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BARNCROFT WEEKLY BUZZ

Mrs Petipher will be absent during Spring Term 2 as she is due to undergo an operation. We wish her a smooth procedure and a full recovery.

During her absence, **Mrs Chambers** will be stepping into the role of Acting Headteacher.

We hope you have a great half-term break, and we will see you for Spring Term 2 on Monday 23rd February.

Library After-School Opening

The school library is reopening after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays after half term until 3:30pm. All pupils with their parent/carers are warmly welcome. It's a lovely chance to chat with our librarian, swap your books, or simply unwind after the school day with a story.



WORLD BOOK DAY
5 MARCH 2026

Bancroft Primary School are celebrating...

World Book Day!

THURSDAY 5TH MARCH 2026

Children can come to school dressed in pyjamas or their favourite book character.





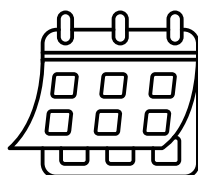
Attendance Matters!



Friendly Reminder No Term-Time Holidays, Please!

We kindly ask families **not** to book holidays during term time. Even a few missed days can make it harder for your children to keep up.

Before planning any trips, please check the calendar below to make sure dates fall within the official holiday periods.



Thank you for helping your child make the most of every school day. Your support really does make a difference!

ATTENDANCE

WHAT THE NEW RULES MEAN FOR ME

1 I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week.

Your holiday will not be authorised and you must talk to the school before you book anything. Because your child will miss 5 school days you will be given a penalty notice fine. The fine is £160 but if you pay it in 21 days it will be reduced to £80.

£160



2 FOR EVERY CHILD A PENALTY IS GIVEN.

+£160 +£160 +£160 +£160
4 children & 1 parent = £640
Reduced to £320 if paid in 21 days



IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE
10 IN 10

If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised. The school will consider prosecution.

1 Day = **2** Sessions

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3 FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS

+£160 +£160 +£160 +£160
4 children & 2 parents = **£1280**
Reduced to £640 if paid in 21 days



If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence or pattern of irregular attendance...

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2ND TIME

2 parents and 1 child = £320
2 children = 640
3 children = 960
4 children = 1280
No discount for early payment



3RD TIME

A penalty notice fine will not be given. Instead, your case will be taken to court. A magistrate can fine each parent £2500 for each child
1 parent & 4 children = £10,000
2 parents & 4 children = £20,000



Attendance Streak Celebration



During the first week back after half term, we will be celebrating the fantastic attendance many pupils have achieved over the past six weeks. Children with six full weeks of 100% attendance will be able to choose two prizes from our prize box, and those who have achieved five full weeks will be able to select one prize.

We will also be entering all children who have maintained 100% attendance since September into a special prize draw. Two pupils will be randomly selected to receive an extra prize, kindly donated to the school.

A huge well done to all our children for their continued effort in attending school every day. We are incredibly proud of them and look forward to celebrating even more attendance achievements throughout the year.



Early Years Backpacks Request



If any families have toddler backpacks with reins that they no longer need, Early Years would be very grateful for them.

These are really useful for school trips, and any spares would be much appreciated. Thank you for your support.

UPCOMING DATES

February

23rd - Start of Spring Term 2

25th to 27th - Year 4 Residential to Runways End

March

2nd - Rowan Class Fishbourne Roman Palace

3rd - Whole School Parents Evening

4th - Whole School Parents Evening

4th - Aspen Class Fishbourne Roman Palace

5th - World Book Day

6th - Sycamore Class Assembly 2:50pm

