



WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back to the new school year 2026-27

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are thrilled to kick off a new and exciting year at Barnett Wood Infant School! We hope you and your children enjoyed a restful and delightful summer break. This academic year, we remain committed to creating a happy, caring, and inspiring environment where every child feels safe, secure, and appreciated. Our dedicated staff team has had a productive two days of INSET training this week, and we were all very excited to welcome the children back yesterday morning.

A heartfelt welcome to our new families joining Barnett Wood this September! We have 3 new families in Year 1 and three in Year 2, a warm welcome to you all. Our Reception staff team is excited to meet our new starters during their home visits until Monday, and they can't wait to greet the children on their first day of school next week.

This initial bulletin of the year includes a few reminders for everyone, along with some upcoming events.

Staffing Update and PE Provision

We are delighted to welcome two new members of staff to the Barnett Wood team this term. Mrs Emma Daws joins us as a Learning Support Assistant in Year 2, and Mr Richard Paige joins us as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant. Mr Paige will be working across the school, supporting classes and covering PPA and leadership time. We are very pleased to have them both with us and know they will make a valuable contribution to school life.

We also wanted to let parents know about a change to our PE provision this year. Sadly, we are no longer able to continue working with KIKO Sports to deliver PE lessons during the school day.

This decision has been made purely for financial reasons, particularly given the ongoing uncertainty surrounding the continuation and future level of PE and Sport Premium funding for schools. We have greatly valued the contribution KIKO Sports has made to our PE provision over the last 4 years and are very grateful for the enthusiasm, expertise and opportunities their coaches have provided for our children.

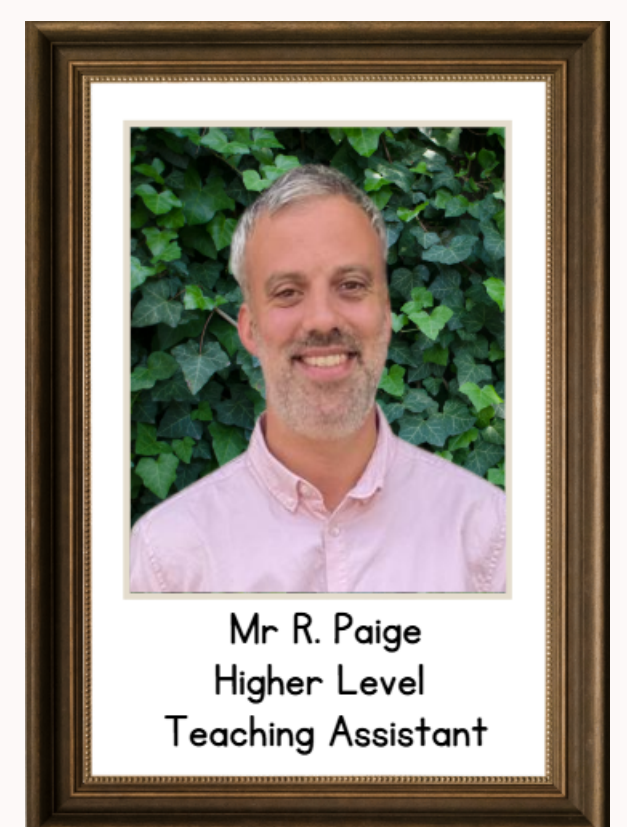
We are very pleased, however, that our current member of staff, Mrs Carly Costello, will be taking on the role of PE teacher for all classes across the school. Mrs Costello is a qualified secondary school PE teacher and is excited to use her skills, experience and enthusiasm to develop PE provision at Barnett Wood and to work with all of our children.

KIKO Sports will also continue to be part of school life through their after-school clubs, which will begin next week for children in Years 1 and 2.

PE remains an important part of our curriculum, and we are committed to ensuring that all children continue to enjoy high-quality PE lessons and plenty of opportunities to be active throughout their time at Barnett Wood.



Mrs E. Daws
Learning Support
Assistant



Mr R. Paige
Higher Level
Teaching Assistant



Mrs C. Costello
Higher Level
Teaching Assistant (PE)





Diary Dates



A list of dates for the coming academic year has been sent out with this bulletin, and have also been added to our school website calendar. To keep up to date, please sync this with your phone/mobile device by clicking 'subscribe' on the calendar page. We will also send out reminders of upcoming events in the weekly bulletins and monthly newsletters.

Barnett Wood Calendar



Calendar

September – August 2026



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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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Meet the Teacher - Wednesday 9th September



Next Wednesday, 9th September we will be hosting 'Meet the teacher' sessions for Year Reception and Year 1 parents. This is an opportunity to meet your child's teacher, find out about what your child's learning will look like this year and other important information. This event will be held in the school hall. We kindly ask that children do not attend this event.

Year 1 - 5pm- 5:30pm

Reception - 5:45pm- 6:15pm

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Year 2 presentation will be recorded and sent out electronically to parents on Wednesday afternoon. Parents of Foxes and Badgers will have an opportunity to pop in after school and meet Mrs Theobald/Ms Higgins on Thursday 10th or Friday 11th September.

Final swim for Year 1 and Year 2



Next week Year 1 and Year 2 will have a 'fun swim' for their final swim of the season before we close the pool. We would really appreciate volunteer swim helpers to assist on the days, so if you are able to help, please let your class rep know. The timings are as follows:

Year 1 - Swimming Thursday 10th September

Owls- 9:00am-10:00am

Rabbits- 10:30am-11:30am

Year 2 - Swimming Friday 11th September

Badgers- 9:00am-10:00am

Foxes- 10:30am-11:30am

Please remember to bring swimming kits on the day!

Reception Parents

To enable us to complete your child's registration, please bring their birth certificate to the office by Friday 18th September. They will then take a copy and return to you immediately. Thank you.

PE Days



Please ensure your child's PE Kit is in school each week. Below are the afternoons each year group will be having PE.

Reception - Wednesday

Year 1- Tuesday

Year 2- Thursday





Nut free school



Please be aware that a number of our children have severe allergies and therefore we are a nut free school - please respect this and ensure no products containing nuts (e.g. Nutella) are included in packed lunches or snack boxes. We do not currently have any children with an egg allergy, so eggs/egg products are now allowed in school. Thank you for your support.

Pupil Data Collection



To ensure we can always contact you quickly in case of an emergency or important school updates, it is essential that your contact details are accurate and up to date in our Management Information System (Arbor).

Please take a moment to log into your Arbor account and check that your phone numbers, addresses, and emergency contact details are current. Please note, we are required to hold at least 2 emergency contacts for each child, and our preference is to have a third contact. If you have recently changed any of your contact information or if you have not yet provided emergency contact numbers, kindly update these as soon as possible. Keeping this information up to date helps us maintain clear communication and supports our commitment to safeguarding your child.

If you need any assistance with updating your details on Arbor, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Friends of Barnett Wood Cheese and Wine AGM



Would you like to be on our Friends committee?

Please come and join our Friends of Barnett Wood for a cheese and wine evening at our Annual General Meeting in the school hall on:

Thursday 24th September at 6:30pm

It's a wonderful opportunity for new parents to come and meet others, find out more about the Friends of Barnett Wood, the fundraising opportunities we have throughout the school year and offer and expertise or ideas you have.

We look forward to seeing you there!

General Reminders



- **Timings:** Gates open at 8.20am, classroom doors open at 8.30am. Gates/doors close at 8.35am and collection for all at 3.05pm. Please ensure you arrive on time each day.
- **Snacks:** Children are provided with a piece of fruit/vegetables at break time. If you are choosing to send a snack in for your child, please ensure it is named and is either fruit or vegetables.
- **Named water bottles to be in school daily** - no squash or juice please!
- **Absence** - please phone (01372 272701) or email (info@barnett-wood.surrey.sch.uk) school as soon as you know that your child will be unable to attend school that day, and before 9.30am.
- **Sickness / tummy bugs** - please remember that children cannot come into school until 48 hours after the last episode of sickness or diarrhoea, in order to prevent spreading the infection.
- **Named clothing and personal items** - please ensure that all items are named as we cannot guarantee lost unnamed items are returned to the owner
- **Coats** - please remember that your child/ren need a coat suitable for the weather to be in school with them. Our outdoor learning spaces are used every day.

