



September Newsletter 2026

Welcome Back

The children have settled into the new school year with such enthusiasm and adapted to the new class structure well. A particular warm welcome to all those families new to Barwick and Stoford School.

Our new teachers are also enjoying their classes. Please do make a point of introducing yourselves to your child's class teacher. More formal parents' evenings will be later in the term.

Attendance - our school expectations

Pupil attendance and punctuality is a key focus and priority within our school. Individual attendance will be monitored and reviewed on a bi-weekly basis. We would like to kindly remind parents that the school's expectations on individual pupil attendance is 95% and above, with the aim of having 100% pupil attendance. Should your child fall behind the school's expectations a monitoring process is triggered, and we may ask you to come into school to discuss your child's attendance with us. Should you have any questions or concerns relating to your child's attendance please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sporting Opportunities

The cross country after school events restart this term, with the first one on Monday 21st September. Miss Hartopp is organising this event and she has sent out letters.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is the responsibility of everybody. In terms of keeping children safe, please don't think 'What if I am wrong Think...' 'What if I am right'. If you have any concerns about a pupil, you should report this to a member of staff immediately. The Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mrs Cawley and the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mrs Firth. The school Safeguarding and Child Protection Governor is Mrs Ryall.

What will your child be learning

Each individual teacher has sent home paper letters explaining the learning and routines in each class. These will also go onto the school website, so you can support your child in their learning journey and never miss a PE day!

Clubs for the Spring Term

After school:

Tuesday – SATS and Treats Year 6

Craft Club for Years 3/ 4/ 5

Wednesday - Zumba – All year groups

Table Top Games – Reception, Year 1 and 2

Thursday - Film Club – All year groups

Yeovil Town Multi-Skills – Years 3/ 4/ 5/ 6

These clubs are all on the school app, where you can sign your child up.

Online Safety News

Please make sure you are monitoring your child's online activity. Following a number of incidents that have been reported nationally, it highlights the importance of keeping our children safe online.

Free Computers

A local company have offered the school FREE refurbished home computers for children who don't have easy access to technology. This is to support the children with their homework and home learning. If you would like more information please contact the school office. There are a limited number available, however if you would like your child to have their own computer at home then do get in touch and we will do our best to secure one for your child.

Reading expectations

The reading workshop this week was well attended. We hope you found it useful. If you missed it please speak to either Mrs Churchill or Miss Hartopp, who will happily share the information with you.

Children are expected to read at home five times a week, ideally daily, as this helps to develop confident and fluent readers. We would recommend 20 minutes of reading a day. Children's reading logs are checked to ensure this is taking place. Where children are not reading the required amount at home, they are invited to attend a lunchtime reading club.

Dates for the calendar – more dates will be added as we finalise further activities!

Wednesday 23rd September to Friday 25th September – Sycamore Residential

Friday 2nd October – Harvest Festival – 9.15am in the church – All welcome

Tuesday 13th October – Assembly – Daniel England

Thursday 15th October – Community Coffee Morning – Chestnut Class to attend

Tuesday 20th October – Revd. Dan Crouch assembly

Thursday 22nd October – Parents' evening/afternoon

Monday 26th October to Monday 2nd November – HALF TERM

Tuesday 17 th November -	Revd. Dan Crouch assembly
Thursday 19 th November –	Community Coffee Morning
Tuesday 1 st December -	Assembly – Daniel England
Monday 7 th December –	Oak Class nativity dress rehearsal
Tuesday 8 th December –	Oak Class nativity performance at 3.15pm in the school hall
Wednesday 9 th December -	Revd. Dan Crouch assembly
Tuesday 15 th December –	Year 6 to decorate the tree in church
Tuesday 15 th December –	Chestnut Class (reception and preschool) Christmas carols and cake – All Chestnut friends and family welcome
Thursday 17 th December –	Community Coffee Morning
Friday 18 th December –	Last day of term – 9.15am End of term service in church – All welcome