Bawdeswell Primary School Newsletter

Autumn First Half Term 2026

Welcome Back!

Welcome back everyone.

We have begun this year with new classes, new friends and a new excitement for learning. The children and staff have really started this year on a great foot, especially the reception children and our new friends across the school. It is hard to imagine school without them now.

Already this term we have had our first open classrooms, 2 class assemblies and 2 Star of the Month assemblies. It has been wonderful to see so many of you attend these.

After a lovely warm summer, the autumn is rolling in fast. As the weather changes please make sure your child has suitable warm and named clothing and footwear every day as we will still be outside, whatever the weather!

Please check the term dates and events as there is a lot coming up next half term too!

Halloween Dress Up Day

We had a fantastic end to the first half term with our Halloween dress up day. Children and staff got 'spooky' for the day, which was a lot of fun!

Thank you to FOBS for their donations of prizes for the children which added an extra excitement to the day.

We finished with a Halloween Treat stall selling hot chocolate cones, treat bags which the children got to take home. What a great end to the half term!



School and Eco Council, Prefects and Librarians

This half term we have elected our School and Eco councils. These children represent their class friends and ensure their voice is heard when making decisions about our school. The school council is organising a whole school project linking with local food banks and the Eco council are helping us to meet our goals on our climate action plan. Through these councils the whole school is learning about the British value of democracy.

Some children in Year 5 and 6 have also become prefects and librarians. These roles help them to understand the importance of looking after each other and our school environment.

All these children have badges to help the others identify them and know who to go to if they need anything. Wear your badges with pride!





Africa Week

Across the school we have spent the last week of this half term learning about different countries in Africa including their food and culture; their geography and their art.

The children have learnt what we have in common and how our countries are different.

Through these weeks across the year the children learn about the British value of tolerance and develop an understanding of their place in the world and how we can have a positive impact on it.

Star of the Month

<u>September</u>

Rowan Class – Aurora-Rose
Birch Class – Charlie and Arthur-Louie
Walnut Class – Isaac and Amadou
Elm Class – Leo and Faith

<u>October</u>

Rowan Class – Ella
Birch Class – Grace and Mabel
Walnut Class – Betty and Ollie
Elm Class – Maggie and Lucas

Attendance and Punctuality

Our whole school attendance last half term was

96.5%

Our punctuality percentage was

89%

To all the staff, pupils and parents

A great big thank you for your very generous donations via the church to the food bank. It made a marvellous display and I have forwarded on the pictures taken at the service.

From all of us at All Saints -THANK YOU



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This half term in Rowan Class we have been busy getting to know school routines and settling into school. All of the children have settled in beautifully!

We have been busy learning about many things in maths but the children particularly enjoyed exploring capacity in the water tray outside and whilst making potions.

We have been busy creating guides on 'How to be a Wild Thing' in English and the children did super work using their phonics sounds to write what Wild Things do.

We have also enjoyed embracing the Autumn sunshine and have been building obstacle courses, mixing up cakes in the mud kitchen and creating ramps for the conkers to roll down!

Birch Class

Birch Class has had a busy, purposeful and enjoyable half term filled with lots of exciting learning! In English, we explored the characters and plot of The Journey Home by Frann Preston-Gannon. We developed our writing skills and used our imaginations to write our own adventure stories. In History, we learned about famous explorers We discussed why their explorations were significant and how they changed our understanding of the world and beyond. We became scientists for the day, using magnifying glasses to search for and track down "germs" around the classroom while learning about good hygiene habits. In Art, we explored colour mixing and experimented with creating different hues and shades. We used our new knowledge to create our own colourful paintings and artwork. In PE, we have been building our confidence, coordination and teamwork. We have had a very busy, productive and fun-filled half term. The children should be very proud of all they have achieved. We are now ready for a well-deserved rest and relaxation over the break, and we look forward to another exciting half term ahead!

Walnut Class

It has been a busy and exciting first half term in Walnut Class.

In Art, we explored the beautiful world of flowers and fruit. The children carefully observed real fruit, studying shapes, colours and textures to create detailed sketches. They then used paint to bring their artwork to life, even taking their learning outdoors to enjoy the fresh air while they worked.

In English, we have been reading 'How to Live Forever' by Colin Thomposn. We have written setting descriptions, persuasive letters and we are now working on writing our own stories.
In Religious Education, we have been learning about Islam and the Five Pillars of Islam. Through our discussions and activities, the children have explored the importance of faith, prayer, charity, fasting and pilgrimage. This learning has helped us understand how these practices guide many Muslims in their daily lives and promote values such as kindness, generosity, respect and community.

Term Dates and Events

November

17th & 19th	Parents Evenings (Date Change)
10th & 12th	New Parent Open Mornings
16th	School Photographs
17th	Yrs 1-4 Multi Sports Festival
20th	KS2 Dance Festival
24th	Year 6 and Year R National Child Measurement Programme

December

3rd	Yrs 5 and 6 Dodgeball Competition
3rd	Christmas Disco
4th	Decorations and Christmas Jumper Day
11th	Christmas Fayre
14th & 15th	KS1 Nativity
16th	KS2 Carol Concert
18th	Last Day of Term

January

4th & 5th	INSET Days
6th	Children back to school

February

9th	Safer Internet Day
8th – 12th	Spain Week
15th – 19th	Half Term

March

2nd & 4th	Parents Evenings
17th	Yr 6 Crucial Crew Trip
18th	Easter Disco
23rd	Yr 5 and 6 Bee Netball Competition
25th	Last Day of Term

April

12th	Back to School

Elm Class

This term, we have been exploring The Promise by Nicola Davies. We developed our descriptive writing skills using personification to write our own simile poems. We became authors ourselves, writing sequels in which our dull, hard and ugly city is missing something very important. Our stories explored how we could bring the city back to life by spreading kindness, colour and hope.

In Maths, we developed our understanding of place value, working with numbers up to 10 million. We used column methods to solve addition and subtraction problems and have been building our skills in multiplication and division.

Our Science learning has taken us beyond Earth by exploring Earth and Space. We investigated why we experience day and night and learned about the planets in our Solar System.

In History, we travelled back to Ancient China to study the Shang Dynasty. We investigated fascinating evidence from the period, including oracle bones, and explored what they can tell us about Shang society and beliefs. We learned about the Supreme God and the important role that religion played during this time.

Our Geography focused on developing our map skills. We learned how to use four-figure grid references and practised identifying both human and physical geographical features.

In DT, we have been busy designing and making our own pneumatic animals! We explored how pneumatic systems work and used our understanding to create moving models. The children have enjoyed designing, building, testing and improving their creations, thinking carefully about how air can be used to make their animals move.

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