

Bawdeswell Primary School Newsletter



Spring 2nd Half Term 2026

Easter is Here!

This half term has been a short one but we have packed so much in! Our Malawi week, many trips and sporting events as well as 2 values days.

The children have worked incredibly hard and have learnt so much in such a short space of time.

As the weather warms up we will be spending more time outside and on the field. Not just at break times but for lessons as well. Please make sure your child has a change of shoes in school and appropriate clothing for our changeable weather!

We hope you all have a restful and enjoyable Easter break and look forward to another busy term full of learning and excitement.

Spring Reading Challenge

Look out for the spring reading challenge sheets in the children's bags. Please encourage your children to keep reading over the Easter break, share stories with them and complete 3 in a row. There are lots of prizes to be won!

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



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



February

Year R: Henry
Year 1: Tommy
Year 2: Betty
Year 3: Ollie
Year 4: Evelyn
Year 5: Robin
Year 6: Molly

March

Year R: Scarlett
Year 1: Bella-Rae
Year 2: Sebastian
Year 3: Archie N
Year 4: Findlay
Year 5: Jake
Year 6: Joseph

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

Hazel Class

This half term, we have loved exploring *The Pied Piper of Hamelin* by Michael Morpurgo. The children produced some fantastic descriptive writing about the town being overrun by rats. We were so concerned for the people of Hamelin that we even wrote persuasive letters to the Mayor, offering ideas and advice on how to solve the problem!

In Maths, we have been learning all about fractions. We can now represent fractions using bar models and have practised converting between improper fractions and mixed numbers. We have also explored measurement, learning how to measure mass in grams (g) and kilograms (kg) and capacity in litres (l) and millilitres (ml).

Our project this half term has been Tremors, where we have been learning about different natural disasters such as volcanoes, earthquakes and tsunamis. We investigated different types of rocks, tested their properties and learned how they are formed. We also explored the layers of the Earth.

As part of our history learning, we researched the Roman city of Pompeii and discovered what happened during the devastating volcanic eruption that destroyed the city.

In Art, the children created thoughtful sketches inspired by the preserved forms found at Pompeii, carefully observing shape and detail.

Cedar Class

This half term has flown by in Cedar Class!

Coming back from half term, we enjoyed all our creative and fun activities during Malawi week. We also had World Book Day with lots of fun and great outfits! Then we dived into our 'Land Ahoy' topic – making and floating boats and designing treasure maps and pirate flags. We also experimented with electric circuits, made some working lighthouses and learned about the important role of the RNLI. As well as our topic work, we created some great stories based on 'The Sea Saw' by Tom Percival. We also had lots of fun exploring John Hegley's 'Stanley's Stick', being imaginative and using creative language and different sentence types. As well as our topic learning, we have worked on multiplication, division, fractions and finished our maths learning with block graphs and tally charts.

Phew! No wonder we are ready for a long break with some chocolate eggs and Easter treats!



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Juniper Class

In English, Juniper class have been busy getting to grips with noun phrases, exciting verbs and modal verbs in our story writing. The class are really enjoying Robot Girl and predicting what the Claire will do next as well as creating some nail-biting descriptions and dialogue- we even crept silently around school imagining we were the character!

In maths we have been learning about fractions, decimals and percentages and solving some very complex problems as well as writing our own.

Through our project this half term we have explored the order of the planets, their position and movement in relation to the sun, as well as how people discovered that the world is not flat! Lots of fun discussions! To develop our understanding further we have created moon scape models in Art.

Crucial Crew

Year 6 became part of the Crucial Crew this half term. They went to Gressenhall to take part in a afternoon of activities run by our emergency services.

They learnt how to keep themselves safe and how to help others in an emergency. This included basic first aid, keeping safe in and around water as well as looking after our emotional health and the dangers of smoking.

The children were amazing and we were so proud of them.

Term Dates

April

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

May

- 1st Rowan Class Trip to West Runton
- 4th May Bank Holiday
- 7th WNDSSP—Year 1-2 Athletics Festival
- 11-15 SATS 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
- 25-26 INSET DAYS

July

- 7-8th RHS Transition Days
- 15-16th Neatherd Transition Days

Rowan Class

Our English and Topic work this half term has been all about growing! We enjoyed reading *The Tiny Seed* and learning how seeds can travel and be planted in a variety of ways. We have planted our own seeds, learning to describe the size of the seeds and predicting which may become the biggest plants! These have included carrots, tomatoes, potatoes, cress, beans and peas! These were kindly donated to us by a parent in our class and have been much appreciated!



The children have enjoyed learning what plants need to grow and the lifecycle of plants and animals. Using this information the children have been writing their own guides on how to correctly plant a seed! We can't wait to see what produce we have planted and look forward to trying some of it soon!



Resilience Day

Our Value for the Month of March has been resilience. We finished the month with a day of activities to practice this and build our own resilience. These included team challenges to solve problems using trial and error, such as 'the human knot' and 'sneak peek'. We wrote songs to highlight the importance of resilience and to inspire us.

We also learnt how to look after our emotional resilience, through mindfulness and yoga. It was a great day and a lovely way to finish the half term. Next months Value of the Month is Positivity!



West Norfolk and Dereham Schools Sports Partnership Events

Year 1 - 2 Cricket Festival

This cricket festival was delivered by Norfolk Cricket Foundation with a focus to help develop children's skills and passion for cricket and encourage them to always do their best. The children had a great day.

Year 5 - 6 Tag Rugby Festival

This was an introductory festival, delivered by the West Norwich and Dereham Schools Sports Partnership with a focus to develop their Tag Rugby skills and participate in friendly games. The focus of this event was determination. All children were enthusiastic, showed great sportsmanship and importantly determination!

