



# Barns Green Primary School

## Newsletter

03.10.25

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to those of you who attended our reading workshop this week. I hope you found the session helpful. Mrs Callaghan and myself are so passionate about the power of reading and it was good to share this with you along with information on our schools approach to reading and ways you can help your child.

The following information from the book trust outlines the benefit of reading to, and with your children at each stage:

### The benefits of reading as children grow

#### 0-2 years

- Bonding and building relationships
- Speech and language
- Foundational thinking

#### 3-4 years

- School readiness
- Wellbeing and resilience
- Emergent literacy
- Thinking, memory and creativity

#### 5-8 years

- General knowledge and attainment
- Wellbeing, resilience and attainment
- Language and literacy
- Thinking, memory, attention and creativity

#### 9+ years

- General knowledge and attainment
- Wellbeing, empathy and emotional intelligence
- Language and literacy
- Thinking, memory and creativity

I encourage you to read the following:

[BookTrusts-Benefits-of-Reading.pdf](#)

[The science behind the benefits of reading for babies | BookTrust](#)

There really can be no excuses!

Have a lovely weekend, it looks like the weather will be perfect for curling up with a book!!

Warm wishes,

Tracey Newbold

### Thank you

On behalf of the school, I would like to extend a huge thanks to Tom Plowman who has stepped down as Chair of Governors after several years. As Chair Tom has overseen the school move from strength to strength and we have all been highly appreciative of his support, guidance and expertise. Thankfully Tom is not leaving the Governors and will in fact be taking up the position as Vice Chair of Governors, so we look forward to continuing to work together. We are very pleased to inform you that Dawn Martin is now our new Chair of Governors.

In further changes we also have a vacancy for a parent governor. This is an exciting opportunity to play a role in the strategic leadership of the school. It is a rewarding role and one that we greatly value here at school. See further details below.

### Pumpkin

We will once again be running a pumpkin carving competition. I encourage the children to let their imagination run wild and to bring carved pumpkins to school on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October.



### PTA

Sadly, we are still without a PTA, and you will notice that we are unable to run our usual Halloween Spooktacular. For many years now this has been a popular event for the whole school community, it is also a valuable fundraiser.

Events like this cannot go ahead without a properly formed PTA. There is no capacity for school staff to step in to fill the breach as such. Our primary endeavour must be education.

I will however organise a meeting, date tbc, after half term to encourage parents who do have a view on this matter to get together and move forward.

Let's see what happens next...

It is all for the benefit of the children and school.

### Parent Governor vacancy

There is an exciting opportunity for a new Parent Governor to join our Governing Body. No special qualifications are needed – just commitment, common sense, and a willingness to get involved in shaping the future of our lovely school.

Please check your emails for full details on how to apply.



Hedgehog Class learning about London landmarks in a creative, inclusive and memorable way



The finished piece. The children were able to talk me through each of the landmarks and key geographical features!

### Bake Sale - Thank you!

An enormous thank you to everyone who participated in last week's bake sale, either through helping on the stall, buying cakes or donating cakes. Your support is very much appreciated. Together we raised £119.29

Any outstanding IOUs can still be paid at the office.

### Millais School open evening – 9<sup>th</sup> October

Please follow this link for further details: [Millais School Information](#)

### Dates

#### October

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> – Year 4 Multiskills Festival at The Weald

Splash assembly

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> – African Dance workshop

Year 5 Theatre in Education at Christ's Hospital

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> - INSET day (no children in school)

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> – Supporting children with worries workshop 9.10am

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Parent/Teacher consultations

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Parent/Teacher consultations

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> – Pumpkin carving competition

Break up for half-term at 3.20pm

**November**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Children back in school

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> – Open day for 2026 Reception children 9.15am

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> – Open day for 2026 Reception children 2.15pm

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> – Stay and play session for 2026 Reception children 3.30-4.30pm

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> - Stay and play session for 2026 Reception children 3.30-4.30pm

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> – Otter class assembly 2.45pm (parents/carers invited)

**December**

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> – Break up for Christmas holidays

**January**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> – Children back in school