



Autumn 1 Newsletter, October 2025

Welcome

Welcome back to all our families including those that are new to our school. The children have settled back into a new term. This term the Y6 children had an opportunity to put themselves forwards to be our new house or vice captains. Our Y6 class prepared speeches and presented them to their house teams. Congratulations to all the children who put themselves forwards and in particular to those who were selected to become the new captains.

St. David: Sunny and Reece

St. Patrick: Teeyah and Hazel

St. George: Lola and Theodore

St. Andrew: Jacob and Ronnie



Achievements

The following children received certificates in our Brilliant Book assemblies this term. We are very proud of the effort they have put into their learning and behaviour.

Children's achievements are linked to our Fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Y1: Timothy, Krissy, whole class, Kingsley, Liam T, Kian, Archie, Mati, Ritsu, Liam T, Louis, Nefeli

Y2: Whole class, James, Maggie, Ruben, Luna, Leo, Jay,

Y3: Ianis, Noah, Raef, Eleonora, Sartak, Arlo, Oscar, Sophia, Radmehr, David, Riah

Y4: Lucas, Alfie, Shiv, Victor, Harry, Amie, Lucy C, Yifan, Jessica, Kaliyah, whole class

Y5: Joanna, Aaron, Nikki, Ticia, Harry, Dylan, Mia, Jacob,

Y6: Whole class, Leo, Hazel, David, Avyana, Sunny, Theo



Brilliant Book Assemblies

The following children have entertained the school with their musical talents during Brilliant Book assemblies:

Piano: Nikki Y5, Elsie Y6

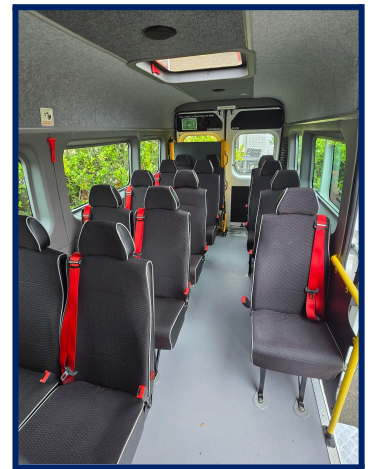
Violin: Juliet Y5,

Cello: Elsie Y6

Our prayers were read by: Clodagh Y3, Harry Y4, Mia Y5

New Minibuses

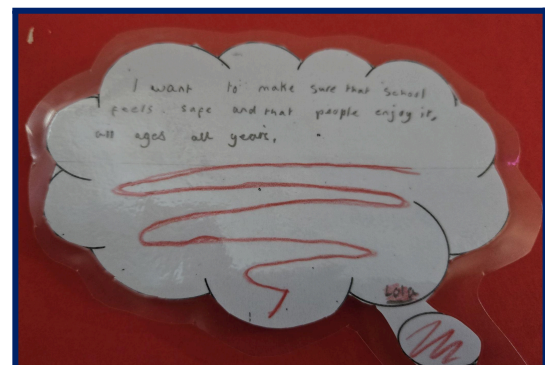
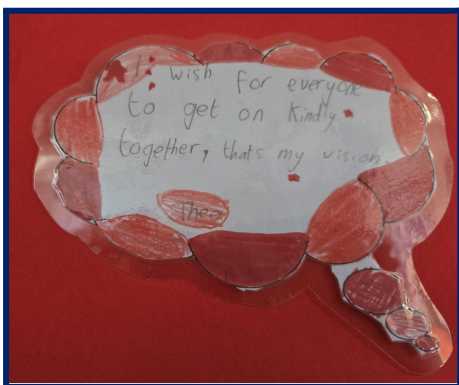
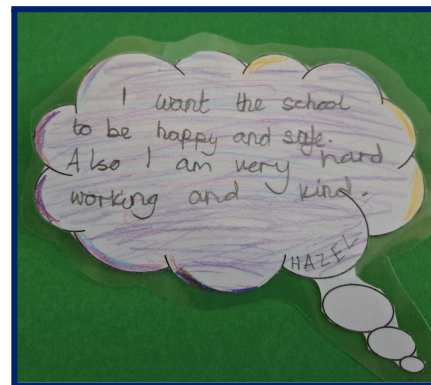
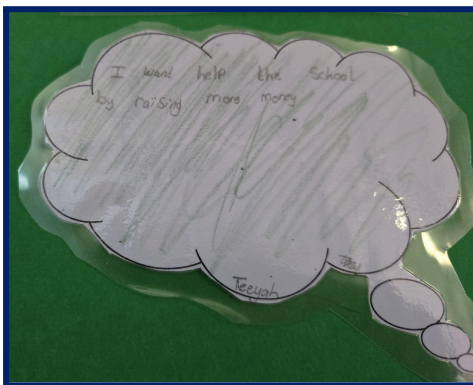
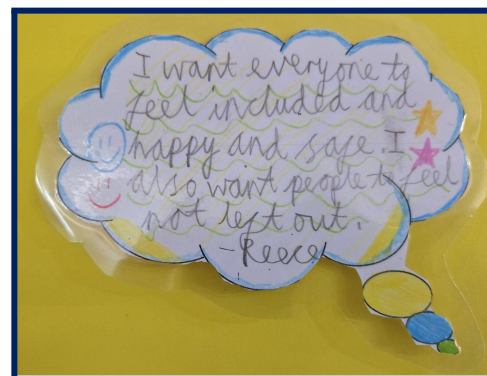
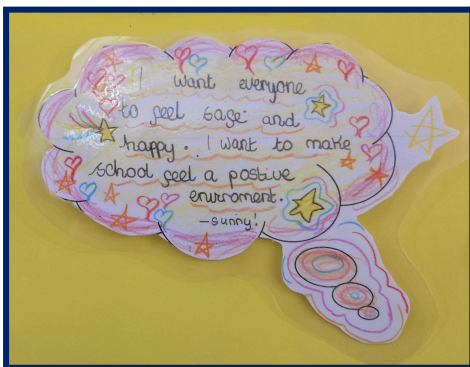
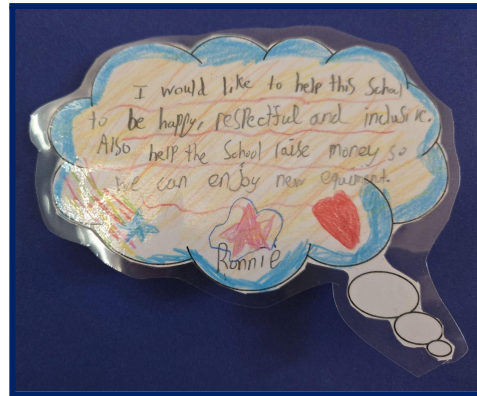
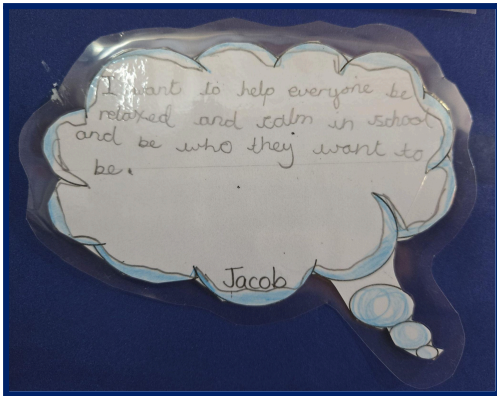
We would like to say a huge thank you to the Friern Barnet Educational Trust and the PTFA who have helped us raise enough funds to purchase two second hand, low mileage minibuses. Without their support the school would not have been able to make such a purchase. The buses were on display in our playground last week and we hope you agree that they are a wonderful addition. The buses will enable us to continue our unique offers: wider curriculum, sports enrichment, community cohesion as well as continuing to take part in the many sporting events offered within Barnet.



House Team Parade

This term we held our very first house parade. This rewards the house with the most house points earned each month. Congratulations to St. Andrews house who were the first house to win in September.

Our new house captains shared some of their wishes and priorities for this year.





Trips and Workshops

The following trips and workshops have taken place this half term:

YN - Autumn walk

Y1 - Trees workshop; TGMC workshop

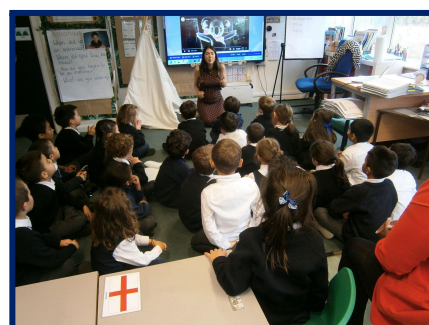
Y2 - Trees workshop; TGMC workshop

Y3 - Trees workshop; TGMC workshop; Stone Age workshop

Y4 - Young Shakespeare (Macbeth); Trees workshop; TGMC workshop

Y5 - Young Shakespeare (Macbeth); Little Lifesavers; Space workshop;
Trees workshop; Black History workshop; TGMC workshop

Y6 - Young Shakespeare (Macbeth); Ragged School; Little Lifesavers; First Aid; Trees workshop; Black History workshop; TGMC workshop





Wider Curriculum contributions

As we start a new year and our wider curriculum programme steps into gear, we would remind our families of this wonderful and unique offer for a primary school of our size. The children benefit from a variety of trips and workshops to enhance their learning. This offer would not be possible if we did not receive our termly wider curriculum contributions from families. This year the termly contributions are £20 per child or £60 for the year.

Thank you to all our families who have already made their autumn term contributions via our new Arbor Parent App. If you have not yet made yours, please could we ask that you do so, so that the wonderful opportunities that we offer the children can continue.

Our Christian Vision and Values

We aspire to grow and flourish, live out the Fruit of The Spirit in our daily lives and go out beyond school into the world, making a positive impact and contribution.

The Fruit of the Spirit values are: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self-control. (Galatians 5: 22-23)

'Faith, Excellence and Enjoyment'

Community Cohesion

Our community cohesion programme is one of the many ways in which we teach our children to live out our Christian values. We are very proud of this programme which enables our children to interact and connect with members of our community.

A reminder of the activities that take place:

- Y3 attend the toddler group
- Y4 visit Age UK
- Y5 spend time with pupils at Oakleigh Special School
- Y6 help serve lunch at the parish centre

Fruit of the Spirit in action

One of our older children playing with a younger child.





From the children

Y5 visit to Oakleigh Special school

"I liked it a lot. It was really fun and heartwarming. It was a different experience to what I'm used to. It was calm and pushing the roundabout was really nice." Adam

"I was nervous at first but it became lots of fun. We learnt lots of kids' names and we played with the play dough, building blocks, potato head and we made cookies and icing. I hope that we can learn from each other." Anya

"At first I was nervous to go to Oakleigh but after a while I got used to it. Playing and helping the children was very fun. I would love to go back." Aaron

"I was so happy that I got to go to see the disabled children. It was a great experience for me. I really loved it." Arabian

"I have enjoyed being at Oakleigh school and my favourite part was the roundabout and making biscuits." Arabella

"It was a bit awkward at the beginning but then it was much more fun." Conrad

"I found it hard at first and then I got used to it." Arney

Sport News

Cross Country

Some of our junior children took part in the annual autumn term cross country race. Our athletes were very well prepared after training hard at school. We are very proud of all our competitors who represented themselves and the school impeccably.



Football

Our new girls' football team took part in their first two games of the season. They played Barnfield in the John King cup losing 1-5. In their second game they played Holly Park in the Southeast Barnet cup winning 3-1. Well done to the girls for playing well in both matches and showing wonderful sportsmanship and teamwork.



Dodgeball

Y4 took part in the dodgeball festival where results are not recorded however they all had a wonderful time and represented our school brilliantly.



Cycle Proficiency

Some of our Y5 and Y6 children had the opportunity to take part in Level 1 and 2 cycle proficiency. This gave them the experience of learning how to ride safely on the road. We hope that they learnt many skills and will put these into practice when riding outside of school. Remember that when riding a bike it is always best to wear a helmet so that in the event of a fall, a serious head injury can be avoided. Happy cycling.

Safeguarding News

A growing online trend has resurfaced whereby young people are persuaded to take part in a 'Salt & Ice Challenge'. This challenge is very dangerous and can cause serious harm to children. Please see information below.

🔥⚠️ Parent & Carer Alert: The "Salt & Ice Challenge"

A dangerous online trend is resurfacing where children put salt on their skin and press ice on top.

👉 This causes serious cold burns (like frostbite).

👉 Injuries can need hospital treatment and even skin grafts.

👉 Young people may not realise the damage until it's too late.

✅ First Aid: warm area with immersion in warm water for 30 – 60 minute, cover with clean cling film, and seek medical help.

❌ Do NOT Rub or massage the area to avoid further tissue damage, Do Not use ice, creams, or fluffy dressings.

Parents & carers: beware the "Salt & Ice Challenge." ❄️ + 🧂 = burns.

✅ warm area with warm water by immersion for 30 – 60 minute

✅ Cover with cling film

✅ Seek medical help

Do not rub or massage the area or it can cause further tissue damage

Don't let a trend leave permanent scars.



Parent Pact

Last year you may recall that we invited parents to join the Barnet Parent Pact aimed at stopping the harmful effects of allowing children to have access to social media and smartphones. To find out more information and to join the parent pact, please visit the following link:

<https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/sign-the-parent-pact>

Health News

As we approach the winter months, it is the season where pupils and staff are more likely to become unwell. A reminder of the 48 hour rule which applies to any vomiting or diarrhoea; please do not send your child back to school until 48 hours has passed after their last spell of vomiting or diarrhoea.

May we also remind our parents that any medical appointments must be shared with the school office at least 48 hours in advance otherwise they cannot be authorised. Evidence of the appointment must be shown. Please ensure that any non-urgent appointments such as dental, are made after school or during the school holidays.

Mental Health & Wellbeing News

World Mental Health Day took place on 10th October. This year's theme was 'Mental health doesn't take a day off'.

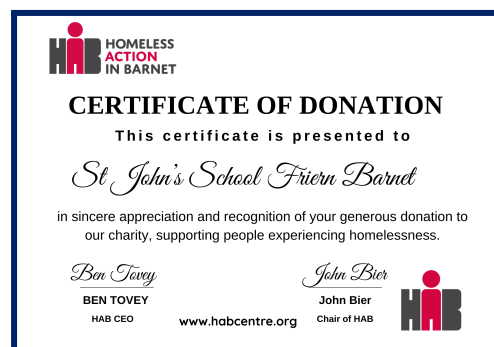
Mental health affects how we think, feel, and act. Good mental health helps us handle stress and have happy relationships. It is just as important as physical health for feeling good and enjoying life. We can support mental health by being kind and listening to friends. Encouraging conversations about feelings helps others know they are not alone.

To take care of our mental health, we should relax, exercise, eat healthy foods, and spend time with friends. Finding hobbies and learning to manage stress can also make us happier and healthier. It's crucial to remember that we should care for our mental health every day, not just on special days.

Remember, mental health doesn't take a day off, so we must support each other every day.

Harvest Festival

Thank you to all our families who brought in food donations for harvest festival. All your contributions have been donated to Homeless Action Barnet and Finchley food bank to help families in Barnet in desperate need.





Extra-Curricular Clubs

The clubs that the children have enjoyed this half term are multi-skills, born to move, chess, netball, football and coding club. Please visit our school website to find out more information.

Arbor

A reminder that parents will need to upload the new Arbor Parent Communication App. This will enable parents to make payments to the school, receive messages and sign up for parents evening. It is vital that all families complete this as once our current Teachers2Parents system ends, the Arbor app will be the only means of communication. A joining link was sent to all families. If you require help with this, please contact the school office.

School Uniform

After half term, the children will be required to wear winter school uniform. Please visit the school website for a complete list of the school uniform requirements.

Please help our children continue to look smart by adhering to our uniform policy.

Early Years Uniform



Winter Main Uniform

Reminder that the following items are not part of school uniform and should therefore not be worn:

- Nail varnish
- Jewellery except stud earrings and watches (smart watches are not allowed)
- Hair accessories that are not blue or black in colour
- Coats which are not black or navy in colour



WOW Club

Congratulations to our first WOW club winners this term for all their hard work and effort towards their learning and behaviour in school.



Enjoying Our Learning





Attendance

Attendance for the autumn 1 term was as follows:

YR	95.94%
Y1	95.47%
Y2	97.34%
Y3	95.99%
Y4	98.14%
Y5	96.77%
Y6	92.55%

Overall attendance for the autumn 1 term was 96.01%

Congratulations to Y4 who had the highest rate of attendance during autumn 1 term.

We wish all our families a wonderful half term break.

Macci Dobie

Head Teacher





Dates for your diary

- 3 November - Staff Inset day (school closed)
- 4 November - Autumn 2 starts
- 4 November - Y3 Toddler group
- 5 November - Y2 workshop; Y5 Oakleigh; Explorer Ambassador workshop
- 6 November - Parent tour; Y5 Junior Roadwatch
- 7 November - PTFA non-uniform day (£2 donation)
- 10-14 November - Anti-bullying week
- 11 November - Y3 Archery; Y5/Y6 Remembrance Day War Memorial visit
- 12 November - YR/Y6 Height & Weight check; Y5 Oakleigh
- 13 November - Y4 cake sale
- 14 November - Y6 parish lunch
- 18 November - Y3 Archery; Y5 wall climb
- 19 November - Y5 Oakleigh
- 20 November - Parent tour; Y4 Age UK
- 21 November - PTFA non-uniform day (bottle donation)
- 24-28 November - Be Bright Be Seen week
- 25 November - Y3 Archery; Y5 wall climb
- 26 & 27 November - Parents' Evening
- 27 November - Y3-Y6 Anti-bullying workshops
- 28 November - Y6 parish lunch
- 2 December - Y3 Archery; Y5 Christmas Experience
- 4 December - Christingle Church Service Y1-Y6
- 5 December - Y5 Chicken Shed; EYFS Nativity
- 6 December - PTFA Advent Fayre 1-5pm
- 8 December - KS1 (Y1 & Y2) Nativity
- 9 December - Y3 Archery
- 11 December - Flu Nasal Spray mop-up session; Parent tour
- 12 December - Y6 parish lunch; YR Arts Depot
- 16 December - Y3 Toddler group
- 17 December - Christmas lunch



- 18 December - Y4 Age UK; PTFA Movie Night
- 19 December - Break up for Christmas 2pm
- Christmas Holidays: 22nd December - 2nd January 2026
- Spring term starts: Monday 5th January 2026