



# Apple Press

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Newsletter

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We have had a great start to the school year! The children have settled in well and working hard. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new parents & carers to Banham School! 😊

Please check your Dojos daily, scrolling through, as this is our main means of communication and it isn't always efficient with notifications.

A friendly reminder...

For absences, please call the school before 8:30am and leave your child's name, class and reason for absence. If the office is not aware of a child's absence by this time, they will be marked as unauthorised.

In order to take any leave of absence, a form must be filled out and returned to the office. A Leave of Absence Form can be emailed to you or picked up at the office.

Please don't hesitate to contact the office if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks for your continuous support.



**PLEASE REMEMBER**  
**WE ARE A NUT**  
**FREE SCHOOL**



Alone WE CAN  
DO SO LITTLE...  
Together WE  
CAN DO SO MUCH!  
Helen Keller

# Friends of Banham School

This group of lovely volunteers have raised funds for our school in many ways over the years adding enrichment and fun events to the children's school life. So please let us know if you would like to join or just help when you are able to as they are always short handed!

## Message from FOBS:

Our committee are busy making plans for the year ahead...

The Friday bake sale contributes towards coach fees for trips throughout the year. Last year we raised just under £1,500! Each week a fabulous parent bakes up a treat, If you are able to help with a bake, please contact Mrs Thomas or speak to someone at the Friday raffle table. Tickets are 50p each and a child wins the treat at the end of the day in the sharing assembly.

FOBS is planning to raise funds for new laptops for the school through array of activities so stay tuned...

The committee is currently made up of 6 members:

Holly (Mrs Thomas), Tina, Lizi, Rachael, Phil and Marie (Miss Hales) along with a wonderful group of helpers for events and as always we very much welcome any help you can offer throughout the year.

## Annual AGM

is being held on 3<sup>rd</sup> October @ 6:30pm in the school hall. This is an opportunity to hear what is being planned for the year and how you can help, please join us if you can.

Here are some of our upcoming events:

- 24<sup>th</sup> Oct – Halloween Disco
- 6<sup>th</sup> Dec – Xmas Fete 10am-12pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Dec – Wreath Making
- 16<sup>th</sup> Dec – Carol Concert @ Banham Church TBC
- 13<sup>th</sup> Feb – Valetine's Party
- 5<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day themed sale TBC
- 13<sup>th</sup> March – Mother's Day Sale
- 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Bikeathon
- 19<sup>th</sup> June – Father's Day Bingo
- 17<sup>th</sup> July – FOBS Fest TBC

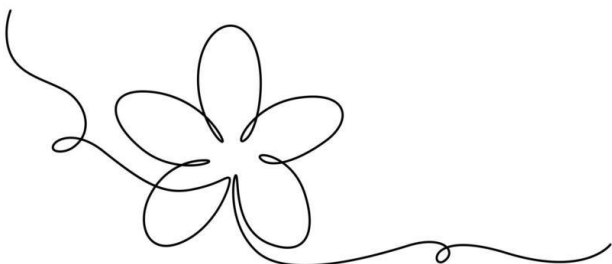


# LOOK what we're LEARNING!



Robins have had a fantastic start to their school journey. They have made lots of new friends both inside and out of the classroom. Miss Rout and I are very proud of all the children and how well they have settled into Robins. We have begun our phonics journey, and the children are already amazing at sounding and blending and forming letters. In Maths we have been busy looking at matching items and pictures. We were all very excited for PE and were brilliant at getting changed. We finished our first full week by having a fabulous time at Forest School.

Wrens have been super busy settling into their new year groups and new classroom routines. They have really enjoyed starting their new Art unit and making some amazing sculptures. In maths we have been exploring 2D shapes and identifying their different properties. In English the Wrens have been working on their handwriting and sentence structuring, making sure that they are remembering capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. They've also been developing friendships and making new friends. Well done Wrens we are all very proud of the positive start you've all made!



Skylarks have had a very busy time learning all about the Stone Age. In Art we have looked at the cave paintings that have been discovered, and we have used pencil and charcoal to sketch our own images of UK animals and birds (look out on Dojo for some beautiful examples!) In Maths we have been learning how to partition 3-digit numbers and use these numbers to solve problems with 1, 2 or 3 steps. In English we have been very excited by the fictional mystery creature that washed up on a shore! The children have acted as newspaper reporters, collected eyewitness accounts and begun to build sentences independently to describe the fictional events.

Swifts What an amazing start to the year! Swifts have come back from the summer ready to learn and with great attitudes! The Year 5s have been coping and adapting well to life in UKS2 and the Year 6s have been wonderful role models to them, supporting them in many aspects. In Maths, there has been a lot of recap for our Year 6s looking at numbers up to 10,000,000, which is a huge jump for our 5s who are used to working with 4-digit numbers!

In English, we have been creating writing based on the story The Nowhere Emporium (which is also our VIPERS book for this term), the description and imagery that has been used so far has been brilliant! We're all enjoying the book and are looking forward to what happens next!



# Diary Dates

- 28<sup>th</sup> September – Individual / sibling school photos AM
- 6<sup>th</sup> October – Plan Bee for parents 10:00am-12:00pm
- 6<sup>th</sup> October – Schools & Community Team SEN Café for parents 2:00-3:15pm TBC
- 13<sup>th</sup> October – Plan Bee for parents 10:00am-12:00pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> October – 2026 Reception open afternoon 1:30-2:30pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> October – 2026 Reception open evening 1:00-6:00pm
- 16<sup>th</sup> October – 2026 Reception open morning 10:00-11:00am
- 20<sup>th</sup> October – Plan Bee for parents 10:00am-12:00pm
- 24<sup>th</sup> October – Halloween Party 4:30-6:00pm
- 27<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> October – Half Term

## After School Clubs

- **Mondays** 3:15-4:15pm – Sports Club with Ben Humphreys from Tennis South Norfolk.  
*Offered to different classes per half term, starting with the Swifts*
- **Tuesdays** 3:15-4:00pm – Gardening Club with Mrs Goymour & Mrs Martin (Skylarks & Swifts)
- **Tuesdays** 3:15-4:00pm – Choir with Miss Dunsmore £3 per session (All year groups)
- **Wednesdays** 3:15-4:15pm – D&D Club with Mr Smith (Skylarks & Swifts)
- **Thursdays** 3:20-4:20pm – CFS Sports – Autumn Football (Skylarks & Swifts)

## WRAP AROUND CARE

### Staff:

Mrs Goymour – Mon (AM), Wed & Thurs (PM)  
Mrs Martin – Mon (PM), Thurs & Fri (AM)  
Mrs L Clarke – Tues & Fri (PM), Wed (AM)  
Tues AM alternate

Please book on Wisepay. For any last-minute bookings, please email [basc@banham.cee.coop](mailto:basc@banham.cee.coop).

*Please note invoices are only for those using childcare vouchers. Let the office know if you need a letter of proof.*

Breakfast Club (light breakfast included) – 7:45-8:35am, £6  
After School Club (half session) – 3:15-4:15pm, £6  
After School Club (full session, tea included) – 3:15-5:30pm, £10

