

Bawdeswell Primary School Newsletter



Autumn First Half Term 2025

What a fantastic start!

Wow, what a busy half term we have had. Class trips, in class visitors and in school events.

We began the half term by welcoming our new reception children in Rowan class. Within a few weeks they had settled in brilliantly and it was hard to imagine school without them. We had our 'Read with your Teddy' event which was lovely, thank you to everyone who came along.

The children in Cedar class visited Foxley Wood as a wonderful end to their Enchanted Woodland Project. Mr Mike Linley came in to talk to Juniper class about Charles Darwin and Evolution.

We had a visit from Shizuka and Mr Hagihara from Japan and Hazel class made origami picture frames to take back to the Japanese children.

We had our first Brew @ Bawdeswell morning, look out for the next one next half term.

We have ended the half term dressed up for Halloween, entering a competition to name the Norfolk County Council's Gritters and sharing our learning with Open classrooms.

We couldn't have fitted more in if we had tried.

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



Stars of the Month



September

Year R: Paisley-Rae

Year 1: Tommy

Year 2: Connie

Year 3: Betty

Year 4: Micheal

Year 5: Arlo

Year 6: Alfie

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

Hazel Class

We have had an excellent start to the new school year in Hazel Class! It has been lovely to see the children full of positivity and with bright smiles.

We have been exploring place value, addition and subtraction with numbers up to four digits in Maths.

In English, we loved reading *The Tin Forest* by Helen Ward. Inspired by the story, we created fabulous leaflets all about protecting the environment, focusing on Pensthorpe. A selection of our leaflets have even been sent to them - fingers crossed for a response. We also made our own forests using cardboard, bringing the story to life through our artwork.

In History, we have been learning all about Ancient Greece. We've listened to myths and legends, explored famous battles and learned about the soldiers who fought in them. For Art, we designed beautiful Greek patterns and studied the famous gods and goddesses. For DT, we created wings inspired by Icarus and even designed our own Minotaurs.

Juniper Class

Juniper Class have been busy learning about endangered animals across the globe. We have been exploring the reasons why they are at risk of extinction and carrying out research to find out what is being done to save them. They have written some amazing persuasive speeches full of emotive language!

In maths we have been learning about place value, addition and subtraction methods, and how to apply this to a variety of problems. We have also been getting to grips with negative numbers and Roman numerals.

We also carried out an amazing science investigation and extracted the DNA from a strawberry using surgical spirit! It was so much fun and the DNA looked really slimy!

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Rowan Class

Rowan Class have had a lovely first half term at school! The children have all settled brilliantly and started school life very positively. We have enjoyed learning about patterns and the numbers 1,2 and 3 in maths. Learning how to create AB and ABB patterns and fixing mistakes in patterns too!

We have thoroughly enjoyed our story Where the Wild Things are in English and enjoyed creating our own versions of the story and performing them to the class!

In our topic 'Let's Explore!' we have enjoyed learning all of about different types of maps and what they are used for. We have created maps of the school to support our understanding of where key areas are and also created a world map including where everyone in our class has visited on their holidays. This supported the children's knowledge of the world around them and the children used this knowledge to build famous landmarks using loose parts and bricks from places they remembered!

Term Dates

November

3rd—7th	Spain Week
6th	Yrs 3-6 Girls Football Competition
17th	Individual School Photos
20th	Yrs1-3 Multi Sports Festival

December

5th	Decorations Day
15th & 16th	KS1 Nativity
18th	KS2 Carol Concert
19th	End of Term—Children finish at 1:15pm

January

5th & 6th	INSET
7th	First Day of Spring Term

February

9th-13th	Yr6 SATs Practice Week
16th—20th	Half Term
23rd-27th	Japan Week

March

3rd & 5th	Parents Evenings
13th	Mother's Day Gift Shop
27th	Last Day of Term

Cedar Class

This half term, Cedar Class has learned so much about trees as part of our Enchanted Woodland topic! We had lots of fun outside looking at trees, collecting 'treasures', carrying out science experiments and creating art projects. We particularly enjoyed measuring trees, making nature art and birdwatching.

Our stories in English also connected to woodlands. The children wrote some fantastic stories based on Billy and the Beast, some beautiful poems about a house 'held up by trees' and they have just finished their information booklets full of facts about the wonder of trees.

In maths, the children have made so much progress in understanding number and carrying out calculations. They have learned how to use counters, base ten and number lines to carry out addition and subtraction questions. They also used their place value knowledge to compare and order numbers, and to solve missing number problems.

We also had lots of fun this half term in our music lessons learning songs and challenged our fitness in levels in our PE and games activities. Our Foxley Trip on Wednesday was just a perfect way to round up our work this half term!

Cedar Class Go Wild!

The Year 1 and 2 children had a memorable school trip to Foxley Wood, blending classroom learning with hands-on experiences in an ancient woodland. The activities and games that children took part in were led by the friendly and knowledgeable Rangers of the Norfolk Wildlife Trust, and they were centred around woodland habitats and exploring plants and animals that live in these environments.

Children were captivated by amazing facts about their natural surroundings and relished the experience of collecting their own acorns, which they later used to help plant a new woodland on site. This practical involvement not only reinforced their curricular knowledge but also instilled a sense of responsibility towards nature.



The positive and fun atmosphere of the day was obvious, as the children walked around, observed nature closely and chose their own spot in a grassy meadow to plant their acorn. By the end of their adventure, Cedar Class left Foxley Woods with great memories and a deeper understanding of their local woodland habitat. What a fantastic way for children to learn!

