



# School Newsletter

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## Message from Miss Boardman

We are so proud of the Year 6 children this week who have spent every morning this week working in silence in the hall, completing their SATs tests. They have shown courage, resilience and such maturity. Well done everyone!

Year 6 were fuelled through the morning by a wonderful breakfast each day this week. Everyone enjoyed their 'full English' today. Thanks to Donna in the kitchen for coming in early to prepare it each day.



# 100%

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Congratulations to Donna in the kitchen who has achieved a score of 100% in the latest inspection. This is apparently a very rare score for these type of inspections. As well as all the hygiene requirements the inspector checked the quality of food and portion size. Everything was excellent!

## Certificates

Congratulations to the superstar children receiving awards this week:

**Attenborough: Ciara, Libby, Jackson**

**Hadid: Jake, Eleanor, Sofia**

**Farah: Kayden, Jugo, Evie**

**Kahlo: All of Year 6: Toby, Jasmine, Anikah, Zlata, Covenant, Nadhia Tolulope**

**Well done everyone!**



## Tax Free Childcare

We now offer Tax Free Childcare, a government scheme introduced to help with the cost of wrap around care. For every £8 you pay the government will add an extra £2. Please follow the link to see if you are eligible and to apply: <https://www.gov.uk/get-tax-free-childcare>

### How to book your child's sessions

1. Please notify the school office that you have set up a tax free childcare account.
2. Work out how many sessions you need to book. Charges are as follows:

**Breakfast Club £4.75—7.30am to 8.30am**

**After School Club Early Bird £5—3.15pm to 5pm**

**Full After School Club £7.50—3.15pm to 6pm**

3. Login to your tax free childcare account and make a payment to St Barnabas C E Primary. Please remember to make note of your payment reference number, you will need this to complete our booking form instead of booking on Parent Pay.

4. Complete our booking form (link below for May). Going forward they will be sent out to you on the 1st of every month. You will need to book all sessions a month in advance. If you need to book an extra session at short notice, please submit another form and this will be picked up in the school office.

**May booking form:** <https://forms.gle/gWKBxWMju8vQ2vc37>

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## This week's attendance

**Really great attendance this week across the school—well done!**

**Whole school target: 96%**

Whole school attendance: 97.8%

Attenborough Class: 98%

Hadid Class: 96%

Farah Class: 98.8%

Kahlo Class: 98.6%

Well done to Farah class.

## Volunteers needed

Can you spare an hour or so each week?

We always welcome volunteers in school in particular to read with the children.

If you or a relative can spare some time and you would like to support the children in

## Dates

Thurs 18th May—Seaside themed lunch

Friday 26th May—INSET School Closed

Monday 29th May—Half term

Monday 5th June—Children return

Friday 16th June 11:30—Dads invited for lunch (child surnames A-L)

Friday 23rd June 11:30am—Dads invited for lunch (child surnames M-Z)

Friday 14th July—Family Picnic and Sports Day from 12 noon

Thursday 20th July—Summer & Y6 Leavers Disco KS1 5:30-6:30pm, KS2 8:30pm

Tuesday 25th July—Leavers' Service 2pm at Church

Tuesday 25th July—School closes for summer holiday

Tuesday 5th September—School reopens

Click [here](#) to view term dates for 2023-24



**Leeman Road**  
playgroup & toddlers

Spaces available for children aged 2½ to 4  
15 hours & 30 hours funded places available  
01904 936330  
leemanroad.playgroup@hotmail.co.uk



Did you know that the on-site Leeman Road Playgroup takes children from 2 and a half years old?

Spaces are limited so if you would like your child to attend the Playgroup when they are old enough, please get in touch to register your child and give an indication of when you will need the place.

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## **Attenborough—Miss Davison & Mrs Costello**

We have had another brilliant few weeks in Attenborough.

The reception children have been writing some brilliant sentences about King Charles and the coronation. The Year 1s have been writing some fantastic descriptions of the Woodcutter from Little Red Riding Hood.

In Geography this week we looked at why we have maps and what they are used for. We also talked about how we can follow directions without a map, like finding our way around school.

Last week we celebrated the King's coronation with the rest of the school by making our very own crowns and enjoying our school picnic.



## **Hadid— Mrs Pena Harran and Mrs Bruce**

In music in recent weeks we have been learning to play the glockenspiels. We have been practising holding the beater correctly and finding the notes. The children have played notes in sequence together to accompany a song.

Last week, we were also lucky to have a samba drumming workshop. The children created a range of rhythms with different percussion instruments, working together in small groups. They really enjoyed it and made us proud with their engagement with this activity.



This week in English we have started our new unit all about wolves. We will be writing a non-chronological report including lots of interesting information about wolves. Feel free to do your own research on this at home. Mrs Bruce and Ms Pena Harran would love to hear about what you find out!

In Maths we have been working hard on learning to tell the time. We look at the minute hand first and use our counting in 5s to work out what the minutes are. Then we see where the hour hand is. It would be very helpful if you could practise this at home.



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## Farah— Ms Graystone

The children have continued their learning in Science on the topic Light. Last week we had an expert in to talk to us about the human eye. Lucy from Specsavers taught us about what the eye is made up of and how it works..... Upside down images! Wow!

This week, we used torches to work out if materials were opaque, transparent or translucent. As you can see, many children were fascinated to see what happens as they grouped items.

We have also completed our letter to the King from our story *The King Who Banned the Dark*. We are persuading him to put the lights back on, and telling him the impact his decision is having on nocturnal animals, electricity bills and exhausted children in school!



## Kahlo—Mr Levick

Another fantastic couple of weeks from Kahlo, well done!

I am really proud of all of the Year 6s this week, taking part in their SATs tests. The children approached everything with such maturity, effort and focus and put their best into everything they did. They've been so supportive of each other, it has been lovely! Also, a special shoutout to the Year 5s, who have been incredibly kind and great cheerleaders for the Year 6s - we couldn't have done it without them!

Other highlights over the last few weeks:

Some great skills demonstrated in rounders. We used the glockenspiels with great success.

