Barnburgh Newsletter

October 2026

Welcome back to what promises to be another exciting and rewarding academic year at Barnburgh Primary Academy! It is hard to believe that we have already reached the end of our first eight weeks together, and what a busy and memorable start to the year it has been!

Of course, one of the biggest events of this half term has been our Ofsted inspection! I am absolutely delighted with our report, which recognises so many of the things that make Barnburgh such a special place to learn and grow. We are particularly proud to have achieved Strong Standard judgements in five areas, alongside confirmation that safeguarding is effective. The report is a wonderful celebration of our children, staff, families and wider school community, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all once again for your continued support. For anyone who has not yet had the opportunity to read our report, it is available on our school website under the 'Statutory Information' tab. I really do encourage you to take a look. It is something we can all be incredibly proud of!

I am also delighted to share that an amazing 95% of our families attended parents' evenings this half term. This outstanding turnout reflects the strength of our home-school partnership and our shared commitment to giving every child the very best opportunities. We received some truly lovely feedback from so many of you, and on behalf of all our staff, I would like to say a heartfelt thank you for your kind words, encouragement and support. They really do mean a great deal to us.

Thank you, as always, for being such an important part of our school community. We have so much to celebrate already, and I am looking forward to everything the rest of the year has in store.

Here's to another fantastic year of learning, growing, achieving and, of course, shining together!

Mrs J Potts - Headteacher

KEY DATES

- Monday 2nd November – Halloween Disco
- Wednesday 4th November – Individual & sibling photos
- Week beginning 9th November – Diwali and skipathon week
- Monday 16th November – Y1 ASPIRE event at 9am
- Tuesday 17th November – Y2 ASPIRE event at 9am
- Tuesday 17th November – Reception and Y6 height & weight
- Wednesday 18th November – Reception ASPIRE event at 08:45
- Wednesday 18th November – Y6 ASPIRE event at 2pm
- Thursday 19th November – Nursery ASPIRE event at 08:45
- Thursday 19th November – Y4 ASPIRE event at 2pm
- Friday 20th November – Y5 ASPIRE event at 9am
- Friday 20th November – Y3 ASPIRE event at 2pm
- Wednesday 25th November – Basketball comp KS1 am KS2 pm
- Friday 27th November – Y1 Safetouch
- Thursday 3rd December – Y5 science trip to Laurel academy
- Week beginning 7th December Hanukah celebration
- Tuesday 8th December – Choir Concert 16:30 St Peter's Church
- Wednesday 9th December – Early Years Christmas concert 10:45
- Thursday 10th December – Early Years Christmas concert 10:45
- Monday 14th December – Y3 and Y4 Christmas performance 09:00 and 14:00
- Tuesday 15th December – Y5 and Y6 Christmas performance 09:00 and 14:00
- Thursday 17th December – Y1 and Y2 Christmas performance 09:00 and 14:00
- Friday 18th December – School Christmas Day including church service, Christmas jumpers / party clothes, Christmas dinner and a special visitor!

#TEAMBARNBURGH

Well done to our newly elected Junior Leaders for this year.

HOUSE CAPTAINS
Einstein: Makayla & Fletcher
Mandela: Charlie & Isabel F
Hawking: Buddy & Florence
Teresa: Ava & Thomas

DIGITAL LEADERS:
Alistair, Ava, Judd, Owen & Thomas

NEW LIBRARIANS:
Year 5: Emmi, Charlotte, Georgia, Nell, Ella, Jaxon, Eva, Alec
Year 6: Florence, Jaxon, Joseph

SCHOOL COUNCILLORS:
Year 1: Jemimah and Iris
Year 2: Molly and James
Year 3: Henry and Ralphie
Year 4: Caitlin and Georgia W
Year 5: Bligh and Eva N
Year 6: Joseph (Chair) Olivia (vice chair)
Secretary: Cerys
Treasurer: Isabelle G

PERSONAL ASSISTANTS
Pearl and Makenzie

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HARVEST

On Wednesday 7th October, all our children from Reception to Year 6 walked to St Peter's Church to take part in a wonderful Harvest Celebration, led by Revd. Jo Twigg.
This year's theme was 'Harvest of the Sea', giving our children the opportunity to reflect on the importance of our oceans, the food they provide and the people who work hard to bring it to our tables. During the service, the children sang beautifully, recited poetry, shared prayers and listened to stories, reminding us all of the importance of being thankful for what we have and helping those less fortunate than ourselves.
We would like to say an enormous thank you to all our families for your incredibly generous food donations. We were truly overwhelmed by your kindness and generosity! Our wonderful School Council did a fantastic job of arranging the donations into a lovely display before carefully packing everything into bags and helping Miss Clark deliver them to the Salvation Army, where they were gratefully received.
Finally, a huge thank you to Miss Clark for organising this year's Harvest Celebration and to Revd. Jo Twigg for making us feel so welcome at St Peter's Church. It was a lovely occasion that brought our school community together and reminded us of the importance of kindness, gratitude and giving to others.







TRUST AWARDS

A HUGE congratulations to Mrs Nowell and Fletcher (year 6) for winning the Leger Education Trust award for Pride this half term.



PARTY DAY

On Friday 23rd October, we enjoyed a fantastic party day in school as our way of saying a huge THANK YOU to your wonderful children for simply being amazing! They have made us incredibly proud this half term, with so many visitors commenting on their lovely manners, behaviour and positive attitudes. What better way to celebrate than with a day of party games, a delicious party lunch and, thanks to our fabulous PTA, a special visit from the ice cream van! A wonderful end to a brilliant half term!



HOUSE WINNERS

Congratulations to Teresa House who are our cumulative winners so far this year with an impressive 922 house points!



ATTENDANCE WINNERS

Congratulations to Year 3 for winning the Attendance trophy this half term with an impressive 98.3% attendance.

Our whole school attendance for Autumn 1 is 97%



SPORT NEWS

Congratulations to all our children who represented our school at sports competitions this half term. The results from Autumn 1 are listed below:

COMPETITION	DATE	YEAR GROUPS	POSITION
Football Comp	22.09.26	5&6	4th
Football Fest	23.10.26	KS2	n/a
Football Comp	08.10.26	5&6	Quarter finalists
Football Fest	14.10.26	1&2	n/a
Basketball comp	21.10.24	5&6	1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th