

# Bawdeswell Primary School Newsletter



Summer 1 Half term 2026

## Summer is Here!

The summer term is always a busy one and this one has been no exception. We began with a visit from Shizuka the Vice Principal from our link school in Japan. There have been trips across the school, sporting events and the Year 6 SATs tests and an in school residential!



Next half term is shaping up to be just as busy. Please check our term dates for all the exciting things we have got going on. Please make sure you mark the sports day, the end of year concert and the school fete in your diaries. It is lovely to have so many of you attend these events and helps us together to create wonderful memories for our children.

As the weather gets warmer please send your child to school with a named sun hat and suncream. We will be spending more and more time outside and we need to keep our children safe in the sun.

## 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

**HOW TO GET INVOLVED IN FOBS**

Help at events like the discos, treat stalls and fetes

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



### April

Reception - Koa

Year 1 Oscar

Year 2 Travis

Year 3 Darcie-Rose

Year 4 Amber

Year 5 Lucas

Year 6 Annalise

Well done all of you!

## Hazel Class

As we reach the end of a busy and exciting half term, we would like to share some of the fantastic learning that has taken place in Hazel class.

In English, the children have been writing amazing and imaginative stories inspired by The Pied Piper of Hamelin. They thoroughly enjoyed putting their own creative twist on the tale, with many stories featuring Mrs Sage transforming into 'Super Sage' to save the school from evil teachers and unexpected invasions of animals!

In Maths, we have been developing our understanding of fractions by adding and subtracting them, as well as finding fractions of amounts using bar models. We have also focused on time, learning to read and convert between 12-hour and 24-hour clocks and practising reading both digital and analogue clocks. In addition, the children have been introduced to decimals, exploring tenths and hundredths.

Our project work on Traders and Raiders has been a real highlight. The children have learned about the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings, including what daily life was like during these periods. They created Anglo-Saxon houses using natural materials, researched settlements and produced detailed drawings of artefacts. We also explored Viking longships and discussed beliefs about the afterlife.

A particular highlight of the half term was our trip to Norwich Castle, where the children took part in A Day with the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. This immersive experience allowed them to learn more about Norsemen, battlements and life in these historical periods in a hands-on and engaging way.

## Cedar Class

This half term, Cedar Class explored the fascinating world of dinosaurs across many different subjects. In History, the children learned about Mary Anning and her incredible fossil discoveries. In Science, they designed and built waterproof shelters for dinosaurs, applying their learning through a fun, hands-on activity. In Computing, the children designed and programmed dinosaur robots, helping them develop their technical skills and teamwork.

In Maths, the children learned about measurement by comparing the sizes of different dinosaurs, which helped strengthen their understanding of how measuring is useful in everyday life. In English, they wrote instructions and informative booklets about dinosaurs, while also using their imagination to think about different ways we can protect the environment.

To finish our Dinosaur Land topic, we explored dinosaur habitats and extinction. The children especially enjoyed creating dinosaur habitats outdoors using natural materials. It was a fantastic topic that inspired creativity, curiosity, and teamwork throughout the half term.



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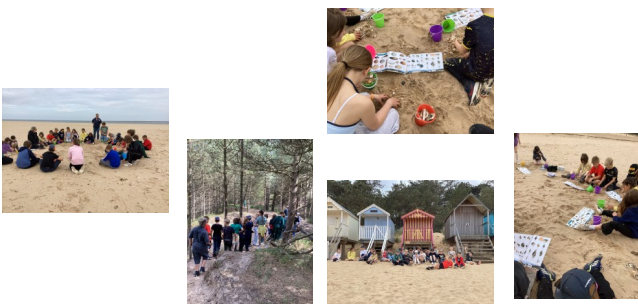
## Juniper Class

We were recently invited to visit Foxley Wood by Norfolk Wildlife Trust. Whilst we were there, we took part in a nature walk learning about how to identify ancient woodlands and spotting habitats. We worked together to catch and identify minibeasts before carefully letting them free.

In the afternoon, we had a walk to see all of the bluebells and heard some folk stories associated with bluebells and woodlands. Then we collected petals, grass and natural materials to make bookmarks.

In school Year 6 have been working incredibly hard to prepare for their SATs, which took place this half term. They impressed us all with their resilience, positivity both in the run up and during the assessments as well as their kindness and compassion in the way they have looked out for each other. We are very proud of everything they have achieved.

We have finished the half term with an in school residential including two fantastic trips to Wells beach and Pensthorpe. The children have playing evening games, had a BBQ and prepared their own breakfast and packed lunches. We are all now all looking forward to a well deserved rest before we embark on our play rehearsals next half term.



## Term Dates

### May

25– 29th Half Term

### June

1st-5th MTC Testing Week

6th School Fete

8th-12th Phonics Screening Week

12th Norfolk Steps Parent Workshop

19th Fathers Day Gift Shop

22nd—24th Sports Week

24th Sports Day and Picnic—starting at 12

25-26 INSET DAYS

### July

4th Mixed Cricket Competition

7th Move Up Day

7-8th RHS Transition Days

8th Rowan and Cedar Class Gressenhall Trip

10th Volunteer Thank You Coffee Morning

14th Juniper Class Play at Reepham High School

15-16th Neatherd Transition Days

16th End of Year Concert at Bawdeswell Church 2pm

16th Summer Disco

## Maths Codebreaker Treasure Hunt

What a lovely way to share the joy of maths! The children had a great time finding and solving all the clues around the school.



## Rowan Class

This half term Rowan Class enjoyed their first school trip! This was a lovely trip to West Runton Beach which will support our new topic 'On The Beach'. We enjoyed finding natural materials to create art work and creations. We then played environmental games (our favourite was dolphin and fish). We then had a group lunch and finished our day with rock pooling. We found anemones, prawns, crabs, sea snails and lots more.



## West Norfolk and Dereham Schools Sports Partnership Events



### Dance Show

We took a group of children to The Space in Norwich to perform along with a number of schools across West Norfolk. They were fantastic, performing twice across the day to audiences of 300 people. Not only were they amazing on stage but they were supportive, kind and a credit to our school off stage as well.

### Bee Netball Competition and Non-Club Football Festival

The children took part in a Bee Netball competition showing teamwork, resilience and fantastic sportsmanship across the day. Other's got to go to a non-club football festival. This was an opportunity for children who don't usually play football to give it a go.



## A Message from our Executive Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

At the end of this term, my role as Executive Head of Bawdeswell Primary School will come to an end. Our current leadership structure has evolved since 2021 when Ms Sage and I joined the school from Reepham, and we formed the Executive Leadership structure across both schools. Now, five years on, Ms Sage has become an excellent Head of School at Bawdeswell, meaning the Executive Head role is no longer needed.

I have loved my five years at our fantastic school, and I am leaving knowing that it is in the strongest place it has been for a very long time (and getting stronger). What you have here is very special. I have loved being part of BPS, and I leave knowing that the school will continue to thrive under Ms Sage's leadership.

Catherine Ogle

## Pick a Book Picnic

The sun came out and shone on our Pick a Book picnic. The children shared their favourite books, and even some of the adults brought books to share. All this while having a picnic. What a great way to share the love of reading.



## After School Clubs

We have had a wide variety of after school clubs on offer across this year and it has been lovely to be able to offer these opportunities to the children. These have included; movie club, sewing, brick building, nature club, dance, football, board games and engineering. To name just a few!

We are always looking to offer different clubs to the children. If you are able to run a club or have any suggestions we would love to hear from you.



  
**Bawdeswell Primary School FETE**  
**SATURDAY 6th JUNE 2026, 12-4pm**  
 Bawdeswell Primary School playing field  
 Foxley Road, Bawdeswell, NR20 4RR



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**FUN DOG SHOW**

Registration starts at 12pm  
 Judging starts at 12.45pm.  
**£2 per class:**

**WOOFF!** 

 <b>Best Puppy</b> (under 12months)	 <b>Golden Oldie</b> (7+years)
 <b>Waggiest Tail</b>	 <b>Best Rescue Dog</b>
 <b>Best Trick</b>	 <b>Fancy Dress</b>
 <b>Prettiest Princess</b>	 <b>Handsome Prince</b>

**Prizes and rosettes up to 3<sup>rd</sup> place**

please note - insurance does not cover dogs  
 registered on the Dangerous Dog Act




 **NEEDED** 

**TOMBOLA DONATIONS**  
 For the school fete

 **Filled jam jars**



Fill a clean, empty jam jar with something fun such as sweets, toys, pens, accessories or any other theme. Please ensure the items are:

- In very good condition/ new
- Not dangerous (no batteries, nothing sharp)
- (For perishable items such as sweets, toiletries etc.) within their 'use by' or 'expiry' date and in unopened packaging.

**Teddy bears & soft toys**



We will happily rehome any teddies or plushies that you can spare. Please ensure they are in very good condition, clean and ready for their next owner.

Please hand all jam jar & teddy donations into the school office  
 by Wednesday 3rd June

For more info please contact FOBS  
 bawdeswellfriends@gmail.com

*Thank you!*