

Fawbert & Barnard's Primary School

## Newsletter 4

Dear Parents and Carers,

*It's been a wonderful, albeit wet, week here at school! With the forecast predicting more rain in the coming days, I encourage you to wrap up warmly and ensure your children are dressed appropriately for the weather, with warm coats, hats, and waterproofs where possible. We want everyone to stay comfortable and healthy as we transition into cooler weather.*

*On Friday, our Year 3/4 girls participated in their football festival, and we couldn't be prouder of their efforts. They represented the school beautifully, showing great teamwork and enthusiasm. A special thank you to our amazing PE lead, Miss Moore, for organizing such a successful event. We're excited for the many more festivals and events to come, so do keep an eye out for updates!*

*This week's Class Corner highlights our Year 4 pupils, who have been deeply engaged in a fascinating music project. It was wonderful to see their curiosity sparked by learning about the classic tape recorder—a bit of nostalgia for many of us, but a completely new discovery for them! We look forward to sharing more of their musical journey in the coming weeks.*

*Additionally, we held our annual Macmillan Coffee Morning alongside the Friends AGM on Friday. It was fantastic to see so many parents come together for such an important cause. Your support means so much to us, and I'm pleased to announce the election of a new committee. We are confident they will continue to help build a strong school community.*

*As always, thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school. We look forward to another productive and enjoyable week ahead, rain or shine!*

Warm regards,  
Sophia Ovonlen  
Headteacher

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## Achievements

Please see below for some of the achievements which were celebrated during our Friday celebration assembly.



AWARD	WINNER
Timestables Rockstar Cup	Year 3
Numbots Cup	Year 2
Attendance Cup	Year 2 (99.7%)
House tokens	Fawbert House (212)
Timestables Rockstar champion	Ella - Year 3
Numbots champion	Mia - Year 2
STARS OF THE WEEK	
Year 1	Cami
Year 2	Luke
Year 3	Isla
Year 4	Max
Year 5	Rosanna
Year 6	Zander

# Congratulations!

## Class Corner: Year 4's Musical Adventure!

What an incredible journey we've been on in Year 4 so far! This term, our class has been swept up in a thrilling music project, and it all started with a mysterious package that arrived in our classroom. Inside was a cryptic message revealing a fascinating mission: we need to bring back a lost musician!

Our curiosity was immediately piqued, and we've been following clues ever since. Along the way, we've been creating our own music and dance routines, tapping into our creativity in ways we never imagined. Using a variety of instruments, including glockenspiels, we've started composing original pieces of music—turning our classroom into a mini orchestra!

What makes this adventure even more special is our unique communication method. We've been receiving updates and clues from the "lost musician" via an old-school tape recorder! The pupils have been absolutely captivated by this retro technology, discovering a whole new world of sound and recording techniques that seem magical in today's digital age.

The excitement in the room is palpable as we eagerly await the next steps of our journey. There's so much more to uncover, and we can't wait to dive deeper into the world of music, composition, and performance as the term progresses. Stay tuned for updates as we continue our quest—Year 4 is truly hitting all the right notes this year!



## Dates for your diary

Autumn Term 2025	
2 <sup>nd</sup> September	INSET
3 <sup>rd</sup> September	INSET
4 <sup>th</sup> September	Children return to school
6 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 6 Meet the teacher
9 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 4 and Year 5 Meet the teacher
10 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 3 meet the teacher
11 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 2 meet the teacher
13 <sup>th</sup> September	Roald Dahl Day
16 <sup>th</sup> September	After school clubs start
25 <sup>th</sup> September	Reception Meet the teacher
27 <sup>th</sup> September	Macmillan Coffee Morning
30 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 6 Residential
11 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Assembly
16 <sup>th</sup> October	Individual photograph day*
24 <sup>th</sup> October	Black History Week
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
11 <sup>th</sup> November	Reception open morning
21 <sup>st</sup> November	Reception open morning
29 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu immunisations   After school clubs end
5 <sup>th</sup> December	Pantomime
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
29 <sup>th</sup> January	Book Fair

## Riddle of the week

*I am tall when I am young. I am short when I am old. What am I?*

## 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.



1

### Download and sign up to the Asda Rewards app

Opt into the Cashpot for Schools campaign and select a specific primary school or select 'Schools in Need'.

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### Shop in store across Asda and George, or online at Asda.com

Asda will donate a percentage of your shop to your chosen school each time you shop and scan.

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### Asda does the rest

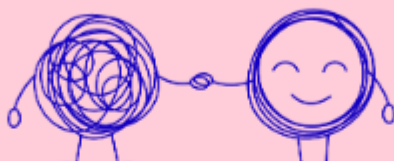
The money raised will be donated through Parentkind to schools to spend on what they need most. This won't affect your own Cashpot earn.

Once 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

Mental Health Support Teams  
in Schools

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in West Essex

## Parent-led Support





### **A Special Shout Out to All Parents and Carers!**

As we prepare to celebrate Black History Month in October, we're excited to announce our Black History Week! It will be a vibrant celebration of the rich and diverse contributions of Black History, and we would love for you to be part of it.

If you're passionate about sharing stories, experiences, or cultural insights that can inspire and empower our children, we warmly invite you to join us. Your voices and stories are invaluable in shaping the next generation's understanding of our shared history.

Please reach out if you're interested in participating—we'd be thrilled to have you!

Mrs Derriman