

BUNNY C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

5th September 2025 Newsletter

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Headteacher update

Welcome back to our chilly Autumn term and the new academic year. It's really lovely to see everyone again and to hear about your summer adventures.

Welcome to our new children and families. We hope you've had a super start to the term.

Newsletters are emailed weekly on a Friday and all classes have Class Dojo where your class teacher will communicate with you. If you have any questions, please do speak to your child's class teacher or Julie in the school office in the first instance.

Kind regards

V. White

Victoria White, Head Teacher



Safeguarding



This week all the staff have had their annual safeguarding update and we wanted to make sure that we all work together to keep our children safe at the start and end of the school day too.

Please can all parents/ carers park along the road at the bottom of the school drive when dropping off/ picking up. There are some parents/ carers who have permission to use the disabled space in the car park/ park on the grass but this has been previously agreed with myself due to mobility issues/ additional needs.

If you could just be mindful to drive slowly during drop off and pick up times as children are walking to and from school and we don't want any accidents.

Please can you also make sure your child is with you at the end of the day, as some children are running off through the green gates with no parent in sight. I'm trying my best to stop as many as I can and am asking children to wait by the green gates until a parent is with them, but if we work together it's easier in the long run. Many thanks.

Uniform

All the children have looked really smart this week and I have seen so many lovely shiny new shoes! Just a reminder that our uniform policy is available on the school website and if you require and pre-loved uniform FOBS do have some stock available.

Timings

Just a reminder about school timings.

The gate is opened at 8.45am each morning and will be locked at 8.55am. Please do try to be on time so we can have a prompt start to the morning sessions in each class.

At the end of the day, the gate is opened at 3.20pm and children will be dismissed at 3.25pm. Please ensure you are on time to pick up your child at the end of the day. Our attendance and lateness policy is on the school website <https://www.bunnyprimaryschool.com/policies/> and children who are not collected within 15 minutes will be placed into Burrows and parents charged accordingly.

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Staffing update/ vacancies

We have said goodbye to Michael our caretaker as he has taken on a new full-time post in a different sector, so we have already advertised for a new caretaker to start as soon as possible. NCC are sending us Scott on a temporary basis to keep our school clean. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please do let me know.

We have also advertised for a new teacher for Oak class, to start as soon as possible. In the meantime, Mr Ashley remains the teacher in Oak class.

We have welcomed Miss Nicole Murphy to our school as a temporary teaching assistant. She is working with Chestnut class each morning but also will work with children in Oak and Hawthorn on an afternoon. We have advertised for a new teaching assistant to join our team so I will keep you updated once I know more. All adverts can be found on NCC recruitment pages or <https://www.bunnyprimaryschool.com/vacancies/>

Sport update

Boys football club starts next Wednesday after school and Girls football club starts next Monday after school. This is for children in Oak and Hawthorn classes. Mr Bourne will be running the Boys football training and Alex Sheriff will be the coach for the girls.

The Rushcliffe Schools girl's football tournament is Saturday 13th Sept at 8.30am at St Peters Junior school in Ruddington and the Boy's Rushcliffe Schools football tournament is on Saturday 20th September again at 8.30am. This is invitation only, so letters will go out as soon as possible.

This week the children Chestnut class have started their tennis lessons with Patrick and today Oak and Hawthorn have begun their Paceyball lessons!

We have once again signed up to the Rushcliffe Sports partnership and will be attending the sports festivals on offer alongside other local schools.

Music update

We are delighted to start our "Young voices" after school club for children in Oak and Hawthorn classes next Thursday after school. It's not too late to join, just let Julie in the office know if your child would like to join "the biggest school choir in the world!" It will culminate in a spectacular concert at the Resorts World Arena in Birmingham on Thursday 15th January 2026. It really is a wonderful event – one that won't want to miss!

FOBS AGM- 24/9/2025



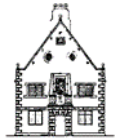
FOBS are our amazing "Friends of Bunny School"- our PTA who help to organise and run fundraising events which benefit the children. We are always on the lookout for new members to help out so please do come along to our AGM which will be on **Wednesday 24th Sept** at 6pm in school.

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Willow Class



We have had a fantastic first week in Willow Class. The children have settled in very well and are starting to learn the new routines. We have learnt the class and school rules which the children are practicing very well. The school treasure we are focusing on this half term is courage. The children have been very courageous already this week coming into the classroom and saying goodbye to their grownups.

Chestnut Class



We have all been incredibly impressed with the super start everyone has made in Chestnut Class this year. The children have come into school confidently in the mornings and remembered the classroom routines from when we practised back in July. The Year 1s and Year 2s have got to know each other through working in buddy pairs on different activities. We have had lots of fun beginning our toys topic by studying the wonderful story "Traction Man Is Here". We practised some drama techniques before improvising some new missions for Traction Man and his sidekick Scrubbing Brush. At the end of the week we performed some superheroes themes in music.

Oak Class



I have been so impressed with just how well the children in Oak class have settled back in to school. The older children have been so kind to our new year 3's and I'm so proud of everyone. We have started our new topic "Does migration always lead to conflict?" and we have begun finding out about the Vikings. We looked at Viking Longboats and how they invaded England and Scotland between AD 787 and 800. We made a timeline of events on a poster with pictures of key events. In English, we are looking at a new book about Refugees called 'The Journey'. This book brings to life the difficult decisions faced by a family in a war-torn country who are having to flee to safety across the seas. In Science, we have been learning about light and how it is reflected from surfaces.

Hawthorn Class



What a fabulous start to the new term. The children have settled back into school life brilliantly, showing great enthusiasm, focus, and resilience in their learning this week. I have been so impressed with how quickly they have adapted to new routines and the positive attitude they have brought into the classroom. In maths the children explored the question: "How big is a million?" This led to some fantastic problem-solving and lots of rich mathematical discussion. In English, they wrote their own imaginative portal stories, carefully building suspense as their characters stepped back in time to ancient Egypt. In computing, the children learnt how to use search engines sensibly and efficiently and in PE the children had great fun playing hockey and paceball. The children started their DAaRT (Drugs, Alcohol and Resilience Training) lessons where they were eager to share their ideas and ask questions.

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Celebrations and successes!

 STAR assembly S - Sensational effort T - Terrific teamwork A - Achievement R - Remarkable reasoning/ Remarkable writing	S	Lillie – Oak Oliver B - Hawthorn
	T	Bethany - Willow
	A	
	R	Emilia - Chestnut
Class Recognition awards 	Willow	Arthur - Courage
	Chestnut	Ivy - Love
	Oak	Rupert - Aspiration
	Hawthorn	Rogan - Aspiration
Headteacher award 	This week my award goes to Marcus . Marcus has come back to school so positively and has been really busy impressing everyone with his phonics and working really hard in class and with Mrs Middleton.	
Lunchtime award - Top Table 	The midday staff will be looking out for excellent behaviour at lunchtimes both in the hall and outside. Children chosen by the middays will be invited to eat at the special "Top table" on a Friday with a member of staff. Today the staff chose Theo, Samson, George, Alina, Lillie, Archie and Alfie to eat at the top table with me! We had a super chat about the summer holidays and enjoyed lots of ice cream for pudding.	

Phonics information evening



Miss Barrowcliffe would like to invite all parents of Reception children to meet with her at 3.30pm on Tuesday 16th September so she can explain how our phonics programme in school works and what your child will be learning.

If you need to bring your child with you, then Miss Hughes will be here to supervise the children outdoors while you attend the workshop.

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Class information/ Q and A session with class teachers – Tuesday 9th September

We would like to invite you to a start of the year information sharing session from your child's class teacher. This will be a short half an hour session where teachers will explain to you how the class operates, including an outline of behaviour expectations and class rules, what the weekly timetable looks like, the structure of the curriculum over the year within your child's class and any upcoming events.

This will hopefully be an opportunity to have some clarity directly from school, and if you have any questions that you feel would help all parents, please can you send them beforehand on Dojo to your teacher so they can be incorporated into the presentation.

This is not an opportunity to discuss individual children. This is a general class overview.

Timings are as follows:

3.30-4.00pm - Hawthorn class

4.00- 4.30pm - Oak class

4.30- 5.00pm – Chestnut class

We have staggered the sessions so parents who have children in multiple classes do not miss out.

Clubs for Autumn term

Day	Time	Club	Year group
Monday	3.30 – 4.25pm	Girls Football	3,4,5,6
Tuesday	3.30 – 4.15pm	Construction club	Reception/ 1
	3.30 – 4.15pm	Bible Club	1,2,3,4,5,6
Wednesday	3.30 – 4.15pm	Boys football	3,4,5,6
Thursday	3.30 – 4.15pm	Young voices Choir	3,4,5,6
Friday			

Shotokan Karate Club

Mr Stubbs has asked me to let you know he will be starting a Shotokan karate club in the Village hall every Thursday. It will be from 5-6pm and both adults and children are welcome.

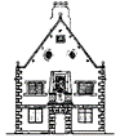
This is not a school club, so please do speak to Mr Stubbs if you require any further information.

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Diary dates for Autumn term

1/9/2025	INSET day – school closed
2/9/2025	Welcome back to school
9/9/2025	Class parent welcome meetings with class teachers: 3.30 - Hawthorn 4.00 - Oak 4.30 - Chestnut
13/9/2025	Rushcliffe Primary Schools Girls Autumn Football tournament – Invitation only
18/9/2025	Flu inoculations
19/9/2025	Carbon monoxide workshops in school (years 2,3 and 5)
20/9/2025	Rushcliffe Primary Schools Boys Autumn Football tournament – Invitation only
23/9/2025	5.30pm - ESHAWH parent workshop- "Technology and the impact on children's mental health" – all welcome
24/9/2025	FOBS AGM – 6pm at school – all welcome
29/9/2025	Full Governors meeting
30/9/2025	2.30pm- Harvest Festival at St Marys church (all welcome)
3/10/2025	Courage Theatre workshop day (all classes)
6/10/2025	5.00pm- ESHWH parent workshop – "Healthy Child Conversations: Body Image and Nutrition." - all welcome
10/10/2025	World Mental Health day
13/10/2025	Parents evening (further information to follow)
14/10/2025	Black history month workshops
14/10/2025	Parents evening (further information to follow)
17/10/2025	INSET day – School closed
20/10/2025	Half term
3/11/2025	Back to school
9/11/2025	6pm – Village Remembrance service at St Marys Church
10/11/2025	Odd socks day (for Anti- bullying week)
11/11/2025	Remembrance Day service St Marys 10.50am?
14/11/2025	Children in Need day – pm- Cake sale + Village ramble
21/11/2025	9.15am- Hawthorn class assembly
1/12/2025	PM – Whole school trip to Loughborough Pantomime
2/12/2025	Christmas theme day
4/12/2025	Partake theatre in school – Chestnut class
16/12/2025	6pm – Willow and Chestnut Nativity at St Marys church
17/12/2025	9.30am - Willow and Chestnut Nativity at St Marys church
17/12/2025	Christmas dinner
17/12/2025	PM - Grandpa Sticks storyteller in school
17/12/2025	5.30pm – Carols by Candlelight at St Marys Church (all welcome)
18/12/2025	Christmas party day
19/12/2025	Finish for Christmas Holidays

Please note these diary dates may be subject to change and/or added to over the term.