

Message from Mrs Gibbard



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic Sports Day we had today! It was wonderful to see the children taking part with such enthusiasm, determination and team spirit. Thank you to everyone who came along to cheer them on and help make the day feel so special.

We are into the final month of the school year and just under 3 weeks left until our holidays. The Summer term is always such a fun term, but also an incredibly busy one. This month has been full of swimming, school trips, music festival, Maypole dancing, school fair, heatwaves, exciting events and lots and lots of learning across the school.

It's a bittersweet time of year too, as we begin to look back over the many achievements of the past year and look ahead to changes of year group, and for some of our children, changes of school. Transition can cause anxiety for some children, and we do all we can to reassure them and prepare them for the next stage of their education. Our Year 2 children have already started visiting their new schools and are excited for the next stage of their educational journey!

For children moving up in Reception and Year 1, they will find out which class and teacher they will have on Monday 6th July, and we will hold a 'Moving On' session in the morning. Parents will also be informed by email on that day. We have planned further opportunities for children to spend time with their new teacher before the end of term. We also carry out thorough handovers between teachers, so that we begin the new school year in September with a good knowledge and understanding of each child.

We still have lots of events coming up, including some very special events to celebrate our Year 2s as they reach the end of their Barnett Wood journey!

Kind regards,
Mrs Gibbard



Year Group News



Year R
Hedgehogs and Squirrels



Year 1
Owls and Rabbits



Year 2
Badgers and Foxes

Thursday 2nd July

New Reception Stay and Play

Friday 3rd July

Sports Day and Family picnic 9:15am-1pm.

Normal finish time

Monday 6th July

Move up session for Current Yr R and Yr 1.

New Year R Stay and Play

Friday 10th July

Celebration of Work evening 5pm-7pm

Tuesday 14th July

Year 2 Swim Gala

Badgers 9:30am-10:30am

Foxes 11am-12pm

Thursday 16th July

Year 2 Leavers Disco 5:30pm-7:00pm

Tuesday 21st July

Year 2 Leavers Assembly and Tea Party

9:15am-11:00am

Wednesday 22nd July

LAST DAY OF TERM

1:30PM FINISH

No Honeybees

2026-27

**Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd
September**

INSET DAYS

Thursday 3rd September

Year 1 and Year 2 return to school
8.30am

Attendance- A message from Mrs Clements



We firmly believe that all children benefit from regular school attendance and that

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

This year, one of our school development priorities is to maintain attendance and punctuality and to reduce the percentage of persistent absentees. Please take some time to read our Attendance and Absence Policy which can be found here: [Attendance and Absence Policy](#)

Reception		Year 1		Year 2		Whole School
						97.1%
97.8%	97.7%	97.7%	98.2%	96.3%	96.9%	



Congratulations to Rabbits for having the highest attendance so far this year!



What does this look like in terms of number of days absent for my child?	100%	97%-99.9%	93% - 96.9%	90% - 92.9%	Below 90%
	Attendance Superstar!	Well done, excellent attendance!	Be careful!	Improvement needed.	Persistent absentee.
Academic year Sept-July	0 days absent	approximately 4 days absent	approximately 10 days absent	approximately 15 days absent	approximately 19 days absent

A reminder to familiarise yourself with our Attendance and Absence Policy in line with the 'Working together to improve school attendance' DfE guidance.

[Attendance and Absence Policy](#)

A reminder that requests for holiday during term time will not be authorised unless in exceptional circumstances and may incur a fine if your child has 10 or more unauthorised sessions (equivalent to 5 days)

Thank you for working in partnership with us

Yr R Trip to Nower Wood



On Friday 19th June, Hedgehogs and Squirrels went on a school trip to Nower Wood. Here's what they got up to on their busy adventures...



We all got to school and were excited to have our packed lunches ready for our trip. We had to get on the coach to go to Nower Wood. It was very high up, and we sat with our friends.



The adults told us about our activities for the day. First, Hedgehogs went for a minibeast hunt. We had to carefully lift the logs up and see if there was a bug under it. We found a centipede, it had loads of legs and it was very fast.



After lunch we went on sensory walk where we made a potion. Stuff that was on the ground went into our potions and then we poured them on trees to make them grow. For one part of it we were blind folded like woodlice and had to feel our way around the rope course using our arms to sense where we were.

Then it was time for us to go back to school, so we got back on the coach, it was very hot! We were sooo tired from our busy day but had great fun.

When we arrived we took a photo under the sign. Then we went up the steep steps covered in mud up to Nower Wood. We had to put our stuff away.



While Hedgehogs were bug hunting, Squirrels went pond dipping. We caught loads of creatures. We had to make an eight in the water with our net. Then we poured it into the tray and had a look with the magnifying glasses and spoons. We found something with quite a lot of legs, dragon fly larve, water boatmen and pond skaters.



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Yr 2 Maypole Dancing

Our Year 2 Maypole team once again made us proud during the Ashted Village Day! After weeks of dedicated effort learning and practicing their dances, they delivered a fantastic performance for the entire community.

Congratulations* to everyone involved, and a heartfelt thank you to the staff for preparing them so thoroughly!



You are invited.....

This Sunday St. Giles and St. George's are hosting a community picnic on the Rec (by the football club), and everyone is welcome to come along. The ice cream van will also be there, so it should be a lovely afternoon for families and the wider community.



Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge is a FREE holiday activity for children. It's all about reading for fun, aiming to improve children's reading skills and confidence - all things we are passionate about at Barnett Wood too! The Challenge runs every year throughout the summer holidays, and all children aged 4-11 are welcome to take part. Children can read anything they like (really - anything!) and collect free rewards for their reading.



This year's theme and how to take part

The theme this year is Read to the Beat, delivered by The Reading Agency in partnership with public libraries and powered by Universal Music Group UK. The theme inspires children to explore the connection between stories and songs, discovering how reading and music both ignite imagination and creativity.

You can sign up at your local library and take part in person. A librarian will give you a special collector folder and help you find books to read. You'll collect special stickers and rewards for your reading.

OR

You can take part online by signing up below, on the official Challenge website. You'll set up a profile with a reading goal and log your books. When you reach your goal, you will unlock a virtual badge and certificate.

Summer Reading Challenge 2026

Kiko After School Clubs 2026-27

As we approach the end of another amazing term, we would like to thank you for your continued support throughout the year.

We are now preparing for our Autumn Term and wanted to let you know that our bookings opened Tuesday 23rd June @ 7pm. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

For the first time ever, we are pleased to offer a payment plan option to help spread the cost of fees which is available via our website

- Pay 50% of the September Term fees now
- Pay the remaining 50% one month later

Booking Link: [Kiko Clubs at Barnett Wood](#)

We look forward to welcoming everyone back for another fantastic term.

If you have any questions regarding payments, or renewals, do not hesitate to get in touch.

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Friends of Barnett Wood



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YOU

We would like to say a very heartfelt thank you to our wonderful Friends of Barnett Wood team for organising such an incredible Summer Fair last Saturday.

It was a fantastic afternoon and a real celebration of our school community. The fair brought together children, families, staff and friends of the school, and it was lovely to see so many people enjoying the stalls, games, refreshments and activities. Events like this take a huge amount of planning, time and energy, and we are incredibly grateful to everyone who worked so hard behind the scenes to make the day such a success.

We are delighted to share that the Summer Fair raised over £4,000, which is an absolutely amazing amount. This money will make a real difference to the children at Barnett Wood and will help to support the school in providing additional resources and experiences for them.

A special thank you must go to the Friends of Barnett Wood team for their dedication, enthusiasm and commitment, not only on the day itself but in the many weeks of preparation beforehand, even working until nearly 11pm the night before! Thank you also to all of the volunteers who gave their time to run stalls, set up, tidy away, donate items, run the BBQ, sing live, sell raffle tickets and support the event in so many different ways.

Another special mention must go to Mia in Hedgehog's Mummy, who won the £150 first prize in the raffle - and donated it back to the school! 🥰

We are very lucky to have such a kind, generous and supportive school community. Thank you to everyone who came along, joined in and helped make the Summer Fair such a memorable and successful event.

Safeguarding

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

STAYING SAFE AROUND WATER

Enjoying time in, on, and around water plays a vital role in a young person's overall development, offering a healthy and exhilarating way to have fun. This guide outlines essential safety advice, based on the Royal Life Saving Society UK's Water Safety Code, to help ensure children can enjoy swimming and similar activities safely and responsibly.

1 STICK TO LIFEGUARDED AREAS

It's never advisable to enter unsupervised bodies of water, especially alone. Instead, it's considered best practice to accompany children to places with lifeguards, as they will be trained to respond swiftly in emergencies and provide first aid when needed.



2 LEARN SIGNS AND FLAGS

When going to a new environment, it's important to research the local area and make children aware of safety signage before entering the water. If visiting the seaside, make sure children are always supervised by an adult and that they know what different beach flags mean, so they're knowledgeable of where and when they can enter the sea.



3 STOP AND THINK

Young people should be cautious before entering water, as it's difficult to know what hazards could be underneath. Use the Water Safety Code and encourage children to ask themselves questions such as, "Is the water too deep or too shallow? Are there currents, tides, or underwater objects?" Make sure children know never to enter water from a height, as what lurks below could cause serious injuries.



4 CONSIDER WATER TEMPERATURE

Even on hot days, water can be deceptively cold. Tragedies strike when young people experience cold water shock. Never let children enter water quickly; instead, ensure that they enter slowly and carefully to allow their bodies to adjust to the temperature or exit easily if needed.



5 INFLATABLE SAFETY

Although inflatables may seem like a fun idea when visiting locations like the beach, they can float further from shore and into more dangerous water. It's advisable only to use inflatables in spaces like appropriately managed swimming pools, where they're used in more controlled and supervised environments.



6 SUPERVISION IS KEY



For young children, and particularly those under the age of five, it's important for them to be supervised at home, outside and at the pool at all times. It's essential for parents and educators to understand that young children can drown quickly and silently; therefore, anyone supervising them must maintain constant watch in case they get into difficulty.

7 DON'T GO TOO FAR



When swimming, especially in open water, it's best to teach children to stay within a safe depth. Share advice with them such as only entering water up to a standing depth, and in the case of visiting the beach, swim parallel to shorelines. This will allow a child to stay in control and get out of the water easily.

8 KEEP POOLS AND TUBS DRAINED

For parents of young children, a simple way to protect them at home is to keep outdoor spaces and bathrooms tidy after playtime. This includes removing water from paddling pools after use and turning them over, returning lids to hot tubs and taking toys out of baths, so all water can be fully drained from the tub.



9 FLOAT AND CALL 999



If a child gets into difficulty in the water, they should try to float on their back, stay calm, and call for help. If a young person sees someone else in trouble, they should dial 999 or 112 immediately, then shout to reassure their friend, encouraging them to float on their back, and letting them know that help is on the way. Children should never enter the water to attempt a rescue or retrieve belongings.

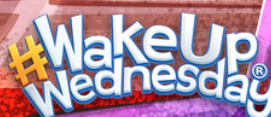
10 TEACH WATER SAFETY



Beyond swimming lessons, children should be educated in school on water safety. Use RLSS UK's accredited programme, 'Water Smart Schools', which offers free lesson plans and resources on how to be safe on, near and around water by following the Water Safety Code.

Meet Our Expert

The Royal Life Saving Society UK (RLSS UK) is a national water safety charity that gives children the chance to enjoy a lifetime of fun in the water, safely. Water safety education provided in schools is vital and, in some instances, could be a child's only opportunity to learn about the water.



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If you have any concerns about a child's safety, whether it's inside or outside of school, please contact any of our Designated Safeguarding Leads immediately. The DSLs can be contacted via the school office on 01372 272701 or via email: dsl@barnett-wood.surrey.sch.uk

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is:
Mrs Anne Gibbard
Headteacher



Our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL) is:
Mrs Becky Clements
Assistant Headteacher



Our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL) is:
Mrs Leonie Theobald
Senior Teacher



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.
- **Snacks:** Children are provided with a piece of fruit/vegetables at break time. Please be aware that a number of our children have severe allergies and therefore we are a nut and egg free school - please respect this and ensure no products containing nuts are included in packed lunches or snack boxes.
- **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 any subsequent days.
- **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.