



Barnwood CE Primary

EYFS AUTUMN 2026 - NEWS

Welcome

We are so excited to get started on our first term together! The transition to school this year has been a great success and the children are settling in well. They are adapting to the new routines of our class and finding their way around school. It was lovely to see so many families attend the 'induction sessions' followed by home visits in July. We hope you found it as useful as we did spending time getting to know you all a little better before school started.



OUR EYFS STAFF TEAM

We wanted to let you know who will be teaching and taking care of your children during their first year in school. Most of you have met us already but as a reminder...

Mrs West is the class teacher and EYFS/KS1 leader. Mrs Whittingham is our full time learning partner and Mrs Gisby teaches the class on Fridays whilst Mrs West has PPA and management time. Once children start phonics and are grouped they will meet lots of other KS1 staff members.

REMINDERS

- September 10th – half days plus lunch
- September 17th – full time
- September 17th & 18th – Swimming
- September 21st – PE starts (wear kit)
- September 23rd – Forest School starts (wear kit)

EVERYDAY

- Bring a coat (whatever the weather)
- SCHOOL WATER BOTTLE
- SCHOOL BOOK BAG (with books!)

OUR LEARNING

This term our learning will centre around the theme 'All About Me' where we will learn all about each other and our families, friends and our new wider school community. We are busy getting to know the children's abilities, interests, likes and dislikes. Although we already have a well planned curriculum we will continue to use the children's interests and remain fluid and flexible with learning, depending upon their needs. The attached knowledge organiser gives you an idea of what we are learning and to allow you to support at home including key vocabulary. Before we begin formal teaching we will be making assessments and completing the government required baseline assessment in the first few weeks.



Birthdays! At Barnwood when it is your birthday (or the nearest school day to it) you can come to school wearing your own special outfit to celebrate if you would like. We do not allow children to bring and share any sweets, chocolate or cakes due to regard for children with allergies and food intolerances.

COMMUNICATION

We will always try to keep you updated about everything that is going on in school and in class. You will receive emails via the office and 'Parent Mail' as well as via 'Class Dojo', where you will receive photos or class specific news and photos. This is a secure system a little like you might have seen at nursery and a great way to share in seeing what your child is up to.

SNACKS/LUNCHTIME

Free fruit snacks are provided daily for all infant children along with a drink of milk (free until they are 5). You may send in your own healthy snack if preferred (fresh fruit). The children eat their lunch in the hall which is freshly prepared in our Barnwood Kitchen by Darren (our fantastic chef!). There are a variety of hot and cold lunches provided daily providing balanced meals that follow the latest government guidance for healthy eating and encourage children to make good choices. Allergies are fully catered for and lunches are FREE for all the infant children! Children who have packed lunches will need to follow our healthy schools guidance https://barnwoodprimary.co.uk/parental_information/general_information/lunches/lunches.html

