

GREAT BARTON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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End of year wrap up

That's a wrap on a fantastic year! From laughs to learning, and a whole lot in between, we've stuck to what matters: #Growth, #Respect, #Enjoy, #Achieve, and #Team. Thanks to everyone who made it special.

Here's to a well-earned break and all the adventures ahead!

Summer Term Highlights

What a term! We've had awards, adventures, performances, and plenty of fun:

- 📖 Spark Book Awards and SATs success for Year 6 🌟
- 🏰 Year 3's trip to Colchester Castle
- 🌿 Clubs continued to thrive—gardening, dance, French, sports, STEM, netball & Crafty Foxes
- 🚲 ♀ Bikeability for Years 5 & 6
- 📁 Careers Week—massive thanks to the parents who joined in
- 🎨 Whole school art/eco project & our "working bee" day 🐝
- 🏠 Year 6 residential at Aylmerton—huge thanks to weekend-working staff!
- 🚀 Hare Class trip to Leicester Space Centre



- 🎭 Theatre shows "A Square World" & "Olive Branch" + workshops for every class (thank you PTFA!)
- 🐷 Robin Class visit to Hollow Trees Farm
- 🦉 Owl class visit from the owl sanctuary.
- 📖 Book Fair & 🏠 Summer Fair
- 🌿 Hare Class Wilder Schools project
- 🏆 Sports Day action
- 🐷 Fox Class visit to South Angles Farm
- 🔄 Transition visits for next year's classes & new reception Owls
- 🎵 Oliver Twist performance—top-notch solos, singing & acting!
- 🦉 Owl class pirate day - oooh aaargh!
- 🧩 Puzzle Day (thanks again PTFA!)
- 🔥 Leavers' BBQ & assembly to finish things off

A huge well done and thank you to everyone who helped make this term unforgettable!

And all of this happened on top of our regular teaching and learning—our pupils really are lucky to enjoy such a wide range of brilliant opportunities!

Our teaching staff next year:

Owl: Mrs Green/Mrs Mayhew (teachers), Mrs Cunningham, Miss Bunton (TAs)
Robin: Mrs Larke/Miss Frost (teachers)
Fox: Mrs Mizen/Mrs Deeks, (teachers) Mrs Boldero (TA)
Squirrel: Ms Coetzee (teacher)
Badger: Miss Pizzey/Mrs Millin (teachers), Mrs Coe (TA)
Hare: Mrs Power (teacher), Mrs Souter, Mrs Wright, Miss Read (TAs)
Osprey: Mr Vaughton (teacher), Mrs Bonsall, Mrs Wright (TAs)
Mrs Manning helps in Owl, Robin, Fox and Squirrel

PSHE Ambassadors:

I wanted to take this opportunity to formally thank Liberty, Hollie, Lillia, Isla and Molly for all of their hard work over the last school year being our PSHE ambassadors. They have been incredibly dedicated giving up most Wednesday lunchtimes to work with our 'Chill and Chat' group. They have come up with all sorts of activities for the children to do as well as encouraging them to take part in whole school assemblies that we have created about anti-bullying and children's mental health. Not only have the younger children benefitted from everything they have planned and organised but the girls themselves have developed so many skills. I have been so impressed with how organised and forward thinking they have been. I asked them to let me know what items they may need and was told "Don't worry we have sorted everything." When I've said we need to tell or do they have been one step ahead and have thought of it or already done it. It just shows me how important their role has been to them and how much they have enjoyed the responsibility they have had. It is testimony to their hard work, enthusiasm and commitment that we have had 10 year 5 pupils come to be interviewed hoping to take over as their replacements.

Well done girls – you have been absolutely superb and I'm really going to miss your effort, enthusiasm and commitment. You really will be a tough act to follow. I wish you good luck and all the very best for high school. Keep being the stars that you are.

Mrs Millin



Year 4 Multisports Festival

On Friday 4th July Badger class travelled to Thurston High School for a multi-sports festival with other local primary schools. As part of the morning the children took part in a carousel of activities that practised skills linked to archery, netball, rugby, hockey, hurdles, boccia, frisbee, howler throwing, golf, cricket and football.

The children needed to work as a team to score as many points as they could on each activity. They were helped by the Year 10 students from the high school who explained and demonstrated each activity as well as keeping score of all of their points.

At the end of the carousel everyone eagerly waited to hear the results. Badger class came 5th out of 11 other teams – which is a superb result,

Mrs Coe, Miss Read and I were incredibly proud of the whole class. They showed fantastic team work by helping and encouraging each other. They were also very good sports and behaved brilliantly the whole morning including using good manners to thank everyone who helped including our bus driver. We then enjoyed a picnic lunch together on the field on our return to school.

A fantastic morning Badgers. Mrs Millin.



Music

After a finale concert for choir at the end of last term, who took part in the Big Spring Sing held by the diocese at St Edmundsbury Cathedral, there have been a number of other musical projects taking place this term. Many classes have enjoyed music lessons using our new class ensemble instrument, the Boomwhackers, which were kindly brought for the school by the PTFA. A range of pieces of music have been learnt, where children have to follow the music carefully to play their part at the correct time playing both melodies and chord accompaniments. Year 4 have culminated their Year of clarinet lessons with Suffolk County Music Service by playing in a concert at the Apex in Bury St Edmunds.

Years 5 and 6 worked tirelessly to perfect their singing in their end of year production, Oliver with a twist. This included songs in parts and with harmonies as well as excellent solo performances by a number of children. It has been fantastic to see their confidence grow as performers. We were also treated to competent piano accompaniment throughout by Flynn. The school's final performance included every member of the school (including the staff), in their performance of a rewritten version of One Day More as a fitting tribute to Mrs Borley at the Leavers assembly. A fitting end to a fantastic year of music in the school



Values competition winners

This term's value was Truthfulness. Our competition winners were:

Isla Moss, Sophia Dexter, Aila Gray, Oliver Coe and Ben Thomson, who have all been put onto gold.

Thank you to everyone who entered.

Reminders

The price of school dinners for years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be increasing to £2.65 from September 2025.

Please remember that school meals should be paid for on Arbor in advance and accounts should not be in arrears.

For a list of local holiday clubs for the summer please check our school website: <https://www.greatbartonprimaryschool.co.uk/holiday-clubs/>



How to Access a Foodbank Parcel During the School Holidays

Call the **Help Through Hardship helpline on 0808 208 2138**. The call is free from landlines and mobiles.

Clubs for next term will be sent out on our PD days, which are 1st and 2nd September – please look out for these.



Golden children this term:

Owls

Ayda, Raife, Penelope and Isla

Robins

Robin, Maksym, Elora

Foxes

Aila, Ben, Ollie, Faran and Mayli

Squirrels

Rupert, Sienna, Toby, Lissy, Trinity, Fred, Morgan, Jacob, Charlotte and Harry S

Badgers

Libby, Phoebe, Charlie Mo and Jake

Hares

Sebby, Dexie-Rae and Courtney

Ospreys

Libby, Phoebe, Charlie Mo and Jake

This term's green raffle winners:

Owl: Sophie

Robin: Behr

Fox: Mags

Squirrel: Fred

Badger: Charlie Me

Hare: Olivia

Osprey: Isla-Bella



Year six leavers

The summer term is always a bittersweet affair as we prepare to say goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 pupils – many of whom have been part of our school family since Reception. Watching them grow into confident, kind, and resilient young people has been a true privilege.

We are incredibly proud to send them off to their next schools with a treasure trove of memories and outstanding attitudes. Their time with us may be ending, but the impact they've made will stay with us.

To each and every one of them: thank you for the laughter, the learning, and the legacy you've left behind. We wish you all the luck in the world for the exciting adventures ahead.



Goodbye Mrs Borley:

Mrs. Borley has been an extraordinary presence in our school—an inspirational colleague whose calm strength, positivity, and professionalism have uplifted everyone around her. Her remarkable adaptability and quiet confidence have made her a go-to support in every situation, always ready to help with grace and good humour.

She embodies everything we value in a team member: dependable, caring, and endlessly capable. While we'll miss her deeply, we know this isn't goodbye. The door will always be open for her to return for a bit of cooking, reading, or joining us on a school trip!

We wish Mrs. Borley the happiest and most well-deserved retirement, filled with peace, joy, and new adventures. Thank you for everything, Linda—you'll always be part of our school family.



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