



NEWSLETTER



Goodbye
&
Good Luck



Kind, Confident, Successful Learners

Message from Mrs Gibbard



Dear Parents and Carers,

An end of term reflection as we conclude the academic year, my proudest one as a headteacher yet as we were recognised by Ofsted as OUTSTANDING in all areas in November 2024! As we close the chapter on yet another academic year, I am overwhelmed with pride while reflecting on our shared accomplishments. The Barnett Wood family—our children, dedicated staff, supportive parents, loyal friends, and committed governors—truly embodies what makes our school a remarkable environment for learning and growth.

To our Year 2 leavers.....

I send my warmest wishes and good luck as you embark on the next stage of your educational journey. Your exceptional kindness, confidence, and achievements demonstrate that you are well-prepared for what lies ahead. I will miss each of you dearly, but I am confident that you will continue to thrive and succeed in your new schools. Please come back and see us!

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

Your unwavering dedication, passion, and expertise have been the cornerstone of our school's success. Thank you to each staff member for going above and beyond, and for your commitment to delivering the best education possible for our children.

To our Parents and Carers

Thank you for your support and involvement in your child's education this year—from reading at home to participating in school events. Many of you have generously dedicated your time and skills to support various school activities and initiatives, whether volunteering in school, on the Friends team, or the swimming pool team. We are immensely grateful for all your contributions.

To our Governors

Your governance has been instrumental in helping us achieve our goals and create better outcomes for our children. Thank you for your dedicated service as members of our governing body. Your commitment to our school's success and the well-being of our children is deeply appreciated.

I wish you all a wonderful holiday filled with sunshine, joy, and exciting adventures with your loved ones. Make the most of every moment!

I look forward to welcoming you back in September for another inspiring year of learning and fun!

**ENJOY THE
SUMMER**

Kind regards,
Mrs Gibbard



thank you



Thank You.....

A HUGE Barnett Wood thank you to all of our families for the incredibly kind gifts, cards and messages for the all the staff. A special thank you to the Year 2 parents who have bought us a lovely new friendship bench and windchime! PLUS, a very kind family (you know who you are!) bought us a planter for our well being garden project!

Thank you so much.

We have loved teaching your children this year, watching them learn and grow and take on new challenges. Thank you for all of your support, we couldn't do it without you!



Goodbye Badgers and Foxes!



Badgers Class 2024-25



Foxes Class 2024-25

We will miss you!

It is time to say goodbye and send our fantastic Year 2s off with best wishes as they begin the next phase of their educational journey! We are immensely proud of the wonderful individuals you have become during your time at Barnett Wood. We will miss you lots and look forward to seeing how you flourish at your next schools - come back and see us anytime!

We have loved celebrating the end of your Barnett Wood journey with you over the last couple of weeks, with swim galas, disco, leavers assembly and parents' tea party!



Goodbye Mrs Ball!



It still seems unreal to say it, but today we said Goodbye to Mrs Ball for the last time as she starts her retirement! Yesterday, we gave her the send off she deserved, with staff, ex colleagues, governors and family. Mrs Ball... Thank you for your tireless efforts and the positive impact you've made over the last 30 years as parent, teaching assistant and teacher!

As you step into retirement, we wish you all the happiness and fulfilment that this new journey has to offer. May you enjoy every moment, explore new adventures, and cherish the memories you've created at Barnett Wood. ❤️



Cheers to RETIREMENT!



Goodbye Mr Cooper

As we bid farewell to Mr Cooper, our dedicated caretaker for the past three years, we want to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude for his tireless efforts and unwavering commitment to our school.

Bob has not only maintained our facilities but has also created a welcoming and safe environment for our pupils and staff. His hard work and positive spirit have made a lasting impact on our community.

We wish Bob all the best in his future endeavours and hope he knows he will always be a valued member of the Barnett Wood family.

Thank you, Bob, for everything!

Happy Retirement!



A message from the Governors



Dear parents, carers, and staff,

As the summer term draws to a close, we would like to reflect on some of the outstanding achievements we have seen this year, starting with the children.

Children are at the heart of everything the school does, and their achievements demonstrate the effort they have all put in, as well as the support they receive from parents and carers. Attendance has been the highest we have seen since the COVID-19 pandemic, and without a doubt, this has greatly contributed to all children's success.

The level of attainment the children have achieved has continued to improve, and our school performance is at an exceptional level, significantly above both Surrey and national averages. The children live by the Barnett Wood values every day, making the school a fantastic place to learn. Outstanding.

The children could not achieve what they have without our exceptional team of dedicated staff. Mrs Gibbard and her team continue to raise the standards in Barnett Wood, where #BetterNeverStops. The achievements of our staff were further endorsed by the Ofsted inspection, which was conducted in November 2024. If you have not yet read the report, it can be found here. As governors, we were immensely grateful for all the hard work and dedication required to achieve this long overdue outcome.

We would also like to say thank you to Mr Cooper, who will be leaving us this year. Thank you to him and all our staff for making the school such a safe and special place to be. Outstanding.

Finally, we would like to reflect beyond the school year and say a special thank you and congratulations to Mrs Ball for her remarkable achievements over her 3 decades of dedicated service to our school and community. Mrs Ball has been a parent, teaching assistant, teacher, subject lead, senior leader and governor and a constant source of inspiration for all of us associated with the school. Mrs Ball is retiring this year, and it was wonderful to be able to celebrate her remarkable career yesterday, along with past and present staff, parents and pupils joined by Mrs Ball's family. We wish her all the very best and thank her for everything she has done. Outstanding.

Wishing you all an outstanding Summer,

Your School Governing Body.





Next year 2025-26

Tuesday 2 nd and Wednesday 3 rd September 2025	All Day	INSET Day
Thursday 4 th September	8.30am	Years 1 and 2 return to school
Thurs 4 th , Fri 5 th and Mon 8 th September	All day	Reception Classes Home Visits

Planning your holidays for next year? Our term dates for 2025-26 are on our school website:

[Term Dates 2025-26](#)



Our diary dates for 2025-26 are currently being finalised and will be added to the website calendar over the Summer break. Please make sure you subscribe to our calendar using the link below:



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HOLIDAYS



See you in
September!

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