



F&B NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term: Monday 27th November 2023

This week is week 3 of the dinner menu

Dear Parents and Carers.

Over the last year we have been working on a wellbeing project. We have so far shared and celebrated the fantastic art work based on the theme "I feel better when", examples of which are on permanent display in the main office.

We are now delighted to share an outstanding music video recorded by pupils from across Sawbridgeworth, titled: Notes of Thanks by Rethink Your Mind—Song for The Yellow Book!
[Please click here to watch the music video!](#)

Being part of the local community and offering support to our local community is very important at F&B. We have therefore decided to support Home Instead's 'Be a Santa to a Senior' initiative. The aim of their annual 'Be a Santa to a Senior' initiative is to spread Christmas cheer to those seniors in the community who might be lonely, vulnerable, suffer physical and emotional ill health or suffer hardship in some way. We emphasise that they do not expect expensive items but gifts like a box of chocolates, a pair of gloves, puzzle books, toiletries, a scarf, anything a senior may like. They don't accept alcohol as they don't want to be responsible for any mishaps.



Gifts can be brought in unwrapped or wrapped (if wrapped please state on tag if they are for female/male/unisex)

Please can your gift(s) be brought into your child's classroom from today. The last morning to send them in will be Friday 8th December, when a member of the Home Instead team will join our assembly to tell the children about the initiative and collect all the gifts brought in to take to their head quarters.

F&B staff will donate gifts too and we'll take a photo of everything brought in to share with you in the newsletter following the 8th of December.



This term we have had some very special and exciting visitors. Reception had Owls to visit, launching their topic of the half term!

The children loved the owls, and they were very brave letting them fly over their heads! They learnt lots of facts about them and enjoyed watching Big Alice's plumicorn rise up to show she was happy to have her tummy tickled.



Keeping Children Safe Online!

NSPCC

We know the importance of keeping children safe online but equally know that pupils can often know more than adults.

We have secured two dates where the NSPCC will be presenting via Zoom an online session to help share some idea, tips and guidance. This is to enhance the summer terms offer of the Two Johns. The Two sessions can be accessed by clicking on the below dates. They shall be sent to everyone the morning of the event so that you can find it easily.

- [Monday 27 November 7-8pm](#)
- [Wednesday 6 December 6-7pm](#)

Some facts to share which shows that if devices are not protected and adults aware of how they are being used allows the potential of risk to seep into the child's life:

- 17% per 3-4 year olds have their own or free access to a mobile. Of them a quarter of three-to-four-year-olds who have their own mobile phone use WhatsApp
- Children aged three to seven typically use WhatsApp and FaceTime for sending messages or making calls
- The majority of eight-to-eleven-year-olds have profiles on TikTok, followed by WhatsApp, YouTube and Snapchat. All of which are apps with user age ratings of 13 or 16 in the case of WhatsApp.
- By 11 to 12 years old, 97 per cent of children have their own social media profile, with almost universal rates of mobile phone ownership as children transition to secondary school.

Charity Drive-In Cinema

[December Drive-In Cinema | London Stansted Airport](#) Welcome to our brand-new charity drive-in cinema event at London Stansted Airport! This December we're bringing you a fantastic film list, including some family favourites and Christmas classics, which you can enjoy from the comfort of your very own car. Running from Friday 1st December - Friday 8th December, our drive-in cinema is a fun way to get in the festive spirit, and there'll be food trucks and popcorn machines on-site for the ultimate cinema experience. It's for an amazing cause, too.



We're very proud to say that **100% of the money raised from ticket sales will be donated to our three charity partners, Medcare, Magic Breakfast, and The Children's Society**, who are all doing incredible work to provide food, access to healthcare and wellbeing support to children in need. So wrap up warm and join us for our unforgettable charity cinema experience - book your tickets below.



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'Oasis of Calm'

Exhibition at Great St Mary's Church



As part of the Sawbridgeworth switching on of the Christmas lights,
the children have all been busy making Christmas lanterns in school, from the recycled materials you have very kindly donated. When the lanterns are finished they will contribute to create an 'Oasis of Calm' Exhibition at Great St Mary's Church along with many other schools in the area.



The Lanterns will be on display inside the Church for everyone to come and see and enjoy on

Saturday 25th November from 3pm to 6pm!

If you are able to, please do come along and see them all in situ.

The children will love spotting their lantern and showing you their collective hard work.

Donations



Foodbank Christmas 2023 donations required.

Baby/ Self-care items

Baby supplies i.e., nappies, baby wipes, baby food, Toiletries i.e., deodorant, toilet paper, shower gel, shampoo, soap, toothbrushes/ toothpaste, hand wipes, Feminine products i.e., sanitary towels, tampons

Food items

Biscuits
Baked beans
tinned spaghetti
Cereal
Chocolate treats
Crisps
Fruit squash
Jams/spreads
Long life juices/milk
Pasta/rice
Pasta sauce
Soups
Sponge Puddings
Tea/coffee/sugar
Tinned meat/fish
Tinned vegetables

fruit

If you can donate any of the items below please take to Fawbert and Barnard school (Sawbridgeworth) reception and place in the donations box. I (Laura Todd) will then deliver donations to Michael King of Greater Anglia, so please hand in by 10th December 2023.

Alternatively you can take directly to Harlow Town or Sawbridgeworth train station (opening times for Sawbridgeworth Station- Mon to Sat 06.00 to 14.00, Sun 08.00 to 17.00) or Bishops Stortford station.

Thank you so much

Christmas Food Bank Collection.

Our stations will be collecting donations for two local food banks.

We will be accepting donations from 9 October until 10 December, the following stations will be accepting donations: Bishop's Stortford, Harlow Town, Harlow Mill, Sawbridgeworth and Stansted Mountfitchet. A list of items needed for the charities will be available at the ticket office.

We would like to say a huge thank you in advance for any donations given to help local people.



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Dexter the Bear

We are chuffed Daisy met all the school values and has been rewarded with Dexter for the weekend. She has loved having him and took him everywhere with her. He also had the pleasure of an outfit change for certain occasions!!

Dexter, got cuddled up on the sofa in matching dressing gowns. Enjoyed some McDonald's chips. Got dressed up ready for a party. Got a picture with the birthday girl at the party. Made some new 'animal' friends. Lots of cuddles with our dog Frankie. Dexter even helped Daisy with her homework. Fun weekend. Thanks for letting him come to stay.



Secret Reader



"Panda class listened so beautifully to the story. I loved being your Secret Reader, thank you so much."

Laura T



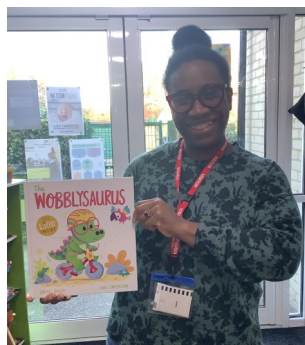
"Kangaroo class were a joy to read to. They listened really well and laughed along too"

Jennifer C



"Squirrel class listened really well to the story. It was a pleasure to read to them. It was a nice surprise for Theo as it was his birthday"

Holly H



"I had a lovely time with Gecko class as always. They were great listeners and we had a lovely chat about the book after. I LOVE Secret Reader—such an amazing initiative".

Rochelle B

English Focus on Oracy: Poetry and rhymes

'The Eagle' by Alfred Lord Tennyson

He clasps the crag with crooked hands;
Close to the sun in lonely lands,
Ring'd with the azure world, he stands.

The wrinkled sea beneath him crawls;
He watches from his mountain walls,
And like a thunderbolt he falls.

This week's poem has been chosen by our English Link Governor, Zoe Russell. We would like to encourage you to share this at home too. If your child is particularly keen, they may want to practise and recite it to me in school! Any pupil who chooses to do this will receive a special sticker.

Mrs Brooker (English Subject Lead)

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
1st December	Non-Pupil Day—school closed
4th December	External Panto coming to F&B
7th December	Christmas Performance – EYFS Tots allowed at 09:30
7th December	Year 2: to visit Reedings 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	



CHRISTMAS
HOLIDAYS

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Great St Mary's
Sawbridgeworth

Passion for Christ - Compassion for all

Christmas

TREE FESTIVAL

SAT 9th DEC - 9am-5pm

SUN 10th DEC - 11am-5pm

ALSO

Sat 9th Dec 10am-12pm & 1-3pm

❖ **MEET FATHER CHRISTMAS**

❖ **SEASONAL REFRESHMENTS**

❖ **TOMBOLA**

❖ **CAROLS at 10am, 12pm & 2pm**

Sun 10th Dec 3pm

❖ **CHRISTINGLE SERVICE**

*Come, wander,
and experience
some of the
magic of Christmas
with all the family*



Advent and Christmas

at Great St Mary's

Sat 2nd Dec 12.30-2pm - Advent Lunch and Raffle

Enjoy a light lunch in Church House of homemade soup, cheeses, fruit, and treats, all in aid of The Children's Society

Sun 3rd Dec 5pm - Advent Carol Service

A candlelit service of Advent hymns and readings marking the beginning of our preparations for Christmas

Sat 9th Dec onwards - Decorate the Community Christmas Tree

Bring your own decoration or use ours, perhaps to remember a loved one

Sat 9th & Sun 10th Dec - Great St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival

Wander around the church and experience some of the magic of Christmas as we host an array of Christmas trees decorated by the town's many organisations

Sun 10th Dec 3pm - Christingle Service

A fun all-age service with oranges, candles, Christmas carols and sweets!

Sun 17th Dec 5pm - Christmas Carol Service

The traditional carol service followed by mulled wine and mince pies

Sun 24th Dec 3pm - Crib Service

A shorter, fun, all-age service, particularly suitable for young children

Sun 24th Dec 11.30pm - Midnight Mass

The first eucharist of Christmas with traditional carols

Mon 25th Dec 9.30am - Christmas Morning Eucharist

Dress as your favourite Bethlehem character for a scratch nativity and traditional carols





Dear Parents/Guardian,

OPEN TO ALL YEAR GROUPS.

I, Christina Marks will be offering the students of Fawbert and Barnard Infants' School Street dance classes every Tuesday before school.

Learn the latest dance moves to popular music, these lessons teach a mixture of styles and steps.

Classes are taught by our team of passionate CMSOPA teachers who all have showbiz CVs and enhanced DBS.

Class times will run from 8am-8:45

To register and book please follow the link below.

<https://christina-marks-sopa.classforkids.io>

Any queries please do not hesitate to ask.

The ethos which lies at the heart of the school is to dream, aspire, achieve and excel.

Yours Sincerely,

Christina Marks.

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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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School days	School holidays	5 INSET Days/ 1 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.

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