



# Barnsbury Primary School and Nursery

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**Headteacher: Mrs J Harrup**

21st March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

The day got off to the best start this morning with 1M's class assembly. They shared with us how they have been learning about the Barnsbury Values of Responsibility and Positivity as well as their learning in other subject areas. All of the children spoke so confidently and clearly and their singing was fabulous; we were so proud of them all.

On Monday of this week, some of our members of staff led an assembly on Ramadan, explaining what Ramadan is and why Muslims fast at this time. [Here is a video](#) that was shared with the children if you would like to watch it with them. Thank you to Mrs Ali, Miss Sadiq, Mrs Akram and Mrs Arbab for talking to the children - it was very much appreciated. Then, on Tuesday morning, we had another Rock Steady Concert with children performing in front of parents and other children, demonstrating their skills and what they have learnt this term. On Thursday, the children in Key Stage 2 had an assembly with the author Philip Kuvshinov, who has written the Microraptor series of books. Another busy and varied week at Barnsbury!

## **World Wildlife Fund's Earth Hour**

At 8:30pm on Saturday 22nd March, many of the most iconic landmarks across the UK will be plunged into darkness as they switch off their lights for WWF's Earth Hour. Earth Hour is a time to switch off, connect with loved ones, reflect on the collective impact we're having on the planet and commit to restoring nature and ourselves. During Earth Hour, simply taking the time to pause and connect with nature is also brilliant for our mental wellbeing. What will you do? Click [here](#) for some ideas and inspiration.

## **Surrey Wildlife Trust—Action for Nature Competition**

Please see the body of the newsletter for information about an Action for Nature competition being organised by Surrey Wildlife Trust. By completing actions for nature at home or in the community, you could help the school to win a £500 grant towards Outdoor Learning equipment or school grounds development. By participating, you could also claim half-price membership with Surrey Wildlife Trust and be entered into a free prize draw to win a wildlife equipment prize. Please sign up and take action for nature!

## **Dogs on School Premises**

Please can parents note that no dogs are allowed onto school premises, which means they must stay out of the school's boundary. I have been quite lenient with this, allowing small dogs to be carried into the playground. Unfortunately, this has led to more dogs coming onto the premises and we have had incidents of dogs fouling along the pathways and grass inside the school premises. For this reason, the school rule is 'No Dogs Allowed' and I would appreciate all parents adhering to this and keeping their dogs outside of school premises.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

With kind regards

Mrs J E Harrup  
Headteacher



**Star of the  
Week**

**Effort  
Award**

**Values  
Award**

**Oak**

Ethan

Lyra

Billy

**Ash**

Vinson

Maya

Haniya

**1B**

Ayyan

Cooper

Hashim

**1M**

Kris

Louis

Bernie

**2M**

Kabir

Jessica

Hannah

**2T**

Reggie

Emily

Connor

**3B**

Ulvi

Isaac

Aaron

**3M**

Lillian

Daniel

Ewan

**4D**

Maya-Mae

Skylar

James

**4J**

Leo

Steve

Henry

**5M**

Isobel

Owen

Orla

**5T**

Jake B

William B

George H

**6G**

Daniel

Isabelle

Kaja

**6L**

Freddie

Sophie

Amaan

**Congratulations to our Super Speller  
this week:**



**Congratulations to the recipients of  
a WOW certificate this week:**

Umai & Matteo (Oak),

Finlay, Abiya, Mila, Natalia, Violet,

Thomas, Khayaati &

Tyler (4D)



# Acorns



This week Nursery have been learning all about Spring, the beginning of the new life cycle, baby chicks, calves and tadpoles being born, the flowers starting to bloom and the trees turning green. We have enjoyed playing in the coloured rice finding tiny chicks and playing in shredded paper, looking for numbered birds to match with the numicon.



# Year 1

We have had an exciting few weeks in Year 1. We have been learning all about animals and how to classify them based on what they eat, learning all about animal habitats and what animals need to survive. We made our own exciting habitats, ensuring animals had space, food, water and shelter.

We have also been learning about our shadows and why they move. We drew around each other's shadows, and watched how they moved throughout the day.



We have been making prints in art. We made leave rubbings and even painted our hands to make our own unique prints.

We loved World Book Day and enjoyed time reading stories, both to ourselves and to others.

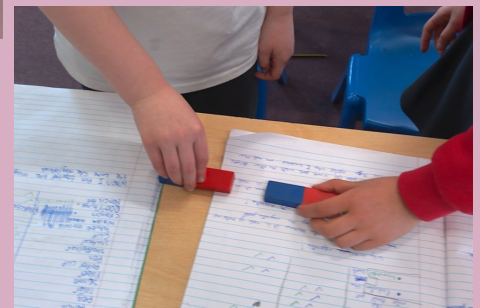
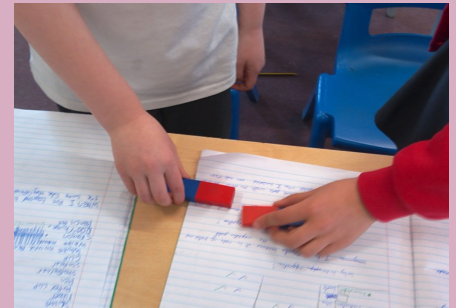
We were very lucky to have Steve come into class. He brought his guitar, which we enjoyed having a go at plucking the strings. We loved listening to live music and we even wrote our own song.



## Year 3

We have had a very busy half-term so far in Year 3. World Book Day was a huge success and the children looked fantastic in their various costumes. Everyone enjoyed the workshop and sharing their favourite books with each other.

Many of Year 3 had a great day with the Feet First people, learning how to be safe when crossing the road. In class we learnt about pelican, puffin and toucan crossings and how to cross a pedestrian island safely.



Our new topic in science has been really exciting. We have explored the school looking for magnetic objects and made predictions why we think some materials are magnetic and why some are not. Both classes have loved looking at the poems by Michael Rosen. They have made us all laugh and the work based on 'Behind the dustbins' has been just wonderful.

## Year 5

This week in Year 5 we have been working hard on our end of term production, 'Oliver with a Twist', learning our lines and all of the songs. We are looking forward to our upcoming performances. Thanks to Miss James for her great job as director.

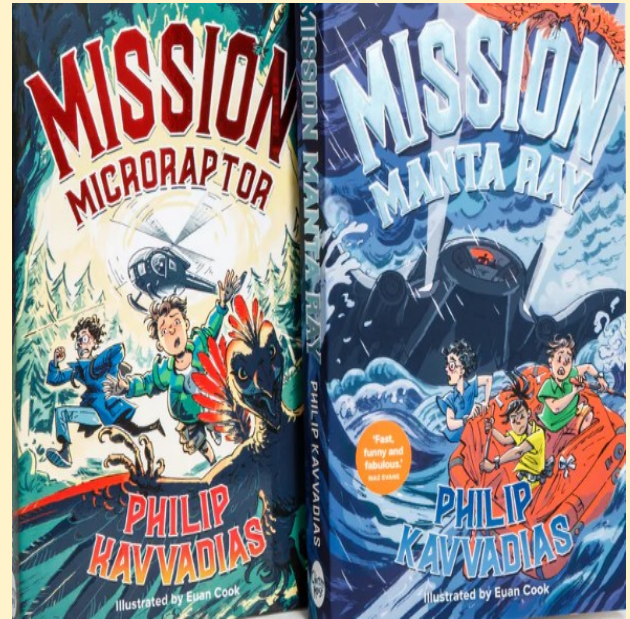


Back in class, we have been continuing our studies of 'Space'. This week we were looking at the size of the planets compared to one another. We discovered that our Moon is almost as big as Mercury, Jupiter is so large you could fit almost a thousand Earths inside it, and Saturn (whilst being massive) is so light it could float in a bathtub!

# Author Visit - Philip Kavvadias

This week the KS2 children got the chance to meet with and listen to Philip Kavvadias, a local author of the Microraptor series. Throughout the assembly, the children remained focused and engaged and enjoyed giving their opinions on potential characters and equipment that could be used in the next book. They even got to give their ideas on the book cover!

The first two books can be ordered via ParentMail until Monday 24th March.





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Litter pick



Water for wildlife



Food for wildlife



Chemical free gardening



Leave your garden wild



Meat-free meals



Use your voice



Homes for wildlife



Walk, cycle, bus to school



Plant a hedgerow



Plant a tree



[surreywildlifetrust.org](http://surreywildlifetrust.org)

## Wilder Schools: Win a £500 grant!

Take part in our **Action for Nature competition** with Wilder Schools to help nature thrive!

### How to take part:

1. Complete one or more Actions for nature at home or in the community.
2. Record your action, upload and view the actions map at:

[surreywildlifetrust.org/nature-actions-map](http://surreywildlifetrust.org/nature-actions-map)



← Or scan the QR code



**Surrey**  
Wildlife Trust

### Why take part:

- If we all take action for nature, we'll make a difference for Surrey's wildlife.
- Claim **half price membership** with Surrey Wildlife Trust by recording your action.
- Be entered into our **wildlife equipment prize draw!**
- The school with the most recorded actions will win a **£500 grant** for outdoor learning equipment or tools!

**Competition closes: 31st May 2025**

#### Wilder Schools Action for Nature Competition 2025

**End date:** Saturday 31st May 2025

**Surrey Wildlife Trust has been working with Barnsbury Primary School to encourage practical actions beyond the school grounds and help nature thrive.**

Complete one or more Actions for Nature at home or in your community, and Barnsbury Primary School will be in with a chance of winning a **£500** grant towards outdoor learning equipment or tools for school grounds improvement.

It isn't hard or expensive to help our wildlife, your action could be as simple as a litter pick! If you're lucky enough to have a garden, you could feed the birds, plant pollinator-friendly plants or go chemical-free.

#### How to take part:

Explore your possible [Actions for Nature | Surrey Wildlife Trust](#)

Once you've completed your Action for Nature, record your actions and view our actions map

at: [www.surreywildlifetrust.org/nature-actions-map](http://www.surreywildlifetrust.org/nature-actions-map)

Record your Action for Nature to **claim half-price membership** with **Surrey Wildlife Trust**, and to be entered into a **free prize draw** to win a **wildlife equipment prize!**

# Dates for your diary 2024-25

## Spring Term

### March

Tuesday 25th	Year 4 School Trip
Thursday 27th	9.00am Rock Steady Concert (Thursday bands)
Friday 28th	1B Class Assembly
Friday 28th	1:30pm KS2 Production Dress Rehearsal
Monday 31st	1.30pm KS2 Production Dress Rehearsal

### April

2nd-4th	Year 6 Residential
Thursday 3rd	6pm KS2 Production Performance
Friday 4th	1:15pm End of Spring Term

# Dates for your diary 2024-25

## Summer Term

### April

Tuesday 22nd	Start of Summer Term
Thu 24th & Fri 25th	PTA Silent Discos (times TBC)
Weds 30th	Local Governing Committee Meeting (8am to 10am)

### May

Friday 2nd	3B Class Assembly (9.00am)
Friday 9th	PTA Bingo Night
Friday 16th	2M Class Assembly (9.00am)
Friday 23rd	2T Class Assembly (9.00am)
Friday 23rd	End of half term
26th May-6th June	Two week half term

### June

Weds 11th	Reception School Trip
Weds 18th	Class photos
Weds 25th	Local Governing Committee Meeting (8am to 10am)
Thursday 26th	Sports Day
Friday 27th	Oak Class Assembly (9.00am)

### July

Friday 4th	Ash Class Assembly (9.00am)
Tuesday 22nd	End of Term (1:15pm finish)



# SILENT DISCO



PICK YOUR OUTFIT  
GET YOUR TICKET  
GRAB SOME HEADPHONES  
TWO CHANNELS OF MUSIC  
CHOSEN BY YOU

THURSDAY 24TH APRIL  
RECEPTION 3:15 TO 4:00PM  
YEAR 2 4:15 TO 5:00PM  
YEAR 4 5:15 TO 6:15PM

FRIDAY 25TH APRIL  
YEAR 1 3:15 TO 4:00PM  
YEAR 3 4:15 TO 5:15PM  
YEAR 5 5:30 TO 6:30PM  
YEAR 6 6:45 TO 7:45PM



TICKET ONLY EVENT £3.50

TICKET LINK [PTA EVENTS](#)

DROP OFF KS2 HALL - PICK UP FROM KS1 HALLW  
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PLEASE ENSURE CHILDREN HAVE THEIR WATER BOTTLES



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18th April  
10:00am - 12:00pm



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## HOLIDAY FUN CLUB

AT WOKING UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Tuesday 15th - Thursday 17th April  
9:15am - 12:30pm

Explore the story of Easter  
through games, craft, cooking  
and music.

For children in school years reception - yr5

£5 per day or £12 for all three days

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[WOKINGURC.ORG.UK](http://WOKINGURC.ORG.UK)

# SPRING INTO EASTER



Woking United Reformed Church  
White Rose Lane, Woking, GU22 7HA

# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about STREAMERS

Livestreaming has become a big part of the entertainment people consume, and what began as a series of gamers sharing their screens has grown into a huge industry packed with personalities – and potential risks for your children. With over 2.5 million people watching Twitch, the most popular streaming service, at any one time, it's important to remain aware of the risks associated with streamers.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT



Some gaming streamers will stick to family-friendly titles, but others will play more violent games that tend to be more popular. Non-gaming streamers could, in theory, discuss just about anything, and some streamers will often stream in revealing outfits.

### NEGATIVE INFLUENCES



While things have improved, streamers are often paid by companies to promote products, and this isn't always stated explicitly. While it's unlikely these goods will be harmful to your child, some streamers and influencers have engaged (knowingly or not) in scams in the past.

### FINANCIAL HARM

Streamers will often have donation buttons on their screens for users to submit money. What can start as small amounts can quickly spiral as streamers engage with paying viewers more often, potentially leading to financial issues.

### UNREALISTIC EXPECTATIONS



Influencers often showcase how glamorous their lives are, making some users feel as though they are lesser. However, it's important to stress that, in many ways, this is an act, or at the very least, not common. Logan Paul, who has been successful as a streamer and influencer, has a Pokemon card worth \$5 million, but this is atypical of anyone working in the medium.

### MISINFORMATION



Streamers are, in many ways, just like us – and they can get things wrong or reel off an opinion without having thought about it. Some can simply say awful things to get a rise out of viewers or to sway them to their side of a hot topic.

### ADDICTION AND SCREEN TIME

If your child is watching a lot of a particular streamer, it can be just as damaging to their social life as playing too many video games.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### EXPLAIN HOW STREAMING WORKS



For a younger viewer, being a streamer or influencer seems aspirational, but it involves a lot of work and no small degree of good fortune. Streamers are often managed and unable to speak freely due to sponsors, and influencers are just that – influencing young minds, for better or for worse.

### CHECK OUT STREAMING PLATFORMS



While Twitch was the de facto streaming service for years, YouTube has gained popularity, too. Then there are Kick and Rumble, which have grown in popularity with moves for big-name streamers – despite many being dogged by controversy.

### DO NOT LOG PAYMENT INFORMATION



Streamers can reward donations with additional content, on-camera "shout outs" and more. If you're unsure about who or what your child is watching, consider avoiding linking payment information. This is especially notable with Twitch, which is owned by Amazon and therefore has some crossover.

### SET SCREEN TIME LIMITS



You can set screentime limits for mobile apps on iOS and Google, but with other platforms like a PC it may be more difficult to keep tabs. Consider checking in regularly to ensure your children aren't watching content they shouldn't be.

### Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is the Games Editor of the Daily Star, and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for five years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published at sites including IGN, TechRadar, and plenty more.



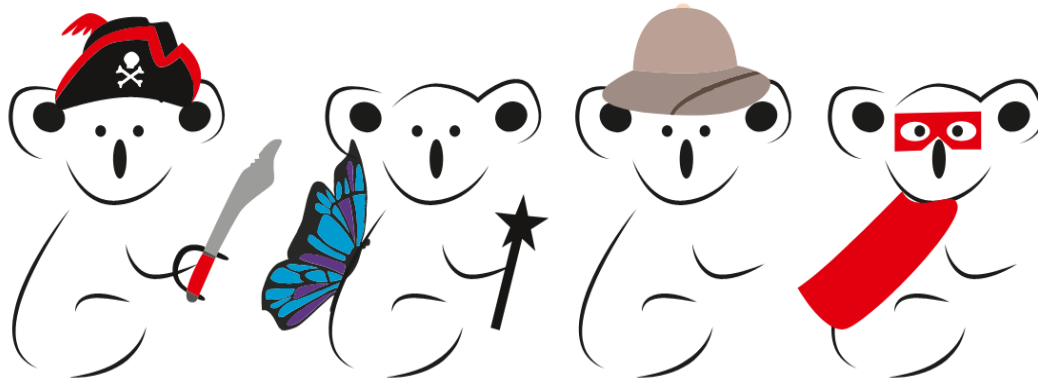
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Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/streamers>



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(ALBERT DRIVE, SHEERWATER, GU21 5RF)

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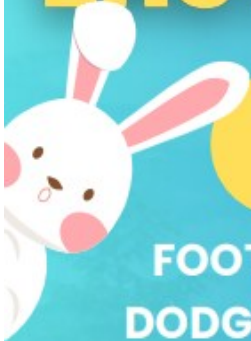
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