

Barnabas Oley Newsletter



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Happy Easter everyone !

Dear Parents and Carers

It hardly seems possible that we are at the end of the Spring Term!

It has been an exciting and busy half term, the children have certainly had a chance to shine with the many performances they have been involved in—Class Assemblies, Easter Service and last night's RNLI Spring Music Concert. They have been real superstars and demonstrated how confident and articulate they are.

Thank you to all of you who joined us for our Easter Service today, it is always special for the whole school community to gather in church.

Please can I remind you to save the date – Tuesday 14th May at 8.00pm - where there will be an online internet safety information evening.

May I wish you and your families every blessing during this Easter-time, I do hope you have a good rest.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michelle Downes", with a decorative flourish at the end.

Mrs Michelle Downes

Headteacher



Dates for your diaries



♪ This is amazing

grace

This is unfailing love

That You would take

my place

That You would bear

my cross ♪

29th March—12th April—Easter Break

Monday 15th April

Teacher Training Day—school closed to pupils

Tuesday 16th April

Back to School

Tuesday 23rd April

Class and Leavers Photographs

Monday 29th April

Bee Netball A Team Plate Final—Impington VC

Tuesday 30th April

YR & Y6 Heights and Weights

Wednesday 1st May

Y5 Maths Challenge—Winhills Primary School

Thursday 2nd May

Cross Country Championships—Priory Park

Monday 6th May

May Day—School closed

13th—16th May

SATS and TEST week for all pupils

Tuesday 14th May

Family Worker—virtual appointments

Online Internet Safety Information Evening—8.00pm

Friday 17th May

Goldentime and PTA SATs Disco

20th—24th May

Walk to School Week

Monday 20th May

Y6 trip to Drayton Manor

Y2 Scootsmart

Tuesday 21st May

Y4 Walksmart

Friday 24th May

House Party—House—tbc

Half Term Break— 27th - 31st May

Monday 3rd June

Professional Day—School closed to pupils

Tuesday 4th June

Back to School

Mixed Dynamos Cricket Competition—10.0am-3.00pm

5th-7th June

Life Bus

Tuesday 11th June

Family Worker in school

BOGT Auditions

Wednesday 12th June

BOGT Auditions

Thursday 13th June

Father's Day Lunch 1

Friday 14th June

Father's Day Lunch 2

Saturday 15th June

School Fete

Monday 17th June

Father's Day Lunch 3

Year 6 Trip to Clare College

New Parents Evening—7.00pm

Tuesday 25th June

New Parent/Child/Teacher meetings

Wednesday 26th June

Happy School Bag Clothing Collection

Monday 1st July

New Parent/Child/Teacher meetings

Tuesday 2nd July

New Intake Lunch

Wednesday 3rd July

Sports Day— KS1 - 9.30am, KS2 2.00pm

Star of the Week awards

During Celebration assembly on Fridays, children are set a challenge which will help to foster positive attitudes throughout our school. The following children have received Star of the Week Awards;

For "Science week"

Holly	Arabella Hemmans
Maple	Edward Gooch
Willow	Lilly Percival-Alwyn
Silver Birch	Samuel Wassall
Cedar	Bea Ford



For "inspiring others"

Holly	Hadley Mathwig
Maple	Cameron Arthur
Willow	Alexandrea King
Silver Birch	Sammy Lawton
Cedar	Christopher Chapman

For "Teacher's choice"

Holly	William Haywood
Maple	Logan Costa
Willow	Ben Wass
Silver Birch	Tabitha Sibley Cadwallader
Cedar	Gergely Dombrovski

Headteacher Awards

These awards are given by Mrs Downes to children whose work or behaviour has made their teacher/Headteacher say "Wow!"

I am pleased to report that the following children have received this award;



Congratulations!

Rory Turner	Maple class	A beautiful descriptive piece of writing about a Spring scene
Alannah Reed	Maple class	A beautiful descriptive piece of writing about a Spring scene
Cameron Arthur	Maple class	Great use of adjectives when describing a Spring scene
Solia Tarasiuk	Maple class	Great use of adjectives when describing a Spring scene
Pip Poulter	Maple class	For creating an imaginative Island

Know your traffic signs



Waiting and dropping off is prohibited between the times shown on the sign.

Registration closing time

We wish to remind parents and carers regarding attendance and the marking of the school's register.

Children should be on the school site by 8.45am, with the school gates closing shortly after this time. If any children arrive after this time they should enter via the main entrance and report to the school office. The register for morning school will close at 8.50am and for afternoon school 1.15pm. Any children arriving in school after these times will be recorded as 'Late after the register has closed'.

The actual time and reason for late arrival will be recorded and entered by office staff.

Attendance registers are reviewed regularly by our Education Welfare Officer. Any persistent late entries may result in being contacted directly by this service.

Summer Uniform reminders

As the warmer weather is just around the corner can we just remind parents of our Summer uniform code.

Girls

Blue and white checked summer dress or white blouse or polo shirt, grey skirt, trousers/tailed shorts or pinafore dress.
A royal blue jumper or school sweatshirt/cardigan.
White socks
Black school shoes with closed toes (no trainers)

Boys

White shirts or polo shirts, grey socks and grey shorts or trousers.
A royal blue jumper or school sweatshirt.
Black school shoes (no trainers)

Year 6 Cycling to school



We are offering **Year 6 pupils** who have successfully completed their **Safer Cycling Certificate** the opportunity to cycle to school subject to their parent's permission. If any Year 6 pupils would like to cycle to school then please give your permission by logging in to the Schoolgateway. Access to the school site for cyclists will be via Cedar gate only so that bicycles can be parked in the cycle pod easily. Cycle helmets **MUST** be worn on journeys to and from school and these can be stored with the bikes.



Headlice—Take a Peak Once a Week!



There have recently been cases of head lice identified in school and we wanted to make sure you were kept informed. A number of children are currently wearing their long hair loose and as head lice are passed particularly quickly via long hair, it needs to be tied back whilst at school.

It is important that children are checked on a weekly basis so that any head lice can be dealt with quickly and before they are allowed to spread too far. We suggest that you check your child's head during the **Easter break**.

Follow the simple **CHECK, TREAT, COMPLETE** routine below to ensure you are doing your bit to keep head lice outbreaks to a minimum.

CHECK

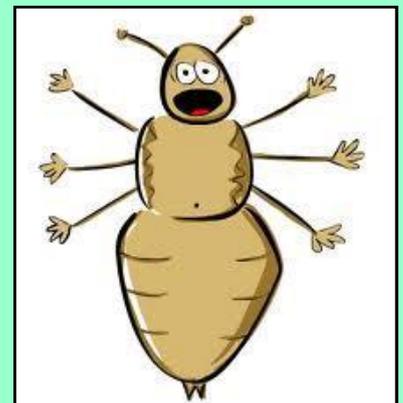
- Your child's hair once a week.
- Use a proper detection comb – white in colour (so they can be easily identified) with teeth no more than 0.3mm apart to trap head lice .
- If you find live lice, consult a pharmacist for treatment advice.
- If head lice are spotted, take a close look at all the family, including yourself and ask close family and friends to check as well.

TREAT

- Only treat if live lice are identified.
- Use a clinically proven treatment, ideally with a physical mode of action to which lice are very unlikely to build a resistance.
- Leave the treatment on for the recommended time for maximum effect – leaving it on for longer will not make it more effective.

COMPLETE

- Repeat the treatment for a second time seven days after the first to kill any lice that may hatch from eggs during that time – if the pack instructions specify that a second application is required.
- Check that all head lice have gone within two to three days of the final application of head lice treatment to complete the process.
- Continue to check for head lice on a regular, weekly basis.



PTA NEWS

Thank You!

Another successful clothing collection this month raised £125

Our Quiz night and refreshment stall at this week's RNLI concert successfully raised over £500

BOPS School Fete 2024

The School Fete will take place on Saturday 15th June 12pm to 3pm. This is the school's biggest event not only for parents and children, but the whole community. We will need around 20-30 helpers to ensure it continued success.

If you are able to help on the day, from 30 mins to a hour it would be much appreciated. We will need helpers from **Cake Bakers, Stall helpers, Set up team, Marquee Erectors**. Our day starts at 10am to 4pm, please get in touch if you are able to help in anyway.

Many thanks, Paddy, Clare, Dawn, Rob, Stacy & Kelly

Are you a small business?

If you would like a stall at the fete this year please get in touch.

Contact us: pta@barnabasoley.cambs.sch.uk

HAPPY EASTER

Thank you to all parents, carers & teachers that have supported our fundraising this term. Enjoy the Easter break and see you all in the summer term!

Don't forget the clocks spring forward this Sunday!

**Upcoming events this summer term!
School Disco, BOGT, Cinema Night, School Fete 15th June plus many more!**

Ways you can help us raise funds!

To help us continue fundraising for the school come along to any of our upcoming events or simply join our weekly lottery. Cash prizes to be won every week!



Join the School Lottery Here!



So far our lottery has raised £300.00 for the school, tickets are £1 for our weekly draw. Use the QR code above to help us meet our target of £1000 this year.

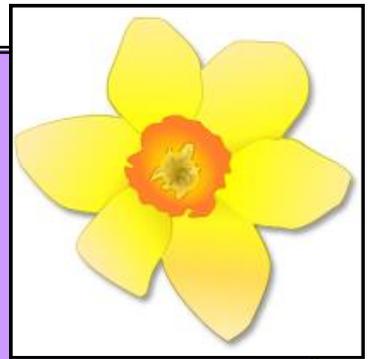
Get Ready for Summer!

Pre Loved Uniform, please contact us or the school office if you require any items, £1 an item or £2.50 for logo jumpers/cardigans

Thank you to everyone who dressed in red for Comic Relief.

We raised a magnificent **£517.00**

Well done!



Barnaby Bear

A reminder to families that we have our very own Barnaby Bear complete with matching school sweatshirt who is available to travel with families on day visits or holidays. If you would like to take Barnaby with you to any places of interest, take a couple of photographs for our website and tell us a little about his adventures then please speak to your child's class teacher.



Barnaby has his own page on our website.

School Front Door

For the safety of the children and the security of the school **under no circumstances should any child ever push the exit button** on the School front door, even if they are accompanied by an adult.



Dogs

Well behaved dogs are welcome to bring their young owners to school in the morning and collect them at the end of the day. However we would like to politely remind you that **under no circumstances** should they be brought on to the school grounds or premises. Please also ensure that they are kept on short leads as some of our children are anxious around our canine friends. Thank you



**New for 2024
to Waresley
Cricket Club
replacing
Allstars**

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**Open to all from
5-8 years of age**

Waresley Wolf Cubs @

Waresley Cricket Club

**Have
Fun!**

**Learn
new
skills!**



**Play
with
friends!**

Details

Who: 5-8 Years Old

When: Friday Evening, 1700 – 1800

Where: Waresley Cricket Club

What: 8 Weeks from 10th May 2024

Cost: £40

Sign Up

Sign up via the QR code:

Further Details @ -
<https://bit.ly/4a4xiG2> or
https://waresley.play-cricket.com/web_pages/waresley_colts

Contact: Waresley.colts@gmail.com



As the summer hopefully starts to approach, things are gearing up at Waresley Cricket Club. The club provides training and games for those aged from 5 -15. More information for both can be found here:

https://waresley.play-cricket.com/web_pages/waresley_colts

For 5-8 year olds, this year we are swapping out Allstars for Waresley Wolf Cubs (see the attached flyer) which we believe will provide a great introduction to cricket and link to the club. The sign up details are here: <https://forms.gle/gpHq6JTTeoz6WAM86> and the cost is £40.

For those in the U9 - U15 age group, training and games start from mid April and children can be signed up here: <https://forms.gle/rmx9w76zstgu5ZSf7> and the cost for the season is £50.

More information for both can be found here:

https://waresley.play-cricket.com/web_pages/waresley_colts

This year the colts section is kindly sponsored by Waresley Park Estate. For more information about the exciting array of events please visit their website: <https://waresleyparkestate.co.uk/>



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The Great Fen

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Great Fen Easter Holidays

Spring Crafts

A bumper day of spring-themed crafting for all the family using natural and recycled materials. Celebrate the new season with colour and creativity.

Wednesday 3rd April, 10.30am - 2.30pm. £5/7.50 per child. Adults free.

Wild in the Woods Day Camp

Age 10-16? Join our day to explore and engage in the great outdoors without your adults! Packed full of activities and crafts to help young people connect with the natural world. Fire lighting, tool use, shelter building and more.

Tuesday 9th April, 10am - 3pm | £25 per child.

Little Bugs go Batty

A special session where older siblings can join our pre-schoolers to learn all about bats. Enjoy crafts, story time and play outdoors.

Wednesday 10th April, 10.30am - 12pm | £2/3 per child. Adults free.

Location: Ramsey Heights Nature Reserve, Chapel Road, PE26 2RS.



Book online:
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The Wildlife Trust for Beds, Cambs and Northants at Millbridge Brook Meadows

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Celebrating 10 years

Join Communities and Education Officer Rebecca Neal to explore the wildlife of Millbridge Brook Meadows as part of Gamlingay Parish Council's celebration of the 10 year anniversary of this treasured community green space.

Wildlife stroll: Bank Holiday Monday 6th May 10am-12ish

- A guided walk aimed at adults, focussing on identifying common wildlife including trees, wildflowers, and birds
- Wildlife Trust BCN members £7, non-members £10*

Family adventure walk: Summer half-term Thursday 30th May 10am-12ish

- A flexible family session perfect for primary-aged children
- We might build a mini-raft, look for bugs, create some outdoor art...
- Wildlife Trust BCN members £5, non-members £7.50*

Booking is essential to manage group size

*Limited early bird tickets are available



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The Wildlife Trust for Beds, Cambs and Northants **Cambourne Little Bugs 2024**

**Join Wildlife Adventurer Becca Badger for nature
toddles around Cambourne, with simple outdoor
activities for pre-schoolers.**

Delivered in blocks of 5 weekly sessions, which can be enjoyed as a
programme or individually

Spring: starting Friday 26th April
Summer (term): starting Friday 7th June
Summer (holidays): starting Friday 7th August
Autumn: starting Friday 27th September

- Most suitable for ages 2-4, but flexible
- Friday mornings 9.30-11am ish
- Qualified Level 3 Forest School leader
- Small groups
- Booking is essential to manage group size
- Child member £4, child non-member £6 (accompanying adults and siblings under 18 months free)



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Family Camp-out with Wildlife Adventurers Becca Badger & Becky Ranger

Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th May 2024

From 2pm until 10am

This overnight camp is for families with children aged 7-11. We'll do some exciting wildlife activities like pond dipping and bug hunting, then we'll set up a moth trap before toasting marshmallows together around the fire, and then camping out under the stars.

(prices are for adults and children)

Members £25

Non-members £37.50

More information:

wildlifebcn.org/events

Booking:

rebecca.neal@wildlifebcn.org



Location:

Trumpington Meadows

Nature Reserve, Cambridge



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Family activities: Easter 2024 West Cambs 100s

Cambourne

- Most suitable for ages 7-11, younger & older children will also enjoy them
- £5 Wildlife Trust BCN members, £7.50 non-members*

Outdoor games Wed 3rd April, 10-12ish

We'll explore Cambourne Nature Reserve and play some silly games inspired by nature along the way. We might create a natural obstacle course, do a photo treasure hunt, or pretend to be a hungry predator...

Family wild play Wed 10th April, 10-12ish

A chance to play together with other families in the woods with a selection of ideas and resources to choose from. We might build a shelter, hunt for bugs, set a trail, create natural art, or climb a tree...

Gamlingay

Birdbox making Thurs 4th April. 1.30-3.30

- Build and decorate a bird box at Gamlingay Eco-hub
- For ages 7+
- £10 Wildlife Trust BCN members, £15 non-members*

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