THE FEDERATION OF BARNEHURST SCHOOLS



Friday 6th November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to everyone! I hope you all had a wonderful half-term break and enjoyed some Halloween fun and fireworks celebrations, if you chose to celebrate!
It has been so lovely to see the children back in school, full of smiles and excited to share their half-term adventures. As the days are getting colder, please do remember to send your children in with a warm, named coat each day so that they can continue to enjoy the outdoors.

We have a wonderfully busy and exciting half-term ahead! Next week, we will come together for our special Remembrance commemorations, before moving into all the sparkle, excitement and magic of our Christmas events and celebrations.

This is always such a special time of year in school, and we are really looking forward to a busy, joyful and truly magical few weeks ahead, filled with wonderful experiences and special memories for our children.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It's lovely to have everyone back!

From Mrs Hunter and The Federation of Barnehurst team.

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Up coming events

Monday 9th November

- Bikability Mornings this week - Year 6
- Forest School AM - Kahlo
- Assembly - What is Remembrance day
- Young Voices Rehearsals
- Maths boosters
- Phonics parents meeting
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Tuesday 10th November

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Wednesday 11th November

- Forest School AM - Curie and Earhart
- Forest School PM - Maathai
- Live Remembrance Assembly
- **Thursday 12th November**
- Work alongside Year 2 at 9am
- Forest School PM- Malala
- Anti Bullying week assembly

Friday 13th November

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Monday 16th November

- Young Voices Rehearsals
- Anti Bullying Week Events
- Forest School- Wonder (AM)
- Maths boosters

Tuesday

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Wednesday 18th November

- Year 3 Portals to the Past Workshop visit to school
- Floss visits Attenborough
- Forest School AM - Armstrong, Hawking
- Forest School PM- Attenborough

Thursday 19th November

- Forest School PM - Turing

Friday 20th November

- Gandhi Forest School Day
- Newsletter

Staffing update

Karma, our wrap around care supervisor will be taking on a new role in the base to give her further time to spend with her grandson. This means we have an opportunity for a new wrap around care supervisor.

For many of our families, breakfast and after-school club mark the start and end of the school day. We are looking for a warm, organized and dependable wrap-around Care Supervisor to lead that provision for children aged 4 to 11 across our infant and junior schools.

They will run the club day to day, lead a small team of wrap-around care assistants, and make sure every child feels safe, settled and happy, whether that means a calm breakfast, a game outside or a quiet corner to read.

If you are interested or know of anyone who would be please ask them to apply here.

See the advert **HERE**



Parent Survey

Our Parent Survey is now open!

Your thoughts and opinions are important to us and help ensure we continue to provide the very best education and support for our pupils.

The survey only takes a few minutes to complete, and every response is valued.

Complete the survey **CLICK HERE.**

Thank you for your continued support.

QUICK SURVEY

Welcome Brady

Please can you join me in welcoming Brady Palmer to the Barnehurst famiily. Both mum and dad are very pleased as he is an absolute dream!



Attendance this week

Hoy	97.12%
Simmonds	84.38%
Farrah	88.24%
Kahlo	97.92%
Wonder	98.28%
Armstrong	94.40%
Earhart	100.00%
Attenborough	96.67%
Maathai	97.90%
Hawking	99.17%
Curie	94.17%
Rashford	95.83%
Pankhurst	97.10%
Gandhi	93.75%
Parks	94.17%
Turing	96.25%
Malala	95.26%

Community

Following previous communication about our school working with the Mental Health Support Team (MHST), we are pleased to share details of an upcoming webinar that may be of interest to you.

Understanding Low Mood Webinar

📅 Wednesday 11th November

The MHST continues to offer a programme of monthly webinars for parents & carers. These sessions are now available to families from all MHST primary schools throughout the year, with content adapted to support parents and carers of children and young people of all ages.

This month's webinar will focus on Understanding Low Mood, providing helpful information, practical strategies and guidance on how to support children and young people who may be experiencing low mood.

Please see the attached flyer for further information, including details on how to register.

We encourage anyone who may find this topic helpful to attend.

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MHST Webinars

Low Mood

Provided by Bexley Mental Health support team

What is low mood and how does it affect young people?

Behaviour activation strategy

The importance of values and routines

Managing rumination

Problem solving

Parent self-care

Date: 11th November 2026

Time: 6-7pm

Follow link to sign up:

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2004361044841?aff=oddtdtcreator

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Governors

At Barnehurst, our Governors play a vital role in supporting the school and helping us provide the very best education for every child. Working closely with the Head Teacher and Senior Leadership Team, the Governing Body helps to shape the strategic direction of the school and acts as a supportive yet challenging "critical friend."

While Governors are not involved in the day-to-day running of the school, they are responsible for holding school leaders accountable for the quality of education, the wellbeing of pupils, and the progress children make during their time with us. Governors also appoint the Head Teacher and ensure the school's vision and values are reflected in all that we do.

Throughout the year, Governors attend meetings, visit the school, monitor key areas of development, and carry out important statutory responsibilities. They take an active interest in how school funding is used, ensuring resources are invested wisely and aligned with our improvement priorities.

Our Governors come from a wide range of professional backgrounds, including education, engineering, project management, recruitment, and many other fields. This diversity of experience helps bring valuable perspectives to the school. Although they each bring different skills and expertise, they all share one thing in common: a passion for supporting the children, staff, and wider community of Barnehurst.

We are incredibly grateful for the time, commitment, and dedication our Governors give to the school, helping us to ensure that every child has the opportunity to achieve their full potential.

Each newsletter we will be doing a governor spotlight. Last term we introduced our Chair Tom Ryan. We will continue as we introduce each newsletter. See below the names of the our governing body members for this year.

Mr Tom Ryan - Chair	PFT Appointed
Mrs Cindy Yu - Vice Chair	PFT Appointed
Mrs Tamara Hunter	Head Teacher
Mr Dean Gardiner	PFT Appointed
Mrs Shana Lawrence	PFT Appointed
Mr Mark Webb	PFT Appointed
Ms Carly Tompkins	PFT Appointed
Ms Emilia Varbanova	PFT Appointed
Mrs Malayka Rahman-Amin	Parent Governor
Mrs Adwoa Asihene	Parent Governor
Teresa Edge	Staff Governor
Nicki Evans	Staff Governor

Reminders

Dates in our calendar for the year

Inset days

The school will be closed to children on the following days this year:
Monday 4 January
Monday 22 February

We would also like to inform you that the school has been asked to be a polling station again this year. This has not yet been 100% confirmed yet. If we are will then also be closed to pupils on **4th May 2028.**

Monday 14th December	Nursery Xmas singalong	11am and 2.45pm performance
Thursday 17th December	9.30am Reception Xmas Singalong	**Adults only please – no younger children**
Tuesday 15th December	9.30am and 2pm Year 1 and 2 Nativity	**AM Younger siblings can attend PM Adults only please – no younger children**
Wednesday 16th December	9.30am and 2pm Year 4 and 5 Christmas play	**AM Younger siblings can attend PM Adults only please – no younger children**
Tuesday 25th May	Sports day – Actual Reception – Year 6	Infants 9:15 – 11:15 Juniors 1:30 – 3:30
Tuesday 29th June	Sports day – Back up day in case of cancellation	Infants 9:15 – 11:15 Juniors 1:30 – 3:30
Tuesday 22nd June	Nursery picnic- actual	10.30am Farrah Class 2.30pm Simmonds Class Hoy – either
Tuesday 6th July	Nursery picnic back up in case of cancellation	10.30am Farrah Class 2.30pm Simmonds Class Hoy – either
Wednesday 14th July	Year 6 End of Year production	**2 PM Younger siblings can attend**
Thursday 15th July	Year 6 End of Year production	**4:30 Evening Adults only please – no younger children**
Wednesday 21st July	Year 6 leavers assembly	9am (could run up to 2 hours)

Parent Consultations/Evening

Information will be sent via Arbor closer to the time to book.

	Day 1 3.30-6pm	**Day 2 3.30-6pm**
Autumn Term	Tuesday 24th November	Thursday 26th November
Spring Term	Tuesday 16th March	Thursday 18th March

Reminders

Work Alongside Your Child

We are also going to be offering sessions to parents and carer to come into class and work alongside your child in their classroom. For Years 1-6 the morning will start with a brief session with a member of the Leadership Team in the infant hall, followed by a session completing at activity with your child in their classroom. The sessions will be from 9am-10am, unless otherwise stated.

Year group	Date
Nursery	Stay and play Wednesday 13th January 8.45am and 12.30pm
Reception	Stay and play Kahlo class 7th January 9.15am Wonder class 6th January 9.15am
Year 1 – Year 6 9 am – 10 am (starting in the infant hall)	
Year 1	12th January
Year 2	12th November
Year 3	3rd December
Year 4	5th November
Year 5	22nd October
Year 6	15th October

Class Assemblies

This year, as part the Power of Me, the children in Year 1 to Year 6 will be presenting an assembly for parents and carers about their Global Citizenship learning this year. Parents and carers are welcome to come along and watch their child perform. All performances will start at 14:45pm - Please note that if this finish early and children are packed up we can dismiss performing classes but unfortunately, we are not able to dismiss siblings until usual time.

Armstrong	18th January
Earhart	8th February
Attenborough	8th March
Maathai	1st February
Curie	22nd March
Hawking	17th May
Rashford	19th April
Pankhurst	24th May
Parks	26th April
Gandhi	15th March
Malala	25th January
Turing	1st March