



# F&B NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term: Tuesday 31st October 2023

This week is week 2 of the dinner menu

Dear Parents,

We hope you have had a lovely October break. This half term is a busy one with lots of adventures.

Each term, a member of the governing body will tell you about what they have done so far this year. You can find more information about the governing board [here](#).

<b>Name:</b> <b>Role:</b> <b>How long have you been a governor?</b>	Zoe Callan Chair of Governors 4 years
<b>When were you last in the school and what were you doing?</b>	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October. I was checking the 'Single Central Record' with Mrs Curtis. This is a record of all the checks that the school has done on its staff, contractors, and volunteers. It is a huge document and a statutory requirement for all schools to keep up to date.
<b>What did you learn during your visit?</b>	The records are kept in excellent order. The office has photos of contractors expected at the school and all references for volunteers are checked and verified.
<b>What challenges do you see for the future?</b>	We will be making sure all governors are also trained on the statutory requirements for this document and how to perform checks on whether the document meets the correct criteria.
<b>When is your next visit to the school?</b>	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November. I am meeting Mrs Brooker to talk through the English curriculum and look at results for the first half term.

Next week we will be sharing a few spotlights on subjects. This is to highlight and showcase how the subject works across the school. Next week we will focus on PE. We are actively striving to develop a ever growing healthy and active lifestyle.

We will also be sharing a number of resources to support families and parents on the number of world issues and wars that may directly or indirectly affect our community. This may also be used to aid any conversations that pupils may wish to have as they see and hear about the events over the coming months.

We as a school will always be very mindful regarding how and what we share and discuss with pupils. We always ensure that it is age appropriate and we will share simple and specific facts as these global issues: specifically the conflict in Gaza, are best discussed as a family as you can explore it to the depth you feel is suitable.

## Coming soon...

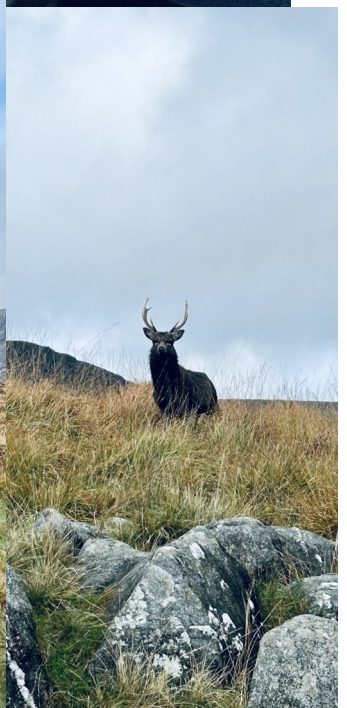
- Details will soon be sent out about this years Children In Need fundraising day at F&B on Friday 17th November.
- Please keep a look out for an email coming home later today with dates and details for the Christmas performances and how to get your tickets.

## Musical Talent

Do you or someone you know play an instrument? Are they willing to come into school to perform to help expose our pupils to a magically musical world? Please contact the school office if you are willing.

October Half Term – 23th – 27th October	
30th October	Year 1 Special Event: Planetarium
1st November	New Reception and Year 3 parent County Council applications open
2nd November	School Council: Houses of Parliament Trip.
2nd November	Reception Screening for pupils born September to March
3rd November	PTA: Break the Rules Day
8th November	Inclusion Workshop: Q&A with a Speech and Language Therapist @ 10:45
10th November	Joint Readings and F&B Memorial Event for Year 2. Year 1 and R to be held at F&B
13th November	Lantern Material Request to parents for Church
13th November	Joint Event: Readings and F&B Friendship week
14th November	Reception Special Visitors: Owl Visit
15th November	Optional Flu Jabs –PM
15th November	Set 1 Sounds: Read Write Inc. Phonic Parents Workshop Online book on ARBOR @19:30
16th November	Year 2 Allsorts Trip
17th November	Children In Need and Cake sale: Email to follow
20th November	Geography week
24th November	Lanterns to be displayed at St Mary's church or taken home
27th November	Parent Workshop 2: Speech, Language & Communication bookable on ARBOR
30th November	Special Magical Visitors for all pupils! Shhh!
1st December	Non-Pupil Day
4th December	External Panto coming to F&B
7th December	Christmas Performance – EYFS Tots allowed at 09:30
7th December	Year 2: to visit Readings to see Christmas Show
7th December	Inclusion Drop Ins & Parent / Governor Social 14:00 to 15:00– Hall in use.
8th December	Christmas Performance – Year 1 and 2 Tots allowed at 09:30
11th December	Christmas Performance – EYFS no tots at 09:30
11th December	Year 2 Allsorts Trip
12th December	Christmas Performance – EYFS no tots at 14:00
13th December	Christmas Dinner and Festive Jumper Day
13th December	Set 2 and 3 Sounds: Read Write Inc. Phonic Parents Workshop Online book on ARBOR @19:30
14th December	Christmas Performance – Year 1 and 2 no tots at 14:00
15th December	Christmas Performance – Year 1 and 2 no tots at 14:00
18th December	RockSteady and School Choir Concert – Year 1 and 2
20th December	Christmas Donkey Visit for all pupils
20th December	Special Festive Visitor
20th December	School ends at 14:00
Christmas Holidays 21nd to 3rd January	

## Dexter the Bear



Over half term, Dexter travelled with Mr Wells to Somerset to celebrate a friends birthday! He also attended Mr Wells' Dad's Birthday too!

Dexter joined in playing games, going for walks, taking part in yoga and going for a swim!

Dexter then followed Mr Wells to Ireland to visit family where he hiked up a mountain, saw lots of deer and a stag. Dexter really enjoyed visiting Christchurch Cathedral!



F&B SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESENTS

# BREAK the RULES DAY



## Rules to be broken include:

1. Bring one small treat snack
2. Bring in a named soft toy
3. Wear non-uniform
4. Wear a temporary tattoo
5. Wear nail varnish
6. Have wacky hair e.g. dyed hair/gelled up hair

All profits will go towards the School Council budget

Here's how it works:

## When?

Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov  
2023

Rules cost £1 each,  
payable via Arbor.

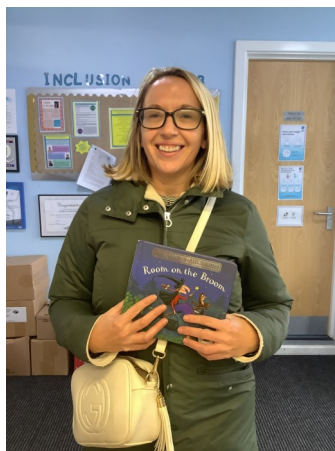
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# Secret Reader



**Dawn T**

"Wow, what an amazing experience! Thank you Koala class for listening so beautifully. Seeing Eva's excited face when I was revealed is a memory that I will treasure for a long time".



**Juliet G**

"A lovely surprise for Felix in Panda class. The class were very attentive and listened perfectly. The second time I have read and it's always a lovely experience."



**Tracy W**

"A lovely experience reading to Gecko Class. The children showed lots of interest in the story. It was lovely to see Harry's face. Thank you for the opportunity."



**Hannah C**

"As always it was an absolute pleasure reading to the class. They all laughed at the correct points too! Harry's face was a picture which made it even more special. Thank you for such a wonderful opportunity."



**Catherine McG**

"I enjoyed reading to the children. They seemed to enjoy the story and they engaged with it. They all had big bright eyes and listened carefully".



**Maya D**

"Thank you! The children and I enjoyed the book together".

## End of Topic Celebrations—Reception

Reception class enjoyed their first end of topic celebration and loved having their grown-ups come in to see what they have been up to in their first half term of Reception!

They were all very brave and performed their song "We are a miracle" to their grown-ups with beautiful singing voices.

They decorated a Gingerbread man they had baked. Luckily none ran away and they got to eat them with their grown up!

A big thank you to all the grown-ups who came



# End of Topic Celebrations—Year 1



Otter and Gecko Class had a wonderful time celebrating their end of topic, on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October. The children loved getting creative with their parents; decorating wooden fairy doors and creating their very own mischievous tree boggarts! Year 1 have loved all the magic of the Enchanted Woodland Topic this half term. They were able to make their fairy doors and used natural materials to create Boggarts.



## End of Topic Celebrations Year 2



## End of Topic Celebrations Nursery

Hedgehog class did their first End of Topic celebration on Wednesday. They sang two songs 'Five Little Speckled Frogs' and 'BINGO' which they have been practicing! They then showed their special grown-ups around our classroom. we had all their amazing salt dough hearts on display as well as other work the children have done, and the children did a family tree craft with their special grown-ups. Well done Hedgehog class, you were amazing!



# Term Dates 2023/2024

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



## Fawbert and Barnard Infants School Academic Year 2023-2024

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<b>School days</b>	<b>School holidays</b>	<b>5 INSET Days/ 1 Occasional day</b>	<b>Bank Holiday</b>	<b>Weekend</b>
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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 4 September 2023 – Wednesday 20 December 2023 <i>Half Term 23 October – 27 October</i> <i>School Occasional Day 01/12/2023</i>
<b>Spring Term:</b>	Thursday 4 January 2024 – Thursday 28 March 2024 <i>Half Term 19 February - 23 February</i>
<b>Summer Term:</b>	Monday 15 April 2024 – Tuesday 23 July 2024 <i>Half Term 27 May – 31 May</i> <i>May Bank Holiday - 6 May</i>