



# William Barnes Primary School

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## Head teacher Update

After a long, hot summer, children have settled well back into school and now the Autumn mists have returned to the river. Our new friends in Reception are enjoying their new experiences and have really impressed us with their confidence and enthusiasm and it's been lovely to chat to so many of you on the playground. I am in the privileged position of being able to visit everyone's lessons, sitting down next to children and chatting about their learning, as well as sharing their playtimes with them, and it has been a joy to see their engagement in lessons and the social connections being forged on the playground. Please do book a slot at our upcoming parent/carers consultations on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of October so that you can see how much pride children take in their books and their work displayed around school! Booking goes live on Arbor on Wednesday morning.

## Enrichment

We pride ourselves on not just being academically ambitious at William Barnes, but providing many opportunities to children in the form of trips, activities and reading. Please do follow us on social media and Instagram where we celebrate many of our successes in and out of school. Autumn 1 is already getting busy...

- homework, climate champions, choir, colouring lunch clubs
- tag rugby, board games and Forest School after-school clubs
- Rocksteady band sessions, guitar, and piano lessons
- Y6 PGL residential
- Y1 Mill trip
- Harvest festival assembly by Reverend Mary
- Y6 weekly choir teacher visiting to prepare for the Sherborne Abbey concert
- Free Rocksteady sessions for Kingfishers, Wagtails, Herons, Woodpeckers and Owls
- Y6 Bikeability training
- School Councillors have been elected
- Y6 Reading Guardians and Playtime Buddies have begun to support the younger children
- Sports Ambassadors' training day at Bryanston School



**Do you know a fellow parent/carers who doesn't seem to get the messages sent out on Arbor?**  
**Please tell them to ensure they have the Arbor app downloaded and have enabled notifications.**  
**They can pop into the office if they need any help.**

## #WB Proud



**We are an allergy aware school; thank you for helping to keep all our children safe by not sending nut and sesame products into school.**

### Before school (8:35 – 8:45am)

Key Stage One children on the playground before school begins at 8:45am should always be supervised by a parent or carer.

Key Stage Two children who are not with an adult must be in the basketball area so that they can be supervised.

To encourage their confidence and independence, they should also put their own lunchboxes in the hall. Please do remind your KS2 children of this.

### Autumn term dates for your diary

October 5<sup>th</sup> – Little Owls' Mill Trip  
October 5<sup>th</sup> – 'Olives et al' visiting Wagtails  
October 7<sup>th</sup> – Open Evening for new families  
October 8<sup>th</sup> – Sports Ambassador training at Bryanston  
October 12<sup>th</sup> - Year 2 Mixed Football (Barbarians) at Shillingstone  
October 15<sup>th</sup> – individual and sibling photographs  
October 16<sup>th</sup> – PTFA meeting  
October 19<sup>th</sup> – Shoe Box Appeal collection week  
October 19<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> – Parent/Carer consultations, 3:30-6pm  
October 20<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 performing at Sherborne Abbey  
October 21<sup>st</sup> – Year 5/6 tag rugby at Hazelbury Bryan  
October 22<sup>nd</sup> – last day of half-term  
November 2<sup>nd</sup> – return to school  
November 3<sup>rd</sup> – orienteering at Child Okeford  
November 10<sup>th</sup> – orienteering at Hazelbury Bryan  
November 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> – Life Education Centres visiting school  
November 16<sup>th</sup> – Anti-bullying week  
November 17<sup>th</sup> – orienteering at William Barnes  
November 24<sup>th</sup> – orienteering at Shillingstone  
November 28<sup>th</sup> – Choir performing at the Christmas Lights switch-on  
December 1<sup>st</sup> – orienteering at Durweston  
December 9<sup>th</sup> – Reception nativity (a.m.), KS1 nativity (p.m.)  
December 10<sup>th</sup> – Rocksteady Concert (p.m.)  
December 11<sup>th</sup> – PTFA Christmas Market – to be confirmed  
December 15<sup>th</sup> – Choir performing at the Pyramid Concert  
December 16<sup>th</sup> – Christmas lunch  
December 18<sup>th</sup> – Church Service and end of term



***Every morning we read a story together, so don't be late!***

**\*What is a PTFA?** Most schools have a Parent/Carer, Teacher and Friends Association (PTFA), which is an organisation of parents, carers, grandparents and often school staff. PTFAs are best known for their fundraising work, but they have a useful social function too, working collaboratively with the school to organise events that raise invaluable funds to support your children and allow the school community to get together. Any money raised through the work of the PTFA is for your children, helping to provide 'extra' resources and experiences that will enrich their time at school. Some of the roles are time-consuming, although also rewarding. If you can't commit to a big job, look out for things you can do less frequently. You will be guaranteed a warm welcome and it is a fantastic opportunity to meet other parents, make new friends and feel part of our school community.

### Parking

If you have not been issued with a permit for this school year, do not park in our car park unless you are collecting a sick child. As it is part of our premises, we reserve the right to shut the gate at any time, including evenings and weekends.

Warm regards

Head teacher

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Where every child counts