

Bawdeswell Primary School Newsletter



Spring First Half Term 2026

Another Busy Half Term

As always this half term has been super busy. The children have been working hard learning about the past across the school —they have looked at toys from the past, compared buildings that are both old and modern and learned about archaeology.

We have celebrated festivals from across the globe, including Setsubun from Japan.

We have held another Maths Café where the children showed the grow ups how they learn about number bonds and build this knowledge to help them with more complex maths.

Our Play leaders have begun running sessions at lunch times for the younger children. They have designed different games and taught the children how to play them and have run the sessions themselves.

We have been visited by Graham Byrne, a retired police chief inspector, who talked about life in the police force and answered the children's questions. Who knows, we may have some police officers of the future in the making!

We are all looking forward to a well deserved break at half term, so we are ready to return and learn again!

Can you Help?

Can you spare just an hour or two? We are looking for volunteers in the new school year.

Are you able to come and listen to children read?

Being able to read fluently and confidently is such a valuable skill for all our children. Not only does it open up a world of adventure it gives children the confidence to take on the challenges across the whole of the curriculum. Daily reading with an adult is crucial to building reading fluency. If you are able to offer any time at all please to come and chat to us.

Are you able to come and talk about your job?

Learning about the world of work is so important, even at this young age. It helps children to understand why they are learning and it encourages them to want to achieve well. We are looking for people to come and talk to the children about different job roles to inspire them and help them to link their school learning now with their future lives.

Do you have a hobby or interest that you would like to share with the children? Could you perhaps run an after school club? We are always looking for ways to give the children new and exciting opportunities.



FOBS raises funds to enhance our children's learning and experiences at school

Let us know your fundraising ideas

Help at events like the discos, treat stalls and fetes

HOW TO GET INVOLVED IN FOBS

Join in as little or as much as you can - no pressure!

Come along to meetings (we meet to plan events 5-6 times a year)

contact the team: Facebook @fobsbawdeswell / email bawdeswellfriends@gmail.com



Stars of the Month



January

Year R: Seren
Year 1: Mason
Year 2: Isaac
Year 3: Theodore
Year 4: Rocco
Year 5: Jake
Year 6: Elliott

Well done to all of you. We are so proud of how hard you have worked.

Juniper Class

This month, we have been very busy. In English we've learnt about a Mars rover called Curiosity. We learnt about each piece of it and how it got to space. In Maths, we have also been rounding decimals to ones, tenths and hundredths, for example 1.56 rounds up so it's 1.6.

For D.T we made small courses for our lego minifigures from scraps of recycling, then we printed them in moon-like colours. In Art, we made phases of the moon to go with our topic. We drew circles and shaded the phases with white pencil and used water colour to create shadows.

Lastly, in history, we made pottage a medieval stew. We made one pottage which peasants ate and one which the rich had. Some of us liked it, some of us didn't.

Written by Year 6



School Shoes

As children grow out of their school shoes, please ensure they are replaced with all-black shoes that contain no white or coloured logos or soles, in accordance with our uniform policy.



These are great!



Please, not these.



PE trainers can have the logos and colours but are only to be worn on PE days.

Thank you for your co operation.

An important message from Year 6

Dear parents and carers,
we have noticed lots of talking in our Friday assembly lately. We would appreciate it if you could please stop. We get distracted and we can't hear Miss Salee.

Thankyou,
from year six.

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Term Dates

February

16th—20th Half Term
23rd-27th Malawi Week

March

3rd & 5th Parents Evenings
5th World Book Day
13th Mother's Day Gift Shop
20th Comic Relief
25th Year 6 Crucial Crew
26th Easter Disco
27th Easter Treat Stall
27th Last Day of Spring Term

April

13th Start of Summer Term
23rd WNDSSP Year 4-5
30th Non Club Football WNDSP Festival

May

4th May Bank Holiday
7th WNDSSP—Year 1-2 Athletics Festival
11-15SATS Week
15th Hazel Class Trip to Norwich Castle
21st-22nd Juniper Class Residential
21st WNDSSP Girls Can Festival
25– 29th Half Term

June

1st-5th Japan Week
1st-5th MTC Testing Week
6th FOBS Fete
8th-12th Phonics Screening Week
19th Fathers Day Gift Shop
24th Sports Day
25-26INSET DAYS

July

7-8th RHS Transition Days
15-16th Neatherd Transition Days
17th Last day of term—Finish at 1:15pm

Setsubun

Setsubun is a Japanese festival celebrated annually on February 2nd or 3rd, marking the day before the beginning of spring (*Risshun*). Rooted in tradition, it features the *mamemaki* (bean-throwing) ritual, where roasted soybeans are scattered to drive out *oni* (demons) and invite good fortune for the new season.

The children celebrated this by making oni masks and sharing the soya beans.

We were sent cards from the children at our link school in Japan, the Sakado Azuma Kindergarten, we sent photos of us in the masks in return.



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Rowan Class

This half term Rowan class have been busy learning about capacity and mass in Maths. We enjoyed exploring these topics through lots of explorative learning. We enjoyed making boats and testing what would happen with more or less mass!

We have also been busy using our phonics to describe, design and invent creations we want to make in our construction area. The children have enjoyed drawing what they want to make and writing a sentence to tell us what it is. This has helped them when coming to make their creations and we have had some brilliant things being built!

We have enjoyed learning about long ago. We have explored the history within our school and local area as well as changes over time, including how we change and grow!



KS1 Maths Café

This term we held our second Maths Café of the year, this time for Key Stage 1. We focussed on number nods and how these help with our mental maths and arithmetic.

Thank you to everyone who came and played our number bond games with the children, it was a lovely afternoon. If you would like to have any of the games to play at home please come and ask.



Cedar Class

What a busy half term we've had in Cedar Class! We have created some lovely stories based on 'The Last Stop on Market Street' and we are in the process of doing more creative writing based on 'Jim and the Beanstalk'. It has been wonderful to see how much children have progressed with their story-telling and writing skills and how well they have used their imagination to come up with original and interesting ideas.

In maths, Cedar Class have become so much more confident in solving addition and subtraction questions using their own written methods. Recently, we have also looked at repeated addition and how addition sentences could be turned into multiplication questions. Next half term, we will link multiplication to sharing and division.

In our topic lessons, we pretended to be 'street detectives', exploring our local area by looking for clues for the age of the buildings and discussing how they are currently used and how they were used in the past. The highlights of this unit of work were our village walk, and Mr White being a traditional butcher and serving a hundred rashers of bacon!

We've played hard, learned hard and we are so ready for lots of rest and relaxation!



Hazel Class



Hazel Class have had a busy and creative time across the curriculum. In English, the children explored *The Crown* by Emily Kapff and learned about the mission of the main character to help care for the world. As part of this, we made nature crowns first, before creating our own Books of Wonder.

We also discussed ways to reduce waste and pollution, linking our to real-life learning actions. In Maths, the focus has been on multiplication and division, using the grid method and number lines to support understanding and confidence. The children have also been learning about length and perimeter, practising accurate measuring through practical activities.

Our project, 'Tribal Tales', has taken us on a journey from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. We explored everyday life and compared farming then and now, built Stonehenge from clay, investigated how shadows change with direction and enjoyed Art and DT activities including paper weaving, Beaker pottery, and making Iron Age jewellery. The children also discovered what it's like to be an archaeologist, uncovering clues from the past.

Healthy Eating Art Competition

This term to promote healthy eating across the school, the school council launched an art competition. The children were challenged to make a piece of art to celebrate healthy eating. What an amazing response we had! The children really rose to the challenge! Our winners were Evie (Yr2), Caitlin (Yr4) and Lucas (Yr5).



CONGRATULATIONS CEDAR CLASS

Each class entered Norfolk County Council Winter Teams competition to name one of their Gritter Lorries, and Cedar class WON!

Here is a photo of Gracie the Gritter, the name they chose.

Make sure you keep an eye out for it over half term as the forecast is for colder weather.



SAVE THE DATE

Bawdeswell Primary School FETE

SATURDAY 6th JUNE 2026, 12-4pm

**For the fete to go ahead, we need
helpers for the stalls/activities.
Please can you spare an hour or two?**

**If you can help, please contact
the office or email
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