



Bawnmore Community Infant School and Cygnets Pre-School Newsletter



21st November 2025

Head of School's Letter



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a lovely week it's been! Following last week's Anti-Bullying Week, many of our KS1 children enjoyed a special treat today, a milkshake and biscuit, to celebrate their fantastic efforts in using their "Power for Good" by being Ready, Respectful and Safe. We love surprising the children with little rewards throughout the year for living out our School Mission and showing great behaviour. For those who missed out this time, don't worry- there will be plenty more chances to join in the fun!

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our Reception Reading Meeting this week. We hope you found it helpful and inspiring as you support your child's reading journey at home.

On Wednesday afternoon, the school was filled with music and smiles as Rugby 360 musicians from Rugby School joined us for a brilliant performance. A huge thank you to Mr Davey and Mr Wicks for organising such a memorable experience. It's always a joy for our children to enjoy live, high-quality music right here in school.

Finally, just a quick reminder about timings: our doors open from 8:45–8:55 for children to come in, and collection is at 3:10pm unless they're attending Puffins or an after-school club. Please note that office staff aren't able to supervise children after school.

Wishing you all a happy and relaxing weekend!

Pam Davey
Head of School

Pre-loved Uniform

Pre-loved uniform is a fantastic way to save money, reduce waste, and support sustainability within our school community. It gives good-quality items a second life while helping families keep costs down. We'd love to make it as easy as possible for you to access these items-what would work best for you? Options could include a rail in Reception, boxes on the playground, or a container open in the mornings. Please let FOB know your preference and watch this space for developments!

Parking with Care – A Shared Responsibility



We kindly ask all parents and carers to be extra mindful when parking near the school. Please **do not park on the yellow lines or zig-zags**—these areas are there to protect our children and keep visibility clear. We know mornings can be hectic, but a few extra steps on foot are a small price to pay for safety. Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe.

Values Book

Date: 21.11.25			
Class	Child's Name	Award	Reason
RD	Julia	Wonderful Work	A fantastic observational drawing, focussing on colour and shape.
	Walter	Certificate	Always having a fantastic attitude to learning, always being respectful to everyone and being caring to his friends
	Meda	Values Sticker	For showing care with her Maths when work putting together parts to make a whole.
	Samaa	Values Sticker	For showing care with her art work, looking carefully at the detail of a watermelon when drawing it.
	Lilia	Values Sticker	For showing lots of resilience with learning her phonics sounds and beginning to blend!
RS	Millie	Wonderful Work	An amazing observational drawing of a watermelon. We loved the detail!
	Isobel	Certificate	For always showing kindness and respect to her peers. Isobel is always willing to help those around her.
	Elizabeth	Values Sticker	For always showing kindness to everyone around her.
	Ares	Values Sticker	For increased confidence when sharing his wonderful ideas during carpet time.
	Charlotte	Values Sticker	For always trying her hardest at everything she sets out to achieve.
1H	Harry	Wonderful Work	For an amazing piece of narrative writing describing Traction Man's adventure.
	Albie	Certificate	For being a kind and caring member of our class, always looking out for others and celebrating their successes.
	Jack	Values Sticker	For trying really hard this week to follow our school values
	Freya	Values Sticker	For looking demonstrating our values of care and co-operation.
	Lily	Values Sticker	For trying hard in her learning.
1R	Arlo	Wonderful Work	For trying hard and putting in lots of effort to sequence Traction Man event.
	Marika	Certificate	For showing amazing enthusiasm in her maths this week.
	Milan	Values Sticker	For persevering and putting lots of effort into his Traction Man sequence.
	Ollie	Values Sticker	For producing a lovely and neat Traction Man sequence.
	Jack	Values Sticker	For producing a lovely and neat Traction Man sequence.
	Siya		For being respectful and listening to her friends read during book talk.
2K	Mari-Grace	Wonderful Work	For working hard on sounding and presenting her retelling of our story.
	Lucas H	Certificate	For being helpful, working hard and for being an all-round superstar!
	Muaad	Values Sticker	For always trying his best.
	Josh	Values Sticker	For always being kind and bringing a smile to everyone's faces.
	Rupert	Values Sticker	For having the confidence to ask for help.
2W	Luna	Wonderful Work	For a great retelling of our story.
	Oliver D	Certificate	For amazing participation in our Christmas play rehearsals.
	Max	Values Sticker	For being a great team player.
	Zoya	Values Sticker	For enthusiastic singing in our Christmas performance rehearsals.
	Yusef	Values Sticker	

Celebrations

Attendance Award

Congratulations to RD, our Attendance Champions this week, with an impressive 96.3% attendance! Well done! Our whole school attendance was 92.7%, which is a little lower than usual due to bugs, coughs, and colds going around. Please remember to send your child into school if they are well enough to attend- we really appreciate your support in keeping attendance high. Together, let's aim for higher attendance next week!



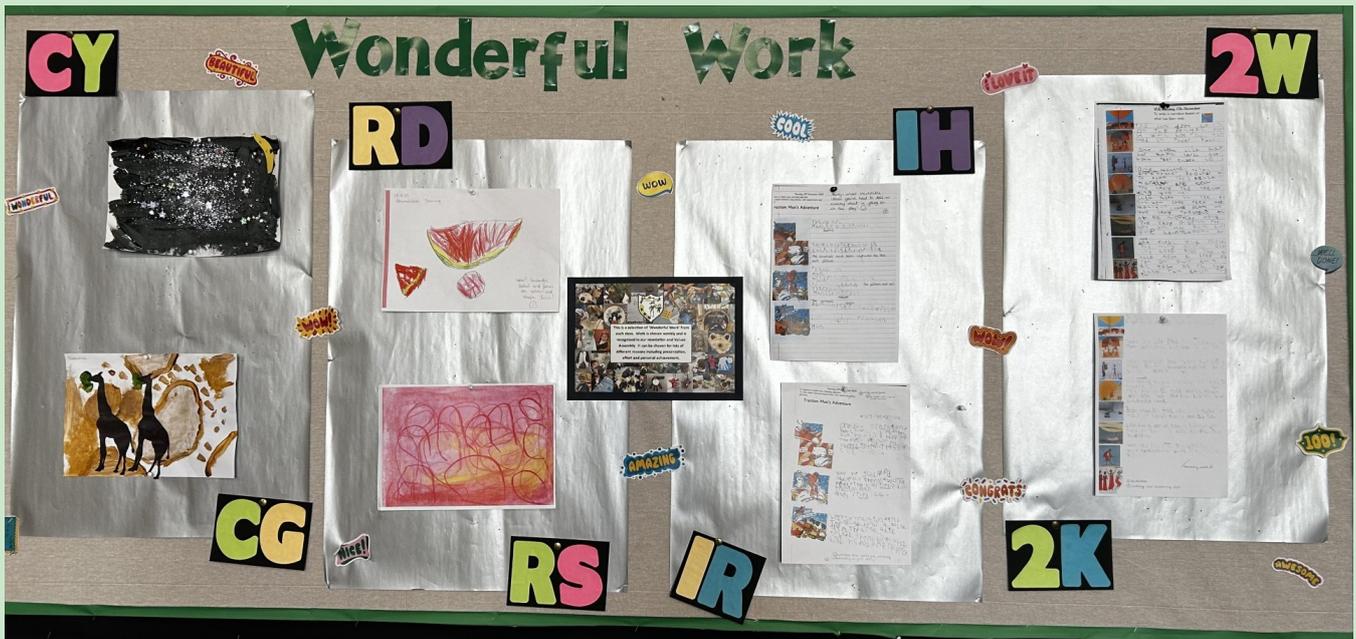
Assembly Award

Congratulations to RD who have been chosen as our Assembly Champions this week.

Lunchtime Award

Congratulations to 1H who have been chosen as our Lunchtime Winners this week.

Wonderful Work



Celebration Assembly

This year, on **Tuesdays** we invite the children to share any certificates, medals or trophies that they have been awarded in the previous week at clubs attended out of school e.g. swimming, gymnastics. Please send these in with your child on a Tuesday morning.

Extra Curricular Opportunities

Some opportunities are free to all children. Where an activity is normally parent/carer funded, if your child receives Pupil Premium funding they may be able to access a paid for club free of charge. Please speak to the admin team if you would like to know more. A child's place at any extra-curricular activity may be withdrawn if they are unable to consistently follow our school rules– this is to ensure that the clubs are fun, safe places for our children and staff.

Day	Activity	Led By	Timings	Year Groups	Availability
Monday	Musical Theatre	Funstar Dance	3.10pm-4.10pm	Reception, Years One and Two	Spaces
Monday	Maths in Action	Mrs Holston	3.10pm-4.10pm	Years One and Two	Spaces
Tuesday	Music Lessons	Rocksteady	8.30am-11am	Reception, Years One and Two	Spaces
Tuesday	Gym	Miss Sprayson	3.10pm-4.10pm	Reception, Years One and Two	Full
Tuesday	Cookery	Miss Bourton	3.10pm-4.10pm	Years One and Two	Full
Wednesday	Cheerleading	Funstar Dance	3.10pm-4.10pm	Reception, Years One and Two	Spaces
Thursday	Art	Mrs Lear and Mrs Wigginton	3.10pm-4.30pm	Years One and Two	Full
Friday	Outdoor	Miss Sprayson	3.10pm- 4.10pm	Reception, Years One and Two	Full
Friday	Football	DM Coaching	3.10pm-4.30pm	Age 5 and above	1 space

Calendar

Autumn 2 2025					
4	Mon 24 th November and Tue 25 th November	During school day	All pupils	Classrooms	Advent Workshops. Across the school, the children will be taking part in activities based on Christmas traditions around the world. This will be in preparation for the beginning of Advent. If you have a tradition you'd like to share, please let your child's teacher know.
4	Fri 28 th November	2pm	Year One Grandparents/ friends	Year One Classrooms	Grandparents and family friends are invited to come into school to play traditional board games with the Year One children as part of their history topic. If you have any games you think they'd enjoy, please let your child's class teacher know.
5	Tue 2 nd December	9am	Rocksteady families	School Hall	Parents and carers of children attending Rocksteady music lessons are invited to attend their first ever concert!
5	Fri 5 th December	8.45am-3.10pm	All		Children are invited to come to school in non-uniform (Christmas jumpers, hats etc. optional) in return for a bottle, toiletries, chocolate or sweet donation for our tombola or raffle.
5	Fri 5 th December	3.30pm-5.00pm	All	School Hall	Christmas Fayre. Come along to our annual Christmas Fayre organized by FOB to raise funds for our school. Please let us know if you would be able to help with this event.

6	Sun 7 th December	4.00pm	All	St Mark's Church	Our choir have been invited to sing at the Christingle Service at St Mark's Church. Everybody is welcome to this festive celebration.
6	Tue 9 th December	R 1.20pm Y1 1.50pm Y2 2.30pm	All	School Hall	Year Group Christmas Assemblies. Performance 1. Families are invited to watch their child(ren)'s assembly. 2 tickets per family will be issued for each date. Reception -1.20 p.m. Year 1- 1.50p.m. Year 2- 2.30pm Children can be taken home following their performance if you wish.
6	Wed 10 th December	R 1.20pm Y1 1.50pm Y2 2.30pm	All	School Hall	Year Group Christmas Assemblies. Performance 2. Families are invited to watch their child(ren)'s assembly. 2 tickets per family will be issued for each date. Reception -1.20 p.m. Year 1- 1.50p.m. Year 2- 2.30pm Children can be taken home following their performance if you wish.
6	Thu 11 th December	During school day	All pupils	School Hall	The whole school will enjoy an early lunch followed by watching a touring production of "Dick Whittington".
6	Fri 12 th December	9am-11am	Cygnets		Cygnets Christmas Crafts Morning. Cygnets families are invited to take part in some seasonal arts and crafts activities.
7	Tue 16 th December	During school day	Rec-Year 2 Pupils, parents and carers	St Mark's Church	Join us as we walk to St Mark's Church for a Christmas Service.
7	Wed 17 th December	During school day	All pupils	School Hall/ Classrooms	Christmas lunch & class parties. Children are invited to come to school in non-uniform.
7	Thu 18 th December	3.15pm- 4.30pm 4.45pm- 6.00pm	Cygnets and Re- ception pupils Year One and Year Two pupils	School Hall	School Discos. Adult helpers will be required. More details later on. Cygnets and Reception pupils are invited to attend a disco from 3.15pm-4.30pm. All children attending this disco will need to be accompanied by a designated adult. 4.45pm-6.00pm. Year 1 and 2 pupils are then invited to attend their disco without an adult.
7	Fri 19 th December	3.10pm	All		End of term. Puffins Wraparound Care closes at 5.00pm on this day.
Christmas Holidays Saturday 20th December- Sunday 4th January (5th January: Staff Training Day- School closed to children)					

Christmas Raffle - Tickets, Tickets, Tickets! 🎄

Raffle tickets have officially landed in book bags - let the festive fundraising begin! ✨ If your bundle disappears quickly (or Auntie Sharon decides she wants "just a few more"), you can pick up extras from the school office.

We'll also be **poppping up in the playground** selling tickets - and yes, we'll have a **card reader** for anyone who never carries cash (same... same).

Fancy helping us sell them? It's only **half an hour after school**, super easy, and actually really fun. 😊 Come join us!

..... **Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet** [\[Click Link Here\]](#)

🎁 Tombola Prep - Friday 5th December

Got a free morning? On **Friday 5th December**, after school drop off, we will need to ticket all the Tombola prizes - and we could really use a few extra hands!

Anyone on maternity? Part-time? Working from home with a conveniently timed "meeting"? 🙋

Or maybe you've got a mum, nan, auntie, dad, grandad, uncle, friend, neighbour ... basically *anyone with two hands* you can kindly rope in for an hour of organised chaos? 😊

..... **Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet** [\[Click Link Here\]](#)

👤 ✨ Christmas Events - We Need You!

(Or any lovely family or friends you are able to rope in to the fun)

We're so excited for all the upcoming festive fun - the kiddies' Christmas discos, the big raffle, and of course the Christmas Fayre! 🎄 But to make the magic happen... we need a few more lovely volunteers.

If you can spare just an hour, we'd be incredibly grateful.

..... **Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet** [\[Click Link Here\]](#) ❤️ ✨

👤 Class Fundraising – Children's Artwork!

A few parents mentioned they didn't see their child's artwork in their book bags, or the code may have gone walkabout (we've all been there). Good news - you've got another chance! ✨

Ordering is open again from **Monday 21st Nov – 1st December** & every order gives 10% back to support our kids and the school. ❤️

Missing a code? Request one here: [\[Lost Code Form Link\]](#)

And if you love a stat... 🗨️ ✨

	ONLINE ORDERS 69
	ITEMS SOLD/PAID 122
	UNIQUE CUSTOMERS 67
	ESTIMATED COMMISSION £164.392

🛒 Easy Fundraising - £2 Donation Just for Joining the App! 🙋

Literally all you need to do is **download the EasyFundraising app** and select **Bawnmore** before 30th November - why not today - right now - and boom, we get £2 for free. 🙋

No shopping, no effort, no excuses, NO BRAINER..... just tap, tap, done.

Go on - be a hero in 10 seconds. 😊

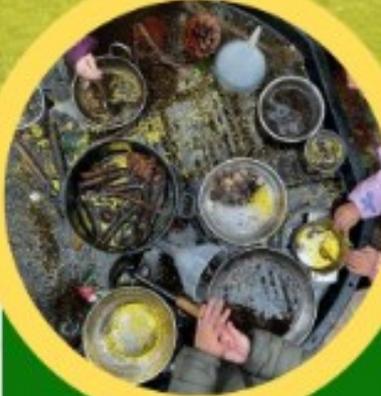
As always if you have any questions, suggestions, or wish to collaborate please feel free to catch an Emma in the playground, email bawnmorefriends@gmail.com or join our link > [FOB WhatsApp group](#).

Bawnmore Community Infant School Preschool & Reception Open Days

Are you interested in enrolling your child at our fantastic preschool, Cygnets? Or are you thinking about Bawnmore Community Infant School for your child to attend Reception in September 2026? How about trying a taster session to get a feel for our engaging environments, welcoming staff and school community?



Interactive, fun
and engaging
learning
experiences



A curriculum planned
to meet the children's
specific interests,
needs and
development



A safe and
welcoming
environment to grow
in confidence

COME AND JOIN US!

**Cygnets Preschool - Tuesday 25th
November 1.30 - 3pm**

**Reception - Friday 14th November
9.30 - 11am or Wednesday 26th
November 9.30 - 11am**

Please contact us as soon as possible to secure a space at a taster session for you and your child.

Come along to have a play and explore our preschool or Reception provision and ask any questions you may have. We'd love to meet you!

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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about YOUTUBE KIDS



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

As its name suggests, YouTube Kids is a child-friendly version of Google's online video-sharing platform. Its colourful user interface is designed with young people in mind, and it offers a curated, family-friendly experience with features like age-based content settings and parental controls.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT BYPASSING FILTERS



YouTube Kids is less likely to show inappropriate material than YouTube, but there have been reports of the app showing age-inappropriate content to young viewers. One investigation found that YouTube Kids had shown videos that promote skin bleaching, weight loss, drug culture and firearms to children as young as two, as inappropriate content had bypassed the platform's algorithms and human moderators.

BE WARY OF ADVERTISING



Like Google's regular YouTube app, YouTube Kids features pervasive advertising before a video plays. While these adverts are designed to be family friendly and are subject to a strict review process, it's worth noting that YouTube Kids collects information around children's viewing to inform targeted content and advertisements.

DESIGNED TO BE ADDICTIVE



YouTube Kids is designed to be addictive. The platform's design features, such as the constant stream of new videos and the reward system of points or virtual stickers, can be very engaging and make it difficult for children to switch off. Research has shown that spending too much time using digital services such as YouTube can lead to screen addiction, affecting children's daily routines, studies, and even their social lives.

SETTINGS CAN BE CIRCUMVENTED



YouTube Kids offers built-in parental controls, enabling you to set screen time limits and curate the content children are able to view; however, children are often more tech-savvy than we think. They can easily bypass or tweak these settings if they have access to the associated Google account password, thereby exposing themselves to age-inappropriate and potentially dangerous content.

AI-GENERATED MISINFORMATION



There is also a risk of children accessing videos that contain disinformation and misinformation. A BBC investigation found that some YouTube channels are using artificial intelligence (AI) technology to create misleading "scientific" videos that are recommended to children as educational content. These videos included conspiracy theories and ideas that lack scientific backing.

DATA COLLECTION RISK



While there are limits on the data that YouTube can collect on children under 13, children can still inadvertently give away sensitive information when using YouTube Kids. The platform collects data on children's viewing habits, content searches and location, which YouTube and third-party advertisers can use.

Advice for Parents & Educators

PARENTAL CONTROLS



YouTube Kids offers several settings that allow you to manage what content children can view. For example, you can choose what level of content you want them to access, such as "Preschool" or "Younger". You can also turn off the search function, so that only those videos approved by the YouTube Kids team themselves will appear on a child's recommendations list.

SET TIME LIMITS



The built-in parental controls let you keep a tab on how long children spend watching videos. You can set a timer that limits screen time and disables the YouTube Kids app once a specified length of time has been reached. It's also worth speaking to children about the dangers of spending too much time on YouTube, to ensure they remain focused on other, more important activities.

CHECK WATCH HISTORY



YouTube Kids has made it easy for you to keep an eye on what the children in your care have been watching on the app. By clicking on the "Recommended" icon at the top right of the home screen, you can see which videos they've been viewing, and how much of each. If a child watches YouTube Kids while signed into a Google account, you can check their history through Google's "My Activity" page.

WATCH TOGETHER



It's important that you try to make YouTube Kids a fun and positive experience for children. One way to do this is by introducing watching sessions, where you all gather around and share the most enjoyable videos that you have recently watched. This can be a great way of giving you both new things to talk about and of keeping an eye on what they're watching.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced journalist with more than 10 years of experience covering the technology industry. Previously a senior cybersecurity reporter at TechCrunch, Carly is now a freelance journalist, editor, and copywriter. Her bylines include Forbes, TechRadar, Tes, THE INQUIRER, The Metro, Uswitch, and WIRED.





Mental Health in Schools Team
Tips For Wellness



Thoughtfulness

Being thoughtful is when you consider, or think about, how your actions and words will affect other people's feelings. Taking the time to make ourselves aware of the needs and feelings of others and then taking action to help them is great for our mental health; it helps reduce stress, improve friendships and creates a sense of belonging.

When we think about how others feel and show kindness, it makes us feel good inside and boosts our confidence!

Our tips for Thoughtfulness:

You can be thoughtful through small acts of kindness; it doesn't have to be a grand gesture! Here are some examples below:

- Smile at someone.
- Listen carefully when someone is talking—it shows you care about what they're saying.
- Give someone a nice compliment.
- Help out without being asked, like sharing your things or tidying up.
- Think about how others might feel before you act or say something.
- Hug someone you care about (e.g., parents/carers, family members or a friend).
- Hold the door open for the person behind you.
- Say kind things to others and try to cheer someone up if they're feeling sad.
- Say "thank you" and "please"—small words can make a big difference.
- Tell someone that they are important to you.

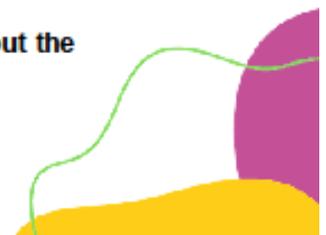
Scan the QR code for more information about the benefits of being kind and thoughtful to ourselves and others:



In Coventry and Warwickshire, for any urgent mental health concerns, contact the RISE Crisis Helpline available 24/7, by calling NHS 111. Alternatively, call 999 or visit A&E in an emergency, for example if medical attention is required.

MHST are available to support you and your school throughout the school year including term time and school holidays.

Please contact your school's Mental Health Lead for information and advice.



BAWNMORE CHRISTMAS

raffle prize draw

Raffle Ticket Sales
£1 per ticket

Each child will receive one book of 5 tickets in their book bag.
Please return the stubs with the cash to the office.
Spare ticket books will be available from the office.
Tickets will also be sold on the playground.

✦ The more tickets you buy, the more chances you have to win!
✦ Cash only.

BOOK ADVENT CALENDAR

We're excited to share a special project that will bring fresh energy to our class reading corners this winter—and your child has helped shape it!

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Our reading corners are much-loved spaces, but they're ready for a refresh. To make them vibrant and inspiring, we've launched our Book Advent Calendar Project. Each class will receive three bundles of new books during December—six books per bundle—so that every child can enjoy exciting stories and fascinating facts in the run-up to the holidays.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

If you'd like to support this project, we'd be so grateful for any families who feel able to donate a book—which School Council helped create with input from all classes.

2 DAYS
Christmas Jumpers Welcome!

AK COACHING

Christmas Holiday Club

- Football ● Tag Rugby ● Frisbee ● Dodgeball ●
- Basketball ● Netball ● Hockey ● Tennis ●
- Cricket ● Rounders ● Gymnastics ● Table Tennis ●

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TUE 23RD DEC

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AGE 5-11

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