

Barnett Wood  
Infant School

# NEWSLETTER

July 2026



GOODBYE  
GOOD  
LUCK



HELLO  
SUMMER!



Kind, Confident, Successful Learners

## Message from Mrs Gibbard



Dear Parents and Carers,

It's hard to believe we are at this time of year and time for some end of year messages...

### To our Year 2 leavers...

I send you my warmest wishes and lots of luck as you prepare to begin the next exciting chapter of your educational journey. We are incredibly proud of the kind, confident and capable young people you have become, and of everything you have achieved during your time at Barnett Wood.

You are more than ready for the adventures and opportunities ahead. I will miss each and every one of you dearly, but I know you will continue to flourish and shine in your new schools. Please do come back and visit us—we would love to hear how you are getting on.

### To our incredible and hard-working staff team...

Your dedication, passion, care and expertise are at the heart of everything we achieve as a school. Thank you to every member of staff for continually going above and beyond for our children and for bringing such energy, enthusiasm and commitment to school each and every day.

I feel incredibly fortunate and proud to work alongside such a talented and caring team.

### To our Parents and Carers...

Thank you for your continued support, encouragement and involvement in your child's education throughout the year. From reading and learning at home to attending events, volunteering your time and supporting school initiatives, your contribution makes such a difference.

A special thank you to everyone who has volunteered in school, supported our Friends team, helped with our swimming pool, or generously shared their time and skills in so many other ways. We are immensely grateful for everything you do to support our children and our school community.

### To our Governors...

Thank you for your continued dedication, support and commitment to Barnett Wood. Your time, expertise and thoughtful challenge play an important role in helping us continually develop and ensure the very best outcomes for our children. Your commitment to the success of our school and the wellbeing of our whole community is greatly appreciated.

As we close the door on another busy and memorable year, I hope you all enjoy a truly wonderful summer holiday filled with sunshine, laughter, rest and plenty of special adventures with family and friends.

Thank you for another fantastic year at Barnett Wood. I look forward to welcoming everyone back in September, refreshed and ready for another exciting year of learning, laughter and fun!

Have a wonderful summer!

Kind regards,

Mrs Gibbard



**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>  
September**

**School closed - INSET Days**

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**

Years 1 and 2 return to school

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> - Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September**

Reception Classes Home Visits

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September - Friday 11<sup>th</sup>**

Reception staggered start - see induction letter for start date and time

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September**

**Meet the Teacher / Curriculum  
Information Session in the Hall**

Yr 1 - 5.00pm

Year R - 5.45pm

Year 2 - 6.30pm



# Goodbye Badgers and Foxes!

# Good Bye!



Badgers Class 2025-26

*We will miss you*



Foxes Class 2024-25



## Farewell and Best Wishes to Our Amazing Year 2s!

It's time to bid farewell and extend our heartfelt best wishes to our fantastic Year 2 children in Badgers and Foxes as they embark on the next chapter of their educational journey! We are incredibly proud of the remarkable individuals you have become during your time at Barnett Wood. We have loved celebrating the end of your time with us over the last couple of weeks, with swim galas, disco, leavers assembly and parents' tea party!

We will miss you dearly - remember, you are always welcome to come back and visit us anytime!



# Goodbye to our wonderful staff!

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BYE!



As we come to the end of the school year, we are saying a fond farewell to several valued members of the Barnett Wood team.

After an incredible 23 years at Barnett Wood, we said goodbye and good luck to Mrs Oliver today. Throughout her many years as a Learning Support Assistant, Mrs Oliver has supported countless children and families with her wonderfully calm, patient and nurturing approach. She has been a much-loved and trusted member of our school community, and her kindness and dedication have made a lasting difference to so many children. Mrs Oliver is now looking forward to spending more time with her family and hopes to continue using her caring nature in a new role within a care home. We know that wherever she goes next, she will bring the same warmth, compassion and commitment that she has shown throughout her many years at Barnett Wood. We thank her enormously for everything she has given to our school and wish her every happiness for the future.



We also say goodbye to Miss Goble, who leaves us after a year at Barnett Wood to begin an exciting new chapter: her teacher training. We have thoroughly enjoyed having Miss Goble as part of our team and are delighted that she has chosen to pursue a career in teaching. We wish her every success with her training and know she has an exciting future ahead of her.

Good Luck Miss Goble!

BEST  
OF LUCK



Finally, we say goodbye to our Honeybees assistants, Calum and Isla. We are very grateful for all the care, enthusiasm and support they have given to our children during their time with us, and we wish them both the very best for whatever comes next.

Wishing  
you  
All the Best



Mrs Oliver, Miss Goble, Calum and Isla will all be greatly missed. On behalf of the children, staff, governors and families of Barnett Wood, we would like to thank them for everything they have contributed to our school and wish them lots of happiness and success in their next adventures.

Attendance- A message from Mrs Clements

CONGRATULATIONS!

TO OUR WONDERFUL PARENTS & CARERS

97.2%

You've helped us achieve an incredible attendance for the whole year!

The best attendance in the last 5 years and pre-covid statistics!

A huge thank you to all our families for your amazing support this year.

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

| Reception                                                                           |                                                                                     | Year 1                                                                              |                                                                                     | Year 2                                                                              |                                                                                       | Whole School |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 97.2%        |
| 97.8%                                                                               | 97.7%                                                                               | 97.6%                                                                               | 98.1%                                                                               | 96.5%                                                                               | 97.1%                                                                                 |              |

Being in school every day helps your child to learn, make friends and build bright futures!

### A reminder to all families

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

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).

# A message from our Governors



As another successful year draws to a close, the Governing Board would like to thank our pupils, families, Friends, Mrs Gibbard and her wonderful team of dedicated staff for their continued support of Barnett Wood Infant School.

This year has been one of exceptional achievement. Our children have continued to perform well above national averages across many key measures, including Early Years outcomes, Phonics, reading, writing, mathematics and science. The school has maintained outstanding attendance throughout the year, exceeding its ambitious target of 97%, with attendance consistently well above national figures. The school has also been recognised by the Department for Education as a higher-performing school for attendance, with outcomes amongst the strongest when compared with similar schools.

What is particularly pleasing is that these results have been achieved while remaining true to the school's ethos and values. Barnett Wood's commitment to ensuring every child achieves and thrives can be seen in the progress made across inclusion, curriculum development, attendance, wellbeing and early years provision. The school's determination that #betterneverstops continues to drive improvement, ensuring that every child receives the very best start to their educational journey.

Despite the well-publicised challenges created by declining birth rates across Surrey, Barnett Wood continues to be the number one school of choice for infant education in our community. Demand for places remains exceptionally strong, with a high number of applications received for Reception and the school once again full for the year ahead, with a waitlist in place. This is a reflection of the confidence parents place in the school, its dedicated staff and its nurturing, ambitious environment.

The Governors would also like to pay tribute to our Year 2 children as they prepare to move on to the next stage of their education. They have been wonderful ambassadors for the school, and we are immensely proud of all they have achieved. We wish them every success and happiness as they begin their primary school journey.

This year we also say a special farewell and heartfelt thank you to Mrs Oliver, who is leaving us after 23 years of dedicated service to the Barnett Wood community. Her commitment, care and unwavering support for generations of children and families have left a lasting legacy, and the entire school community is deeply grateful for her contribution. Thank you.

On behalf of the Governing Board, thank you to every member of our school community for helping make Barnett Wood such a special place. We wish all our families a happy, relaxing and well-deserved summer break. We look forward to welcoming our new Reception children and their families into our wonderful school community in September.

Your School Governing Body.



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## *The Barnett Buzz*

THANK YOU!

A few words from Hannah as she departs after many years of being the incredible Friends of Barnett Wood Chair:

"After almost seven wonderful years at Barnett Wood and five of those as PTA Chair – it's finally time for me to hang up my PTA lanyard.

What a brilliant adventure it's been. I've loved every minute of being part of this incredible school community and can't thank everyone enough for the kindness, support, laughter and friendship you've shown me over the years.

To everyone who has ever baked a cake, manned a stall, sold raffle tickets, donated prizes, shifted tables, battled with a gazebo, or simply came along to support our events – thank you! Together we've raised an amazing amount of money for the school, created countless memories for our children.

I'm so excited to be handing the reins over to Frankie and her fantastic new PTA team. They've already got off to a flying start with a brilliant Summer Fair, and I know they'll bring lots of fresh ideas, energy and fun. Wishing them every success – and may all their events be blessed with sunshine and cooperative gazebos!

Although my Barnett Wood chapter is coming to an end, I'll really miss this wonderful community and the many friendships I've made along the way. It's been an absolute privilege to be part of so many special moments, and I'll always look back on my time here with a smile.

Thank you, Barnett Wood, for seven unforgettable years. It's been a pleasure!"





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HOLIDAYS



See you in  
September!