

FEDERATION NEWSLETTER

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“Living life in all it’s fullness” – John 10

Autumn Term



Spotlight

If your child had their photos taken on the 14th September, you should find a photo card inside their bag/book bags staring from today. There is a 20% early-bird discount slip that will also be coming home with the photocards.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- * **Y3 & 4 Parent Meeting**
 - 22nd September at Barley
- * **Y1 Meet the Teacher**
 - 23rd September – 14.45 to 15.00 at Barkway
- * **Y2 Meet the Teacher**
 - 23rd September - 14.45 to 15.15 at Barley
- * **Pupil Flu Vaccinations**
 - 28th September – Reception to Y4
- * **Open Day**
 - 5th November 9.00am until 2.45pm at Barkway. Please ring 01763 848283 to book your slot

A message from our Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, what an exciting week we have had across our Federation, and it is only the second full week of our new term!

We began the week by welcoming Reverend Mark back into our Federation following the summer holidays. It was lovely to have him with us again in Barkway, where he helped us to think more deeply about our current Federation value of thankfulness. Reverend Mark shared the story of the ten lepers, and how, after Jesus had helped them, only one returned to say thank you. We talked together about the things we are thankful for and how important it is to remember to say thank you, even for the smallest things. It was a lovely way to start our week and a wonderful reminder of how a simple thank you can make such a difference. We then had some very special visitors at Barley School on Tuesday and Wednesday, and we could not be prouder of our children. They were incredibly welcoming and did a wonderful job of showing our visitors all of the fantastic things we do at BBF and, most importantly, what makes our Federation such a special place.

After-school enrichment clubs

It has been fantastic to see so many of our children choosing to take part in our selection of after-school enrichment clubs. We love seeing the children trying new things, discovering new interests and having fun with their friends.

If your child would like to try a club, please let Mrs Piper know. Children can sign up for just one week at a time, so there is no need to commit to a whole block of sessions. They can also try a different club each week. We would also love to hear from you if there is a club or activity that your child would really like us to offer. We can keep your suggestions in mind when we have a change of clubs after half term. We have already had a request for a dance club from Theo in Year 2, so watch this space, Theo!

Year 3 and their reading buddies

Year 3 have also begun their visits to Margaret House, and they were absolutely thrilled to meet their reading buddies. It was heart-warming to see these relationships beginning to blossom again, ready for another year of reading, friendship and shared experiences. We are so fortunate to have this wonderful partnership with Margaret House, and we look forward to seeing these relationships continue to grow throughout the year.

Harvest Festival

We are very much looking forward to our Harvest Festival Service at Barkway Church on Tuesday 6th October at 9.00am. Each year group will be contributing in their own special way, and there will be plenty of lovely songs to enjoy. We would be delighted if you could join us. It promises to be a wonderful celebration together. A letter with further details will be coming home soon.

Attendance Matters

We are also excited to share our new Attendance Matters page in our weekly newsletter. Here, you will be introduced to our three BBF Attendance Promises, as well as being able to see the weekly attendance totals for each class. Our Federation Attendance target is 96%. Each week, the class with the highest attendance will be awarded an Attendance Star ★. The first class to collect five stars will receive a special treat! Our weekly winning class or classes will also receive a certificate to proudly display in their classroom, recognising their achievement. We will be sharing more information about our Attendance Matters strategy over the coming weeks, including how we are working together across the Federation to support excellent attendance and help every child make the most of their time at school.

It has certainly been a busy start to the term, but what a wonderful one it has been. Thank you, as always, for your continued support and for being such an important part of our BBF community.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Warmest wishes,
Miss Mière

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Attendance Matters



This term we are introducing our new attendance board across the Federation. This board provides our pupils with the incentive of reaching 100% attendance in their class and ensures our **Attendance Promises:**

- I will try my best to come to school every day.
- I will try my best to arrive on time every day.
- I will try my best to be prepared for school every day.

If a class achieves **100% attendance** for the week they will be awarded an attendance star, and **whoever reaches 5 stars first will receive a special treat!**

See below for this weeks attendance scores:

- Oak Class: 97%
- Apple Class: 98%
- Hazel Class: 100%
- Beech Class: 96%
- Sycamore Class: 100%

Well done to **Hazel** and **Sycamore** class for achieving your first attendance stars!



An example of our new boards which can be found on both school sites



Happy Birthday

A big **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Matthew, Louis and Vincent who celebrated their Birthday's last week, and to Ella, Ophelia, Reggie and Mr Watson celebrating their Birthday's this week!

We hope you had/have a fantastic time filled with fun and the things you enjoy the most!



This weeks activities

Oak Class

This week, we explored our 'All About Me' topic! The children talked about themselves, their families, feelings and the things that make them special.

We explored our bodies and senses, developed our vocabulary and confidence when talking about ourselves, and learned more about our friends through stories, songs, creative activities and play.

Throughout the week the children were encouraged to develop their independence, confidence, communication and friendships as they settled into our EYFS environment.

It has been lovely to see the children beginning to form relationships, explore their new surroundings and grow in confidence.



This weeks activities

Apple Class

In PE the children persevered with their gross motor skills to skip, hop, sprint and jog. They followed instructions from Mrs Whitaker while travelling safely. It was wonderful to see their progression and perseverance.



This weeks activities

Hazel Class

This week in Year 2 we have been building “shelters” for birds, following on from our topic of looking at things made in the natural world and things made by humans.

The children collected resources for their nests and worked collaboratively to think about how to keep the eggs safe!

Well done, Year 2!

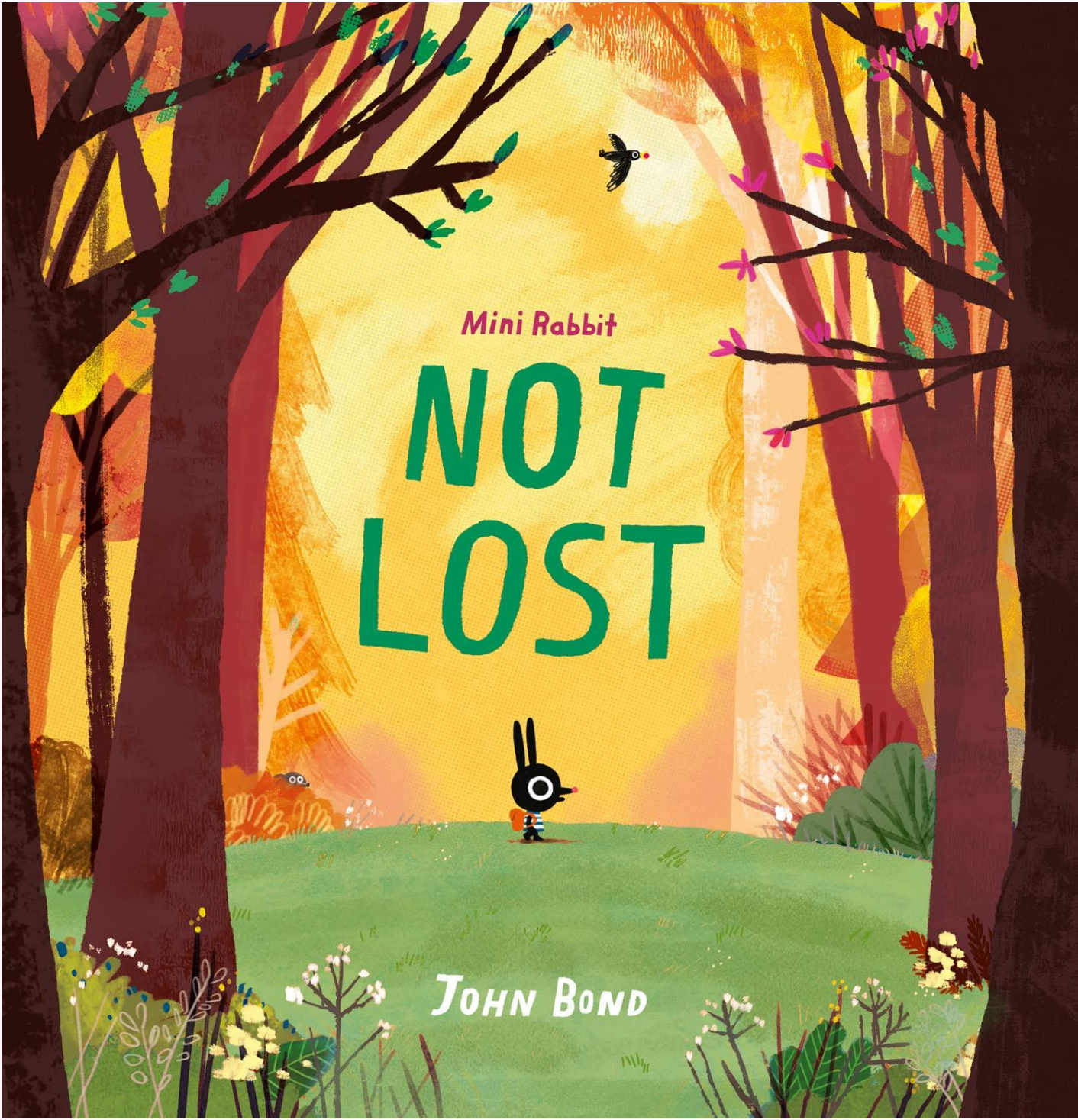


This weeks activities

Beech Class

This week in Year 3 we have been reading the story ‘Mini Rabbit Not Lost’ in class, where Mini Rabbit is hunting for berries to make cake.

To celebrate their great work, Year 3 will be making their own berry cakes today to bring home.



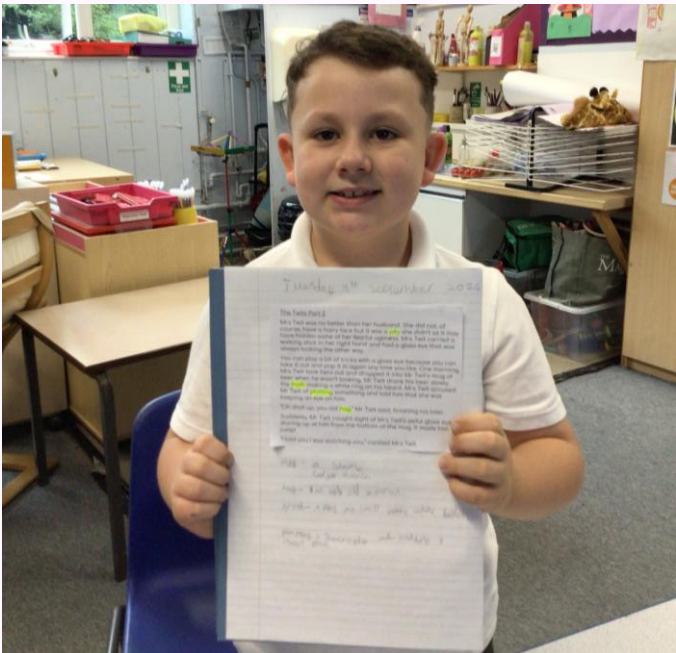
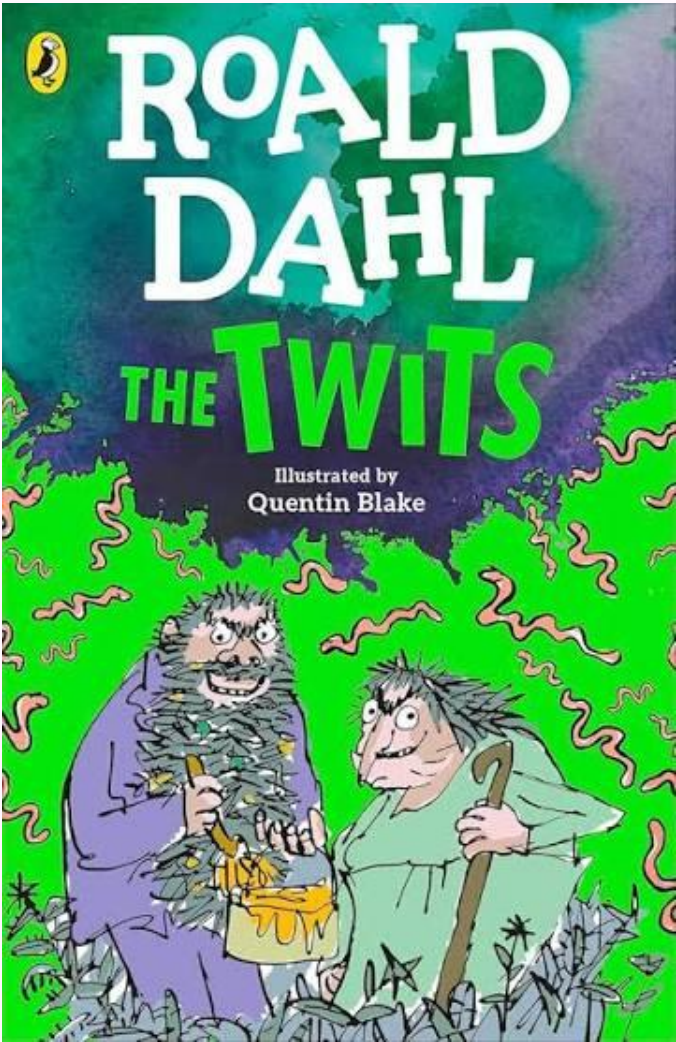
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Sycamore Class

Sycamore class are making great progress with their Whole Class Reading. They have really enjoyed Roald Dahl's vivid descriptions of Mr and Mrs Twit in his famous book, The Twits.

We begin each week with reading the next few chapters in the book and then we do some echo and choral reading of an extract from the chapters. The following day is a vocabulary focus. The children do some paired reading to start, with a focus on fluency and prosody and then we all search for the key vocabulary in the text. Then the children use dictionaries to find the definition of the words and we discuss the meaning. They will move on to comprehension questions after that!

Great work Year 4 readers, keep it up!



Forms Reminder

This is a reminder for those who haven't already sent us your completed BBF Pupil Allergy Management form:

On 16th June we sent out via email our new 'allergy management' form which would allow our trained staff members to administer Piriton (antihistamine medication) or an Adrenaline Auto-Injection (AAI / JEXT EpiPen) if there was a medical emergency regarding your child on our school site that required either of these medications.

After only receiving a few forms back via email across both school sites, we sent home hard copies to those we haven't heard from.

At Barley Barkway Federation school the health and safety of all our pupils is paramount, and anaphylactic reactions can be fatal which is why it's so important for us to know whether we may be able to medically assist your child using our medications that are stored on both school sites.

If you require another copy or have any questions regarding this form being sent home either via email or a hard copy please contact the school offices:

Barley – Mrs Piper: admin@barleybarkway.herts.sch.uk

Barkway – Miss Jordan: office@barleybarkway.herts.sch.uk

Kind Regards,

Miss Jordan
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