



William Barnes Primary School

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January 2026 - Spring Term 1

Head teacher Update

It's been an interesting January so far and as it comes to an end, the picture above seemed appropriate! I think we are all ready for Spring to arrive. Signs are certainly appearing, with the bulbs our children have planted beginning to show their shoots through some very damp patches of soil. With an eye on warmer days and nights, we are planning our residential trips, with Year 4 hoping to go to sleep in a Viking Longhouse at Cranborne, and Year 5 taking part in various adventures with Leeson House. We are also lucky enough to have the Science Dome visiting our school in March – at no cost to families, thanks to the generosity of the PTFA and a local benefactor.



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Our new values, chosen by staff, children and you have been a big topic of conversation in lessons and assemblies. Kindness was by far the most popular selection in all categories, with Respect and Courage/Resilience not far behind. It has been lovely to see people respectfully holding open doors for each other, hear them saying, "Pardon?" and talk about the courage to try something new. We will try to live our values in everything we do.

Breakfast and After-School Clubs

In an emergency, you can call the school to request a place at after-school club, but otherwise, please **book in any Extended School sessions on Arbor**. This means that you will have a confirmed place and will save our busy office team having to put the sessions on individually.



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Parent & Carer evenings

On 2nd and 4th March, we will have our parent/carer consultation evenings. Bookings will go live at 5:30pm on 9th February and be open until midnight on the 1st March. If you have any trouble booking, please pop into the school office. Once again, booking is through Arbor so please do make sure that you are logged on to the system.

It is important that you **enable 'in-app notifications'** so that you don't miss any messages!

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#WB Proud

I am in the privileged position of being able to walk around school, joining in with and talking to them about the wonderful learning that they are doing. Sometimes it's easy to forget that parents and carers don't see how busy and happy we are during the school day, so it was lovely to have so many of you join us for our most recent phonics session. Thank you, too, to those of you who volunteer to read with our children. Every Friday, we celebrate with certificates and sparkly stickers, as well as sharing achievements from out of school. Here are just some of the things we've been up to recently:



Parking

If you have not been issued with a permit, do not park in our car park unless you are collecting a sick child. We reserve the right to shut the gate at any time.

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Dates for your diary

Thursday 5th February
Monday 9th February

Wednesday 11th February

Wednesday 11th – Friday 13th, 3:30-4pm
Thursday 12th February



Saturday 14th February - Monday 23rd February - half-term break (staff training day on Monday!)

Monday 2nd & Wednesday 4th March 3:30 - 6pm

Thursday 5th March

Friday 6th March

Monday 9th March

Wednesday 11th March, 2:45pm

Monday 16th March

Wednesday 18th – Friday 20th

Friday 20th March, 3:30pm

Monday 23rd March

Friday 27th March

Monday 13th April

Girls Davidson Cup Match 4 vs Pimperne (at William Barnes)

Parent/Carer evening bookings open on Arbor (5:30pm)

Schools Mental Health Week

Safer Internet Day

Glow Dodgeball

Scholastic Book Fair – *card/phone, or correct cash, please*

Yr. 5/6 netball, Stalbridge

Parent/Carer evenings

Science Dome visiting

World Book Day

Y5/6 football (at Child Okeford)

Yr. 6 SATs parent/carer information evening

Yr. 3/4 football - Child Okeford

Yr. 5 to Leeson House

PTFA meeting

KS2 Girls Football - Child Okeford

last day of term

back to school



Parents, Teachers & Friends Association

The PTFA is a small, dedicated group of people who are already beginning to plan events for this academic year in the hope of bringing our community together and raising funds for our pupils. William Barnes PTFA is always looking for new members so whether you can offer a little time or a lot, please do get in touch!

Асоциацията на родителите, учителите и приятелите е малка, всеотдайна група от хора, които вече започват да планират събития за тази учебна година с надеждата да обединят нашата общност и да наберат средства за нашите ученици. Асоциацията на родителите, учителите и приятелите на Уилям Барнс винаги търси нови членове, така че независимо дали можете да предложите малко време или много, моля, свържете се с нас!

Governors

If you would like the opportunity to be involved in school governance, please contact the Clerk to the Governors, Ms Catherine Dunkley-Jones on c.dunkley-jones@williambarnes.dorset.sch.uk for more information and an informal conversation about the role. It is a great way to become involved and learn a little more about how schools are run.

Ако желаете възможността да участвате в училищното управление, моля, свържете се със секретаря на училищния съвет, г-жа Катрин Дънкли-Джоунс, на c.dunkley-jones@williambarnes.dorset.sch.uk за повече информация и неофициален разговор за ролята. Това е чудесен начин да се включите и да научите малко повече за това как се управляват училищата.

Best wishes

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