



# F&B NEWSLETTER

Spring Term: Monday 20th February 2023

## Front Page News

This week is **Week 1** of the dinner menu

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back, we hope you have been able to have an enjoyable half term break. Our second Spring Term is 6 weeks long and my goodness there is a lot to fit in!

- Year 2 Scientist Day!
- More Secret Readers
- At least 4 Parent Workshops
- World Book Day
- PTA events
- Rocksteady Concerts
- Parents Evenings
- School trip to Colchester Zoo
- Special Visitors including: Bugs and Ducklings!

### Yellow Book: I Feel Better When

The Yellow Book online gallery is now open. We have a number of pupils who are featured in this wonderful wellbeing celebration.

[Please click here to view the children's artwork](#)

**End of Topic:** Thank you to all parents and carers who were able to attend these fabulously fun events. We had over 90% of families represented. Check out the photos on pages 4 and 5.

**PTA:** The challenge started on the 6th Feb and finishes on 28th Feb. The children are challenged to earn silver coins (50p, 20p, 10p, 10p) at home in exchange for helping out. They then bring their coins to school and post them into their class bottle. At the end of the challenge the class at each school with the highest coin count (not value) will win the challenge.

**CCTV:** Over half term, the school has installed CCTV around the outside of the school only. The CCTV covers the perimeter fencing, carpark and any doors that lead into the building. The public spaces beyond the schools grounds have been shielded by pre-voiding zones on the system. The footage is securely stored and then destroyed after 30 days. This is to be used as a deterrent to anyone wishing to use our fields when the school is closed but also to increase the overall prevention protection of the school grounds.

### Montessori:

*"The absorbent mind literally is like a sponge. It absorbs and takes in anything and everything around it. Just like a sponge can not discriminate the quality of water it absorbs, neither can this young developing mind."*

Maria Montessori defined the period between birth and age 6 as the 'absorbent mind' period as this is when we learn the most and the easiest. As the name suggests, it is when children are soaking up everything around them.

Understanding this sensitive period and the wonderful Absorbent Mind of the young child enables the adults around them to aid the child in the highest and the best possible way in their natural development.



### EYFS:

This week's skill is from Literacy. The insets for design prepare the children for handwriting. They teach control, precision and flexibility of the wrist. The children begin to use a pincer grip, in preparation for writing. The direct aim refines fine motor skills, but they indirectly allow children to practice concentration.



Mr L Wells, Headteacher

Easter Half Term: Click the Poster below

EASTER  
HOLIDAYS



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## Easter Half Term: Click the Poster below

# YOUR NEAREST MULTI-ACTIVITY CAMP

**Venue:** Fawbert and Barnard Infants School - CM21 9AT

**Dates:** 3rd - 14th April 2023 (8 Days)

**Times:** 9.00am - 3.30pm

**Price:** £24.99 (10% Early Bird Discount - Code: EARLYEASTER10)

**Ages:** 5 - 12 (4 Year Olds can attend 9am - 1pm)

**Additional info:** For any further information contact 07554 010 304

Mix it up during the school holidays with our multi-activity holiday camps!

These camps are a perfect blend of activities for all ages, combining different sports with a variety of team games.

Every day is different, with a mix of fun activities that children may not have tried before – from roller skating to fencing, lacrosse to cheer.

**Book now** for an Easter break full of fun!

## PLEASE BRING

A packed lunch  
Plenty of water  
Suitable clothing  
Loads of energy!



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TO 20% OFF...AND GET  
20% OFF TOO!**

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## Over February Half Term

**Arts and Craft Club:** Thank you to all the pupils who attended the arts and craft club over the half term. Mr Wells and Mrs Ancient popped along on Friday to discover all of the wonderful creations! Colour spinners and Frog popping cards to name but a few!

Thank you to Mrs Morgan and Mrs Ings for running the club. Very much appreciated.



**Sports Clubs:** Thank you to all the pupils who attended the three sports clubs over the half term. To find out more please click here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AzvUhizalWc>. To book for this Easter please see page 2 and 3 for more details. If you click the posters it will take you to the booking page.



Over the half term, with the funding from the PTA, we have been able to develop our conservation area and refurbish our pond! While the plants and creatures settle in and establish themselves we will continue to develop this amazing space.

Mrs Atukorala, who is our qualified in Outdoor Learning and a Forest School leader is working with us to further develop our learning beyond the classroom curriculum.



As we head in to the spring and summer we will be turning to you, our community, to perhaps offer your time to help turn our conservation area into an Outdoor Learning haven. If you have skills, resources or ideas please email the office as we would love to hear from you!

## Thank you— Fenella Bateman (Usborne books)

A huge belated thank you to Fenella Bateman, one of our Year 1 parents for providing these wonderful books as an addition to our school library. Fenella donated her seller's commission towards the total books we were able to order as part of the reading competition she organised last summer through Usborne books. All of the books pictured, complement our curriculum topics and children have already been borrowing them to read at home.

Thank you Fenella and to all of you who entered this competition.

If you would like to donate a book through our class book wishlist, [here](#) is the link. We still have a few books left and we would be very grateful for any further donations. Thank you to those who have already purchased books—these have already been added to our classrooms and we are very grateful.



# The Silver Bottle Challenge is back!

After the incredible success at F&B last year, the Reedings and F&B PTA are running the Silver Bottle Challenge across both schools. The challenge will start on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February and finish on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February.

How does it work?



At F&B we are running **The Silver Bottle**

**Challenge** the same as last year. It's a class competition where children earn silver coins (5p, 10p, 20p, 50p) of any value for helping at home. These coins are then brought into school and posted into the class bottle. At the end of the challenge the coins are counted and the class with the most coins (not value) wins the challenge.




At **Reedings** we have added a twist. The Reedings children will be taking part in **The Silver Bottle Challenge -**

**Coin Wars!** The challenge will run as per F&B above, however... In addition, the children can earn bronze coins (1p, 2p) and bring these into school on a Monday. The bronze coins can then be posted into other classes bottles, and these will be deducted from their bottle total.



Remember - it's supposed to be  
a bit of fun!

**Secret Reader: read in a different language? Or invite their aunt, uncle, grandparent etc. anyone can come!**

	<p>“It was great to read to Magnolia class today – Emilia and her friends all enjoyed the story and listened very nicely”</p> <p><b>Andrew D</b></p>		<p>“Such a wonderful experience reading to Willow Class. They all sat brilliantly! Ella was very excited to see me and listen to one of her favourite books.”</p> <p><b>Laura R</b></p>
	<p>“Such a lovely experience reading one of my favourite children’s books to Fred and his class. Thank you for being so good and organising great things”</p> <p><b>Daniel S</b></p>		<p>“It was great to read to Hazel class. Thoroughly enjoyed myself. Isabelle and her classmates seemed to enjoy it too”</p> <p><b>Lynn G</b></p>
	<p>“It was a lovely experience reading to Maple class today. Charlie’s reaction was brilliant! All of the children listened well and enjoyed the story”</p> <p><b>Laura S</b></p>		<p>“I loved reading to Oak class today. ‘The book with no pictures’ is so funny and silly! There were lots of laughs”</p> <p><b>Lisa P</b></p>

**Puzzles**

**Do you like to puzzle or know any adults, community group who do?**

**The school has a number of 500 to 1000 piece puzzles who need a good home.**

**If you do please contact the office**

## Nursery: Sapling's End of Term Fun!

In Sapling class, the children sang 'I'm a Little Snowman' and '12 Months of the Year' to their grown-ups. The children sang beautifully and remembered all of the actions. They then showed the grown-ups around our class gallery, showcasing all the amazing work they have done in our 'Where Does Snow Go?' topic. The children really enjoyed pointing out which of the paper cup snowmen was theirs and showing off their work. Well done Sapling class!



## Reception: Hazel and Apple's End of Term Fun!



On Monday afternoon we had special guests for our end of topic session. It was fantastic to see so many of you there and the children loved having you in their class, working closely with them. During the session they worked with their grownup to make boats, finding out which materials last longer and float better in the water.



## Year 1: Oak and Maple's End of Term Fun!

Maple and Oak Class had a wonderful end of topic celebration. They enjoyed playing 'London's Burning' on the glockenspiels and especially enjoyed the adults having a turn too! The children created London skyline pictures as well as a moving vehicle picture where they picked either a red London bus or a black taxi to move across a London



## Year 2: Willow and Magnolia's End of Term Fun!

The Y2 children showed their special adults a selection of the work they did as part of this term's topic: Street Detectives. They also showed the junk model buildings they had created to improve Sawbridgeworth.



## Tables



We had another great week with TTRS and both Year 1 and 2 have really been enjoying themselves. It has been great to see them persevering and challenging themselves.



The winners of our 'Battle of the Bands' goes to Maple Class in Year 1 and Willow Class in Year 2! Both classes will receive an extra playtime



13th January - 17th February 2023



Maple

367

Oak

218

13th January - 17th February 2023



Willow

511

Magnolia

100

# Dates for Next Term

<u>January 2023</u>	
Spring Term 1	
23/02/2022	PTA: Bags2School – drop off.
28/02/2023	PTA: Silver Bottle Challenge Ends
28/02/2023	Ducklings Arrive in Nursery
09/03/2023	PTA: Dress Down for Jazzy Jars
10/03/2023	Nursery Application Closes
13/03/2023	Rock Steady Concert
20/03/2023	Nursery Allocation Day
20/03/2023	Parent workshop: Inclusion
21/03/2023	Parents Evening – more details to follow – book via Arbor
23/03/2023	Parents Evening – more details to follow – book via Arbor
23/03/2023	Year N End of Topic
24/03/2023	PTA: Uniform Sale
27/03/2023	PTA: Break the Rules Day
27/03/2023	Year R End of Topic
28/03/2023	Year 2 End of Topic
30/03/2023	Year 1 End of Topic
<b>EASTER BREAK from 03/04/2023 to 14/04/2023</b>	
<b>INSET DAY: 17/04/2023</b>	
18/04/2023	YEAR 2 SATs parent workshop being led by Mr Wells at the school at 09:00 and at 17:00. A recording will be uploaded and shared
02/05/2023	EYFS: Bug Visit
04/05/2023	Parent Workshop: Relationship and Sex Education for Parents being led by Mrs Potma
01/05/2023	BANK HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED
08/05/2023	BANK HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED—King's Coronation
09/05/2023	Parent Workshop: Being Historians being hosted by Miss King
15/05/2023	Inclusion Workshop 5
15/05/2023	Year 2 Super Star Breakfast arrival at TBC
16/05/2023	Year 2 Super Star Breakfast arrival at TBC
17/05/2023	Year 2 Super Star Breakfast arrival at TBC
18/05/2023	Year 2 Super Star Breakfast arrival at TBC
22/05/2023	Walk to School Week
22/05/2023	Year R End of Topic
24/05/2023	Year N End of Topic
25/05/2023	Year 1 End of Topic
25/05/2023	Year 2 End of Topic
26/05/2023	INSET DAY: SCHOOL CLOSED
26/05 to 02/06 May Half Term: School Closed	

# Term Dates 2022/2023

[Please click the link here: to find this years academic dates](#)

Additional Bank Holiday 8th May 2023—Coronation of King Charles III



## Fawbert and Barnard Infants School Academic Year 2022-2023

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School days	School holidays	INSET Day/Occasional day	Bank Holiday	Weekend
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In addition, schools allocate five non-pupil days out of the school days indicated, or the equivalent in disaggregated twilight sessions.

<b>Autumn Term:</b>	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2022 – Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2022 <span style="background-color: yellow;">Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September- Bank Holiday for the State Funeral of HM Queen Elizabeth II</span> Half Term 24 <sup>th</sup> October – 28 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>Spring Term:</b>	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2023 – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023 Half Term 13 <sup>th</sup> February – 17 <sup>th</sup> February
<b>Summer Term:</b>	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2023 – Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2023 Half Term 29 <sup>th</sup> – 2 <sup>nd</sup> June