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Newsletter

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FOREST SCHOOL ETHOS



Every Friday the children have Forest School with our lovely FS leader Karina. Year groups within each class alternate half termly. They go outside whatever the weather unless unsafe and due to high winds, this afternoon, Swifts are doing yoga in the hall instead as Karina is also a certified yogist!

We do have waterproof trousers in school but please send wellies and weather appropriate clothing on the days your children are doing Forest School. Many thanks 😊





BANHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL'S

HALLOWEEN PARTY

PARTY GAMES, MUSIC, HOT DOGS AND
BEST DRESSED COMPETITION

23RD OCT 2025 4:30 - 6PM

TICKETS WILL BE SOLD FROM MONDAY 20TH OCTOBER
PRE-SALE £3.50 OR £4 ON THE NIGHT



LOOK what we're LEARNING!

Robins have been totally amazing over the past couple of weeks. We have got to grips with phonics and now know lots of sounds and letters. We have even begun writing CVC words. In maths this week we have been looking at size, mass and capacity and have had lots of fun discovery what fits where especially in the water tray! In Art with have been concentrating on observational pencil drawings including still life and our own faces. Julie has come back this year to teach us Sign-a-long again and we have learnt how to sign our names and all the colours, we are getting ready to perform a colour song in assembly.

Wrens been working hard! The Year 1s have been settling in well to the new rhythms, routines and expectations of the classroom and the Year 2s have been great role models. We have been enjoying our Wombat Goes Walkabout book and we have written some great sentences based on the story. In Maths, we have been focussing on numbers to 20 and 2D and 3D shape. We have really enjoyed our art unit about 3D sculpture too! This week, we are working on a giant spider made from newspaper! You can see our other great paper sculptures in our classroom and on the corridor wall outside Skylarks/Robins. We have been finding out about materials in science and the seven continents in geography. You should ask us to sing you our 'continents' song when you see us! We are continuing to develop our PE and computing skills and the Year 2s have been having a lovely time at Forest School. Well done Wrens!



This half term Skylarks are studying the prehistoric art created by people in the Stone Age. They have experimented initially with simple pencil sketching of animals indigenous to the UK and then developed these into charcoal drawings. This week, we create a colour palette using only natural materials. We collected natural items from the school grounds and used them to mark-make in our sketch books. The children's images experiments were fantastic! In Science we are mid way through our topic "Animals including humans". This week we are looking at how to care for your teeth and setting up an investigation to see which drink affects our teeth. White shelled eggs will act as teeth and we will be submerging them in 6 different drinks. Next week, Mrs Travis will be helping the children to observe the changes in the egg shells and seeing if brushing the eggs with toothpaste will remove any of the adverse effects. In English it has been Independent Write week! The children's hard work over the past few weeks has led them to their final newspaper report about that mysterious creature that was washed up on our fictional beach. Skylarks have made a wonderful start to their independent report and will have the opportunity to extend and improve it on Monday.

Swifts have well and truly settled into the fast-paced lifestyle of Year 5 and 6! We have now finished our first independent write based on our VIPERS book: The Nowhere Emporium. We have also been able to learn about persuasive adverts and created our own for The Nowhere Emporium focussing on our layouts to ensure they are effective. In Maths, we have been practising our addition and subtraction skills and even learnt some mental strategies to help us out with these! Across our Science learning this term, we have investigated changes in materials and tested whether changes are reversible or irreversible, we have looked at chemical reactions and rusting.



Diary Dates

- 6th October – Plan Bee for parents 10:00am-12:00pm
- 13th October – Plan Bee for parents 10:00am-12:00pm
- 14th October – 2026 Reception open afternoon 1:30-2:30pm
- 14th October – 2026 Reception open evening 1:00-6:00pm
- 16th October – 2026 Reception open morning 10:00-11:00am
- 20th October – Plan Bee for parents 10:00am-12:00pm
- 24th October – Halloween Party 4:30-6:00pm
- 27th-31st October – Half Term
- 6th December – Banham School Christmas Fate
- 9th December – Annual School Christmas Carols 5:30pm TBC
- 10th December – Rock Steady Concert, *parents are invited to watch their children who are signed up for Rock Steady*
- 22nd December-5th January – Christmas Holidays



For the children who attend choir on Tuesdays after school with Delcine... She has organised the following events for them to perform, she will share further details in due course...

- Saturday 6th December – Retirement Home in Diss @ 3:00pm
- Friday 12th December - St Mary's Church, Diss @ 7:00pm

