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Friday 6th November 2026

# NEWS

Latest news and information about our school

## Dear families,

A huge welcome to our new children and families who joined us this week, and a massive welcome back to everyone. I hope you all had a lovely half-term break and made lots of precious family memories together.

We have an exciting half term ahead, and our amazing PSCA parents have already been busy organising some fantastic fundraising events that promise plenty of fun while helping us raise money towards our end-of-year trip for everyone. Do take a look at the posters on the next page for all the details about our Tuck Shop Tuesday, Film-Tastic Friday and Winter Fayre. The children were very excited when I shared the events with them during assembly this morning...leaflets and info will be going home with the children on Monday.

Ms Haleema and I have been busy distributing leaflets this week. We would love some extra helping hands, so if there are any parents who would like to join us next week, please do let me know!

Following your feedback at our recent Parent Voice meeting, we have reviewed our library book loan arrangements. Please look out for letters coming home on Monday with details of the day your child will bring their chosen book home and the day they should return it to school, ready to select another one to enjoy with you each week.

Please do try to put aside a few minutes each day to share a book together. Look at the pictures, enjoy the stories, talk about what is happening, and most importantly, smile and laugh together! I really cannot tell you how magical these moments feel for children.




This afternoon I had the privilege of watching our very first Mulberry Canon Barnett Dance Group in their final rehearsals- next week they will be representing us at the Mulberry Festival of Arts, performing their wonderful piece in front of hundreds of spectators. I am so excited and, of course, incredibly proud of them. I am really looking forward to sharing this special moment with our Year 5 families too. If you haven't reserved your ticket yet, please do make sure you do – it will be amazing event. Link to book **here**.

And finally, a big well done to the children in Classes 3–6 who completed their reading fluency assessments this week. These assessments will help us understand the progress children have made and will allow us to identify children who may benefit from some additional help and support this half term too. I am looking forward to visiting lessons over the coming weeks, talking with the children about their learning and looking through their books too.

Here's to a brilliant half term-I am hoping to have my first entry to Ms Anita's Book of Pride 2026-27 next week!

**Best wishes, Ms Anita**

# YOU SAID...

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Alongside celebrating what is going well, parents offered some really thoughtful ideas for going forward together and I can't wait to work with families, children and staff on what we can do next!

**The wonderful ideas that came out of the Parent Voice meeting:**

1. **The joy of recognition-** parents and carers shared how much children love receiving certificates, stickers and positive recognition and would love there to be even more!

2. **Early years learning and discovery-** sharing more with families about Nursery phonics, early language development through stories and the learning taking place in our youngest children's classrooms.

3. **Bringing the learning home-** parents shared an enthusiasm for fun ways to keep learning going at home, with a particular interest in more opportunities to practise maths at home, alongside their reading and spelling.

4. A **window into the school week-** parents would love to know more about when children are learning their different subjects and topics throughout the week, so they can share in their excitement, chat about their learning and feel even more connected to their child's school journey.

5. **Keeping the joy of reading alive at home-** sharing ideas around keeping reading books from school fresh and exciting, helping children discover new favourite stories and nurturing their love of reading even more.

6. **Even more opportunities to shine beyond the classroom-** parents would love us to explore together the possibilities for more after-school clubs including more sports, creative activities and clubs that build on children's learning in English and maths.

7. **Happy, active and colourful playtimes-** parents would love to be involved with our work on making our playground spaces more colourful with more opportunities for active play, friendship, imagination and fun!

8. **Ambition and aspiration for every child-** parents would love us know more about how we stretch and challenge children in their learning, and how we help every child to achieve their very best and reach for the stars.

Watch this space for news on how we take these ideas forward together next half term...!

Dream Big

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# ...WE DID

In our most recent Parent Voice meeting you mentioned that you would like to **continue the joy of reading alive at home** so we are pleased to share the new library loan timetable...keep a look out for a letter home about this too!

**Reception**- Take a new book home every Tuesday and return on the following Monday
**Year 1**- Take a new book home every Monday and return on the following Monday
**Year 2**- Take a new book home every Friday and return on the following Thursday
**Year 3**- Take a new book home every Friday and return on the following Friday
**Year 4**- Take a new book home every Thursday and return on the following Thursday
**Year 5**- Take a new book home every Friday and return on the following Friday
**Year 6**- Take a new book home every Monday and return on the following Monday

Get ready for the excitement! 🎉 Discover what's coming up, mark your calendars, and join us for fun together!












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# MAGICAL MULBERRY MOMENTS













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# OUR FANTASTIC FRIDAY ASSEMBLY

**Abdullah (Year 1)**- Ms Brenna was impressed with your observation skills when exploring the front cover of your new text and predicting what the book could cover.

**Atiq (Year 3)**- For your wonderful use of adjectives in your English work.

**Aqsa (Year 2)**- Ms Helen is very proud of how you have taken on the conversation she had with the class about becoming the book character when you read and has noticed you using different accents and tones.

**Mohamed (Year 2)**- Ms Helen has noted how Mohamed is always ready to learn and takes pride in always wearing all the correct items of uniform and stationary.

**Atifa and Adam (Year 1)-** Ms Brenna was pelased to see your resillience in your DT activities this term- you conquered the challenge of weaving...under and over!

**Tahmina (Year 3)**- Mr Peter has noticed your perseveranve across all your subjects- well done for always trying your best.

**Harun (Year 4)**- Mr Peter would like to recognise you for always having a positive mindset and entering the classroom with a smile which motivates everyone!

**Ahyan (Year 5)**- Mr Rhedwan was very proud of your efforts during your dance rehearsals, always enthusiastic and showing good listening to instructions.

**Ayanah (Year 6)**- Ms Mireia would like to congratulate you for your wonderful display of work...and sharing your ideas in a funny way.

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## RECEPTION

What an exciting start to the Autumn 2 term! This week in Reception, we have been exploring the celebrations of **Bonfire Night and Diwali**.
To celebrate Bonfire Night, the children created **colourful firework collages** and made their own **edible firework sparklers using breadsticks and sprinkles**. They were delicious!

As part of our Diwali celebrations, the children made their own **diva lamps** using salt dough. They also enjoyed using a range of **3D blocks to design and build their own temples, showing great creativity, construction and imagination.**
We are looking forward to all the exciting things Autumn 2 will continue to bring!

## YEAR 5

This week, Year 5 has had another very productive week of learning. In Maths, children developed their arithmetic skills by learning how to **multiply a two-digit number by a one-digit number** using the **column method**. The class showed **excellent resilience and determination** as they worked through increasingly challenging calculations.
In History, we continued to explore what made **Alexander the Great truly deserving of his title**. The children learned about his early life, remarkable achievements and the lasting legacy he left behind, considering how his actions helped shape the ancient world.
In Science, we continued to investigate irreversible changes, discovering that some materials cannot be returned to their original state after a change has taken place. We identified examples such as **burning, heating and mixing certain substances**, and discussed why these changes cannot be undone.
Next week, we are looking forward to beginning the planning stage of our biographies on Martin Luther King Jr., where year 5 will **research** key events from his life and organise their ideas in preparation for writing their own informative biographies.

## YEAR 1

It has been lovely welcoming the children back after half term! We have already had a busy week starting our new units.
In English, our new book is **The Storm Whale**. We have been exploring **nouns**, naming what we can see in the illustrations, and developing our retrieval and inference skills to answer questions about the text.
In Maths, we started **addition and subtraction within 10**, exploring parts and wholes using part-**whole models and bar models**. These are important representations that children will use throughout their primary school journey.
In DT, we began **exploring mechanisms and answering the question, How can we make a moving picture?** The children practised weaving card in and out to create moving mechanisms.
We are continuing to **develop our handwriting, focusing on accurate letter sizing and keeping tall letters tall**!
In PE, we started our **dance** unit, combining jungle-inspired movements with elements of the Lindy Hop.
What a lovely start to the half term!

## YEAR 4

Welcome back, Year 4! We hope you had a lovely break and are feeling ready for an exciting term ahead.
We have made a fantastic start to our new English text, **The Girl Who Stole an Elephant**. This exciting story is providing **plenty of inspiration as we develop our writing skills, with a focus on creating engaging character descriptions and diary entries**. We are looking forward to seeing the children's imaginations come to life through their writing!
There is a little change to our reading programme this term. The children will continue to enjoy short texts from **The Fluency Factory**, which they will still bring home to read as part of their homework. These texts will help us to build confidence, fluency and expression when reading aloud.
Alongside this, we will be starting our journey with our next class book, **Varjak's Paw**. We can't wait to dive into this fantastic story together and discover where the adventure takes us!
This term, our P.E. lessons will focus on **gymnastics**. The children will have lots of opportunities to **develop their balance, coordination, strength and creativity** as they explore a range of movements and sequences.
We are looking forward to a busy, exciting and successful term filled with even more curiosity, creativity and plenty of learning adventures.

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## YEAR 2

We have already had a very productive start to this half term with our new story, one of **Aesop's fables**, " The goose that laid the golden eggs". Our year 2 children were captivated by the story and the demise of the poor goose. They will use this tale to **develop and write their own story with a moral**. In maths we have immersed ourselves in the delightful world of **doubles and halves**, developing the idea of **number relationships** and using the **facts to solve word problems**. Ask your child about the "chocolate box" problem...always a delicious way to explore this concept!

## NURSERY

A big welcome back to all our Nursery families! We hope you all had a wonderful, restful break and enjoyed spending time together.

What a busy and exciting first week back we have had! The children have been learning all about **Diwali, Bonfire Night and firework safety**. We have enjoyed exploring these celebrations and talking about how to stay safe around fireworks. The children also created some beautiful **firework artwork** using teabags and glittery paint, which was great fun! 🎨🎆

In Maths, we have begun exploring the **number 2**, focusing on **recognising quantities and developing our subitising skills** (recognising how many objects there are without counting). The children's subitising skills have been amazing, and we are so proud of their growing confidence!

One of the loveliest things to see this week has been how much the **children's friendships** are beginning to blossom. 🌸 It has been wonderful to hear their conversations, share in their excitement and watch them chat so confidently with one another about their home and school lives. Their growing friendships, communication skills and confidence are a real joy to see!

What a fantastic start to the new half-term! We cannot wait to see what the coming weeks bring!

## YEAR 6

Over the last half term, our PSHE sessions have given us the opportunity to explore what makes our school and classroom a happy, safe and welcoming place for everyone. We have been learning about our **rights as children**, as well as choices we can make to help others feel included.

To celebrate all that we have learned, the children worked brilliantly together to create our very own **Classroom Charter**! Their ideas and contributions reflect the importance of kindness, respect and teamwork in making our classroom a wonderful place to learn and grow. We also explored how small actions, such as **listening, using kind words and helping others, can make a difference**. The children shared some fantastic ideas. We are very proud of their contributions and look forward to putting our Classroom Charter into action!

## YEAR 3

Welcome back after the half term! In English, we have started exploring our new reading text, **The Pebble in My Pocket**. We have been learning about **writing in the first-person perspective** and **comparing** it with the **third-person perspective**. We practised changing sentences from one perspective to another and explored how to make our writing more engaging by using a variety of precise adjectives to add description and create vivid mental images for the reader. We have been working hard to build these descriptive words into our sentences. In Maths, we have continued **developing our addition and subtraction skills**, focusing on using the column method accurately. We have also been using **place value counters** to help us understand how numbers are organised and how they support us when calculating. In PSHE, we **explored different types of families**, discussing what families mean to us, the different ways families can look and why they are so important. It was lovely to hear the children's thoughtful contributions and ideas. Well done, Year 3, for another fantastic week of learning!

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# DATES FOR THE DIARY

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 9/11/26 - Year 3 Country Trust Session - Food Discovery Program
- 9/11/26 - EYFS Parent Workshop
- 10/11/26 - Mulberry Festival of Arts Performance at Mulberry UTC
- 12/11/26 - Year 1 Parent Workshop
- 13/11/26 - Curriculum Newsletters Shared with Families
- 16/11/26 - Odd Socks Day
- 16/11/26 - Year 3 Parent Workshop
- 17/11/26 - Reception Phonics Parent Workshop
- 18/11/26 - Flu Vaccine Session delivered by Vaccination UK *
- 18/11/26 - Year 2 Parent Workshop
- 19/11/26 - Year 4 Parent Workshop
- 20/11/26 - Nursery Phonics Parent Workshop
- 20/11/26 - Year 5 Parent Workshop
- 23/11/26-27/11/26 - Open Afternoon at MCB (from 2pm)
- 23/11/26 - Year 6 Parent Workshop
- 2/12/26-3/12/26 - Parents' Evening - More Information coming soon

***The flu vaccine team will contact families directly to get consent.***

**Reminder- Our Mulberry Mini Explorers Stay and Play sessions occur weekly on a Tuesday from 9.30-11am.**

We'll keep updating the calendar regularly-be sure to check in each week for new information.

*Give me 10 - Family Reading Weekly!*

- Nursery, Reception and year 1- Weekly on a Thursday morning
- Year 3 - Weekly on a Thursday morning

**9-9.10am**

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# What's for Lunch?







Accent

Our School Council members are always happy to hear your feedback about school lunches-what's working well and what could be even better. They share this feedback with the Accent team each term, so please don't hesitate to speak to us.








# What's for Breakfast?

**We offer free breakfast club for all children which is funded by Magic Breakfast.**

Children can come into school from 8am to 8:30am (last entry is 8.30am) to enjoy a healthy breakfast and play some games with their friends.

**If you have any queries, please contact our team at the school office.**



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## Stay Connected with Mulberry Canon Barnett Primary on social media

We are excited to share more about school life at Mulberry Canon Barnett Primary and invite you to join our online community. To keep up with the latest news, events and achievements of our wonderful students, please follow us on our social media channels:

**Facebook: MulberryCanonBarnett**
**Instagram: @Mulberry_Canon_Barnett**

By following us, you'll get a glimpse into the exciting activities taking place across the school, from classroom projects to special events. We encourage you to like, share and comment on our posts. Let's work together to celebrate the achievements of our children and staff and strengthen our school community!
Thank you for your support—see you online!

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