

FEDERATION NEWSLETTER

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Autumn Term



Spotlight

Please remember that all school uniform and accessories should be labelled.

If you do need some extra uniform we do have a selection at each school site for just £1 per item.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- * **Pupil Flu Vaccinations**
 - 28th September – Reception to Y4
- * **Harvest Festival**
 - 6th October from 9.00am at Barkway Church.
- * **Half Term**
 - 26th October to 30th October.
- * **Joint Open Day**
 - 5th November 9.00am until 2.45pm at Barkway. Please ring 01763 848283 to book your slot.

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

A message from our Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy and exciting week across our Federation!

It has been lovely to welcome so many parents and carers into school for our Meet the Teacher meetings for Year 1 and Year 2. Thank you to everyone who was able to come along. We hope you found the meetings helpful and informative and that they gave you a good opportunity to find out more about your child’s year ahead.

A big thank you also to all the parents and carers who joined us for our Year 3 and Year 4 meeting. If you were unable to attend any of the meetings, please don’t worry. Teachers will be sharing their presentations on Class Dojo, and they are very happy to meet with anyone who would like any further information or has any questions. We are also very happy to share the information from the Year 3 and Year 4 meeting with you at a convenient time, so please just let us know if this would be helpful.

An amazing LEGO workshop at Barley!

The children at Barley were very lucky to enjoy an amazing LEGO workshop yesterday, where they had the opportunity to build their very own robots and then use coding to programme them to move!

It was fantastic to see the children getting stuck in, solving problems, working together and having lots of fun while developing their computing and coding skills.

A huge thank you to Mrs West for winning this wonderful experience for Barley, what a fantastic opportunity for our children!

Looking ahead

Please look out for an email with further details about our Celebration Assemblies for this year, as well as opportunities for parents and carers to get involved in Federation activities and special experiences with your children.

As always, we really value the partnership we have with our BBF families and the wonderful support you give to our federation. There are lots of exciting opportunities ahead, and we look forward to sharing these with you.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Warmest wishes,

Miss Mière

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Attendance Matters



 **Our Attendance A.I.M.**
Attend • Improve • Move Forward!

Our BBF Attendance song is:

**On Time,
We Shine,
Don't Miss,
High Five!**

Also for the attendance page: Please look out for your child's golden tickets for achieving 100% attendance for w/b 7th September and w/b 14th September. These have been added to our Golden Boxes and 1 winner from each school will be chosen during the w/b 19th October. Prize to be announced soon...

See below for this weeks attendance scores:

- Oak Class: 98.46%**
- Apple Class: 100%**
- Hazel Class: 96.3%**
- Beech Class: 97.22%**
- Sycamore Class: 98.41%**

Well done to **Apple** class
for achieving 100% attendance
this week!



The attendance board so far

This weeks activities

Oak Class

This week, Oak Class Nursery and Reception have been learning all about feelings and emotions. We enjoyed reading The Colour Monster and talking about the different emotions represented by each colour. The children shared ideas about things that make them feel happy, such as spending time with family and friends, playing and doing things they enjoy.

We explored the colour yellow through a fun water-play activity. The children used pipettes to carefully squeeze coloured water onto different emotion faces, developing their fine motor skills while talking about how the faces might be feeling.

It was lovely to see the children confidently sharing their own experiences and beginning to recognise and talk about a range of emotions.



This weeks activities

Apple Class

This week in year 1 we have been working on instructions. We followed instructions to plant seeds and a bulb. Apple class used bossy words at the start of our instructions and rehearsed saying: “pick up the bulb > put the bulb in the pot > cover the bulb with soil > water the bulb”.

Next week we will be writing instructions.

Well done Apple Class.



This weeks activities

Lego Workshop

We have been lucky enough to have a Lego workshop in Barley School this week. This involved the children working collaboratively to build a Lego robot that they then had to code. They tested their code by seeing if their robot could move around the mats to collect the coins. It was a fantastic opportunity that Mrs West won for Years 2, 3 and 4.

The children really were a credit to the school with how well they worked with their partners and the way they showed our school value of thankfulness by saying thank you to our trainer Anne-Marie without being asked.



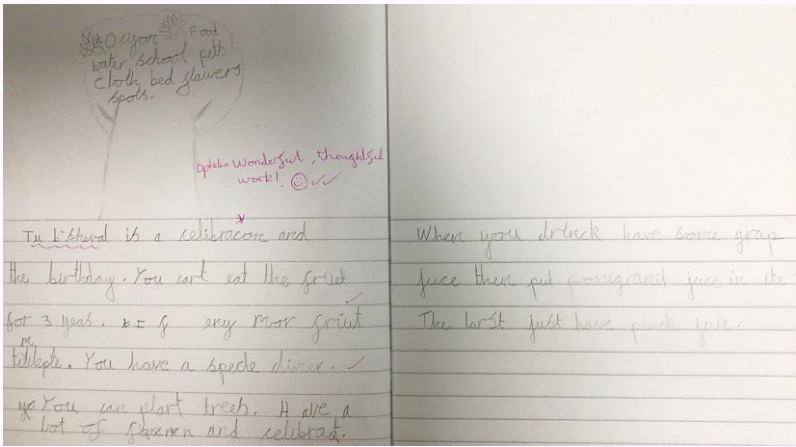
This weeks activities

Beech & Sycamore Class

Beech and Sycamore class came together for an immersive RE lesson exploring the Jewish festival Tu Bishvat. The children learnt that the festival celebrates trees and plants and some of the traditions of the festival, such as eating a special meal, planting trees and flowers and drinking special drinks.

The children all began with a white grape juice to represent a tree first growing and then Harry remembered that once we add a splash of red pomegranate juice, the new pink drink represents the tree in blossom. They then had a taste of just the red pomegranate juice to represent the tree in full fruit. The children said the special prayer before drinking the juice and they all loved the taste! Storm said it was the best drink she had ever had and Reggie said 'I love it'.

The children then focused on the 'looking after the world' part of this current RE unit and linking it to the Tu Bishvat learning, all took turns to plant a daffodil bulb. It will be so lovely when these flowers are in full bloom in early Spring and the children will know they have made a small corner of the world a better place. Great work everyone!



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

Barkway Advent Windows 2026

Following the successful revival of the village Advent windows in 2025, we are going to do them again in 2026!

For those who haven't been involved before, the idea is that for every day of Advent a newly decorated window will appear in the village.

To take part you just have to decorate a window in your house to be revealed on your chosen/allotted day in December. It doesn't have to be anything complicated. This year's theme for the windows is 'Christmas Films' which could be anything from the Snowman to Die Hard, Elf or Home Alone.

Prior to the first of December we will publicise where the windows will be so that everyone can come and take a look. Hopefully, by the end of December, we will have a village full of beautifully decorated Christmassy windows!

How you can get involved:

- Select the day you would like to decorate your window for (choose from any day in December up until the 24th)
- Email Kate Pinnock kate@inghampinnock.com by Wednesday 11th November letting her know the following; which day you would like, the first line of your address and email address (this would only be used to contact you, not to be shared more widely).
- Choose a subject for your window, this year's theme is Christmas Films
- Get decorating! Decorate your window ready to be revealed on your chosen/allocated day. You can use anything to decorate, from tissue paper to lights, objects etc. For inspiration have a look at the @christmasinbarkway Instagram page which has photos of last year's windows.
- When your day comes around, reveal your window to all. You then keep your decorations up until Christmas.

If you could confirm with Kate Pinnock whether you wish to be involved by Wednesday 11th November please.

To find out more about what is going on at Christmas in Barkway this year please follow @christmasinbarkway on Instagram. We will also be posting on the village Facebook page and putting up posters.

We cannot wait to see your windows coming to life over December! If you have any queries please do not hesitate to ask.