

# Bawdeswell Primary School Newsletter



Autumn 2nd Half Term 2025

## Wow, what a half term!

What a busy half term we have had, from parents evenings in the first week to all our Christmas events in the last one. We have also managed to fit in so much learning, writing exciting stories and information texts; learning about the plague and wolves; writing and posting letters; a visit by our link school teachers from Japan and lots of sports events to name just a few things that have been going on.

The children and staff have worked incredibly hard all half term and are looking forward to a well earned break.

Please take this time to relax, enjoy some family time and make some precious memories together.

We look forward to the New Year and a New Term with more learning and plenty more interesting and exciting activities.

Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year from the BPS Team.

## 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**

Help at events like the discos, treat stalls and fetes

Let us know your fundraising ideas

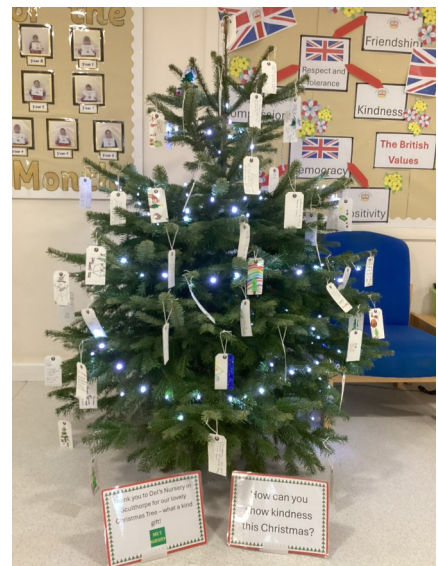
**HOW TO GET INVOLVED IN FOBS**

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



## Bawdeswell Sports this half term...

### 6<sup>th</sup> November – Girls' Football Competition

Year 3 & 4



Year 5 & 6



### 20th November - Year 1 and 2 Multi Sports Festival



### 11th December –Year 4 and 5 Dodgeball Competition





## Cedar Class

What a busy half term we had in Cedar Class!

In English, we learned all about wolves and created a brilliant booklet full of information and fun facts. After that, we really enjoyed exploring the story of Goldilocks, describing her character and retelling the story to each other. Then we used our imagination to think of a curious and mischievous person, and we wrote our own version of the story.

In maths, we have been focusing on understanding numbers to one hundred and being able to solve missing number and word problems. In the last two weeks, the children had lots of chances to draw and make 2-d and 3-d shapes. We loved using cocktail sticks and blue tack to build cubes and pyramids!

Our topic 'Moon Zoom' has been great fun too! We learned about our solar system and about people who travelled into space. We looked at 'machines' of space exploration and designed a moon buggy. Children really enjoyed making their buggies and go on a little exploration guided by their partners using directional language.

We are ready for a nice long Christmas break now so we can come back fresh and ready to learn in the New Year!

## Rowan Class

This half term in Reception, we have enjoyed learning about four-sided shapes and the composition of numbers! The children engaged in hands-on activities, creating their own shapes using various materials, which helped them understand the properties of squares and rectangles, including combining the shapes to make Christmas characters.

We have also enjoyed learning about marvellous machines, learning how they help us in our daily lives and help us communicate. The children enjoyed learning about how we used to write letters to people in the past to communicate and we linked this to communicating with Santa! We worked hard using our sounds to write Santa letters and then walk to the post office to send them. This sparked lots of conversations about the different ways we communicate with others!

To deepen our understanding of machines, we explored how they work, particularly focusing on circuits. The children had a fantastic time experimenting with making their own circuits, which not only sparked their curiosity but also developed our teamwork skills as we worked together to create circuits with lights and buzzers!



## FOBS Update

It's been a busy term for FOBS with the organising of the Christmas cards and mugs, the Christmas Fayre and discos!

We made £41 from the cards and mugs; the Christmas Fayre made an amazing £450!! and the discos this week raised £188.

Thank you for supporting the events and activities that we have been running. Looking back on 2025, we have been able to support the school and the children in lots of ways:

Each class has a school trip budget of £10 per child, per academic year and this has been used to provide some exciting days out for the children.

We have funded new books for the library, paid for 2 new benches in the playing field, classroom resources, and for the poet who spent the day with the children and wrote a special poem as part of the school's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations. We also funded the leavers gifts and trip for the year 6s in the summer.

This term, we provided the new Rowan class parents with a welcome gift bag in September, we have paid for new tablecloths for lunchtime in the hall, the resources for the Christmas Decorating Day, the KS1 Christmas performance script and licence and the crackers for the school Christmas lunch.

We're looking forward to 2026 - discos, treat stalls and the summer fete are already in the diary! We're excited to help fund resources and trips to enhance our children's learning and experiences at school.

If you can spare some time to help with planning and helping at our events, please get in touch. (Email: [bawdeswellfriends@gmail.com](mailto:bawdeswellfriends@gmail.com) / Facebook: [@fobsbawdeswell](https://www.facebook.com/fobsbawdeswell))

New tablecloths for lunchtime



An amazing turn out at the Christmas Fayre



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## Juniper Class

Juniper have been busy creating amazing newspaper reports about the story 'The Last Bear' which focuses on the serious issues of climate change and looking after our world. In maths, we have been learning about fractions and solving some interesting mathematical problems!

We have also been exploring the Black Death, how it spread, its symptoms, the feudal system, and the role of a knight. We created stunning knight shields, learned about medicinal plants, and danced and moved to 'Danse Macabre'!

In computing we have learnt about what phishing, webpages and algorithms are. In RE we have learnt about Sikhism and the contribution this religion has made to British history.

## Hazel Class

This half term has been full of exciting learning across the curriculum. In Maths, we explored the area of 3D shapes and strengthened our times tables knowledge, even creating our own times table games. In English, we became crew members aboard Shackleton's ship Endurance, writing letters, speeches and newspaper articles to bring the adventure to life. Our Science work took us deep into the ocean as we studied sea creatures and the layers of the ocean. In Geography we learnt about the world's continents and oceans. We also researched the HMS Challenger, built bottle submarines and created vibrant tropical fish artwork. The highlight of the half term was our fantastic trip to the Sea Life Centre in Hunstanton, which brought all our learning together in a memorable way.

## Maths Games Café

Wow! What an event. Our KS2 Maths Games Café was a fantastic hit. So many family members came we had to add extra tables, chairs and games! All the games were based around times tables, highlighting the importance of knowing our tables and how much fun it can be learning them through games.

The children taught their grown ups how to play – it got quite competitive at times!





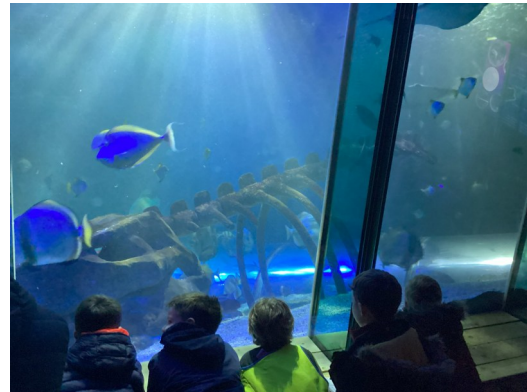
## Hazel Class trip to the Sealife Centre



Hazel Class had an amazing adventure at the Sealife Centre as part of our 'Blue Abyss' project!

The children were completely immersed in the wonders of the ocean from the moment we arrived. We bravely touched real starfish, explored tanks bursting with marine life and took on the challenge of finding animals for every letter of the alphabet.

One of the biggest highlights was meeting the giant sea turtle drifting peacefully through the water and of course the axolotls, which fascinated everyone with their quirky smiles and wiggly gills. We also spent time creating our very own sea creatures.



Throughout the whole visit, the children represented our school beautifully. They were absolute stars and we are so proud of them!

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## Parental Survey Feedback

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our parental surveys, either online or at parents evening. We really value your comments and want to hear your thoughts.

You have told us that you find the school welcoming and the staff approachable and upbeat. Everyone who completed the parents evening survey said they felt their child was both happy and safe at school and that children across the school are well behaved.

You also told us that you like the range of subjects being taught and that you felt well informed about what your child is learning. Some people, however, felt the communication wasn't as good as it could be. At the moment, we use Arbor messaging, email, Seesaw and Facebook to share information about what your child is learning and what is going on at school. If you would like us to communicate in a different way or have any suggestions, please do let us know, we would love to hear from you.

A small number felt that when they had raised concerns they had not been dealt with properly. We really want to do this better; would love to talk this through and see what we can do to put this right. So, if you have concerns please do get in touch.

Thank you again to everyone who completed a survey. We will ask for your comments in this way throughout the year, but please don't wait until then. If you have concerns, comments or compliments come and talk to us at anytime.

## Term Dates

### January

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

### February

9th-13th Yr6 SATs Practice Week  
16th—20th Half Term  
23rd-27th Malawi Week  
Yrs 1-5 Testing Week

### March

3rd & 5th Parents Evenings  
6th Malawi Children's Conference  
13th Mother's Day Gift Shop  
27th Last Day of Term

### April

13th First day of Summer Term  
20th SATs Practice Week

### May

4th Bank Holiday  
11th—14th KS2 SATs Week  
15th Hazel Class Trip to Norwich Castle  
19th School Photograph Day  
25th—29th Half Term

### June

1st—5th Japan Week  
25th and 26th Inset Days



## Stars of the Month



### October

Reception: Kingsley  
Year 1: Symphony  
Year 2: Mason  
Year 3: Wilbur  
Year 4: Mason  
Year 5: Robin  
Year 6: Molly

### November

Reception : Violet  
Year 1: Oscar  
Year 2: Paisley  
Year 3: Archie  
Year 4: Lily  
Year 5: Charlie  
Year 6: Isabelle

### December

Reception : Grace  
Year 1: Mabel  
Year 2: Kyson  
Year 3: Leo  
Year 4: Maggie  
Year 5: Olive  
Year 6: Jospheh