someone is in the blue zone and offering support and kindness to help their friends feel better. It's been lovely to see how caring and thoughtful they are towards one another.

Our exploration of the senses was a highlight this term. The children had so much fun experimenting with different sensory activities, which culminated in a carousel of hands-on experiences. The grand finale was an afternoon of making and eating popcorn, which the children thoroughly enjoyed – a perfect way to engage all five senses!

For Harvest Week, we got creative with lots of painting and writing, and the children loved our farm shop role play, where they used conkers as money. They took on the roles of shopkeepers and customers with such enthusiasm, practicing their counting and social skills in a fun and practical way.

During Black History Week, we focused on Ghanaian Kente cloth and Kenyan percussion instruments. The children were busy making their own versions of these cultural items and learning how to use everyday tools like Sellotape dispensers, staplers, and hole punchers, which was a big hit! They demonstrated fantastic perseverance and teamwork during these crafting sessions.



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#### 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

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### **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





### **Black History Celebration**

Across the country in October, we celebrate Black History Month. At F & B we celebrated Black History Week in school with a special week of learning. Here are some examples:



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# School Councillors 2024-2025



Year 1 Rosie Johnny Amber



Year 2 Harvey Nell Teddy

Year 3
Savanna
Dylan
Si

Year 4
Ben
Alan
Joanna

Year 5
Billy B
Millie C
Darcey H

Year 6
Scarlett
Jonathan
Max

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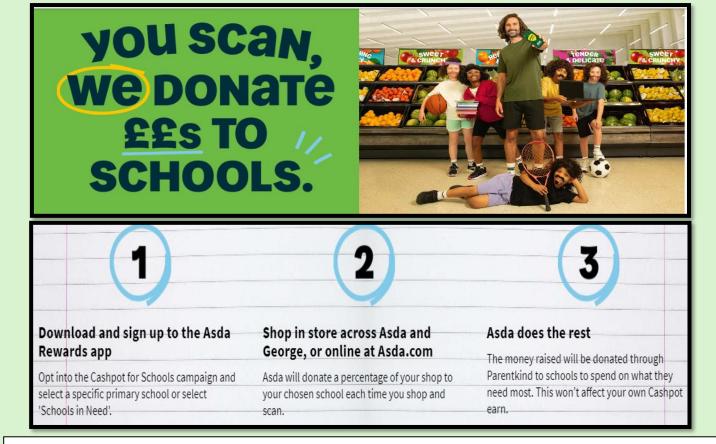
## Dates for your diary

Autumn Term 2025	
25 <sup>th</sup> October	INSET
28 <sup>th</sup> October – 1 <sup>st</sup> November – Half Term	
4 <sup>th</sup> November	Children return to school
4 <sup>th</sup> November	After school clubs resume
6 <sup>th</sup> November	Olympic Athlete Visit
11 <sup>th</sup> November	Reception open morning
21 <sup>st</sup> November	Reception open morning
27 <sup>th</sup> November	Music Concert
29 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu immunisations   After school clubs end
2 <sup>nd</sup> December	EYFS Christmas Performance
4 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Performance
5 <sup>th</sup> December	Pantomime
6 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Performance
10 <sup>th</sup> December	Non-unform day for Friends tombola stalls
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day
	Christmas Dinner Day
	KS2 Christmas Concert & Friends Fair
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Rocksteady Concert
19 <sup>th</sup> December	School finishes at 13:30
20 <sup>th</sup> December	INSET
23 <sup>rd</sup> December – 3 <sup>rd</sup> January – Holidays	
6 <sup>th</sup> January	Children return to school
10 <sup>th</sup> January	EYFS & Year 5 Road safety event
29 <sup>th</sup> January	Book Fair

### Funding News!

## <u>Asda Rewards Cashpot for Schools</u>

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 <u>September 2nd and November 30th, 2024</u>, 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.



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

Charity no. 1018832

Tel. 03301 025 812

Company no. 2789572









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Thursday
31<sup>st</sup> October
at 4pm
St Mary's Church

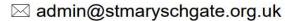
Family fun to celebrate LIGHT with crafts, games, songs and food

Wear your bright clothes!

St Mary's Church, Churchgate Street, Old Harlow CM17 OJT

### Register online or contact us

① 01279 432135





### Supporting learning at home

5th November at Epping Hall

12:30-2:30pm

12th November-Zoom session

7:30 pm-9:30pm

Book your Tickets and find more information on the QR code below.



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