



# Apple Press

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## Newsletter

11<sup>th</sup> November, 2022

Dear parents and carers,

Many thanks for your attendance last week during parent meet teacher meetings, it was really nice to see and to speak to so many of you in person throughout both evenings. We really hope that you found the meetings useful to know how your children have settled into the new academic year.

Many of you may remember the attendance letter that was sent out in September as attendance is an important National and local issue for schools, parents and children.

For the first half term the classes had the following attendance:

Robins: 93.37%

Wrens: 96.12%

Skylarks: 95.42%

Swifts: 96.34%

Well done to Swifts for the highest attendance so far this year!

Attendance is monitored on a regular basis and parents / carers will be notified individually where appropriate. Letters have been sent out this week for attendance below 90%.

Next week we will be beginning our Warhammer afterschool club on a Wednesday supported by one of our parent governors Mr Laurie Smith. I will be sending home a letter next week to establish how many families/children would be interested in attending an afterschool sports club. The intention is to offer this every half term to a different class for up to 20 children.

The school council have also asked us to consider how to establish additional clubs following their meeting earlier today with Miss Hales. The school council are very keen to get their point of view across within the school whilst representing their classmates.

Finally, I would just like to say how proud all of the staff team were today during the 2 minutes silence to mark Armistice Day. This was held after playtime and the children were very thoughtful and reflective during the 2 minutes.

Best wishes,  
Mr Gamble

## Here are what the children have been up to in their classrooms for the last fortnight...

**Robins** have started a new Celebrations Topic. So far, we have learned why we commemorate Bonfire Night and Remembrance Day. We have made our own Bonfire and Poppy Wreath pictures using toothbrushes. Robins have had a fabulous time in our Forest School sessions, we have found lots of different bugs and had a lovely time pond dipping for different creatures.

**Wrens** have been very busy in class and enjoyed starting all of our new topics across the curriculum. They have been learning about money, identifying coins and finding the total value in maths using their number skills. They have been using alliteration in English based on our new topic and they have been discussing the seasons and the weather changes that happen throughout the year. The Wrens have also produced some lovely artwork based on Remembrance Day. Well done Wrens!

**Skylarks** have started learning about multiplication and division. We have started our 'times table Fridays' where we celebrate our speed and accuracy through Timetables Rockstars. In topic, we learned about the Anglo-Saxon kingdoms and how Alfred the Great negotiated peace with the Vikings for the kingdom of Danelaw. In English we are writing Non-Chronological reports about Earthquakes.

**Swifts** have been learning about the circulatory system in Science. We have found out about the heart and how blood travels around our body and its function. We are continuing our Coast topic and finding out about erosion. In Literacy we are beginning a non-chronological report about Mount Everest. We have finished our class text, Malamander which we thoroughly enjoyed.



**Children in need Fundraising**  
**NO school uniform day!**  
**Friday 18 November 11, 2022**  
**Wear something yellow or**  
**something spotty or both!**  
 £1 voluntary donation



**We are delighted to invite all parents, carers and grandparents to St Mary's Church Banham for Banham School's Christmas Carols on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December @ 6pm.**

It has been 4 years since we held Banham School's Christmas Carols at the church! Over the years we have alternated between the Community Centre and the church for the school's Christmas production. We appreciate more than ever to be a part of such a beautiful village and the opportunities we're able to offer to bring the community together. We look forward to seeing you there! 🎄

#### Dates for your diary

- 15 Nov '22 – Year 6's trip to Banham Zoo
- 18 Nov '22 – Children in need NO school uniform day
- 7 Dec '22 – Christmas Carols @ 6pm
- 12 Dec '22 – School Nursing Team (Reception & Y6)
- 14 Dec '22 – Rock Steady Concert
- 17 Dec '22-3 Jan '23 – Christmas Break
- 3 Jan '23 – INSET Day
- 6 Jan '23 – Robins & Wrens trip to the Theatre
- 11-19 Feb '23 – Half Term
- 1-17 April '23 – Easter Break
- 17 April '23 – INSET Day
- 1 May '23 – Bank Holiday
- 27 May-4 June '23 – Half Term
- 21 July '23 – Last Day of School

