Bacton Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 1st October 2025

AUTUMN TERM 1
Dates for the Diary

- 13th October Harvest Celebration
- 20th October EYFS Cafe @ 2:30pm
- 24th October Non-school uniform PTFA fundraiser
- Friday 24th October - Sunday 2nd November Half Term



A message from Head of School

A warm welcome to everyone here at Bacton Primary School: it has been lovely to meet our new families and to see the children settle into the new school year so well. The school is full of positive energy, with the children fully embracing the new topics, and thriving in their learning.

This year we are focusing on our Core Connections: advocacy, wellbeing, citizenship, creativity, collaboration and independence. These values are seen in all that we do, whether it be supporting a friend in need, working effectively with others or taking ownership of their learning and we will be awarding certificates each week to reflect amazing examples of these being embodied in what our children do on a day to day basis.



This year, our first topic has taken the children outdoors to explore nature. The children have fully embraced all the learning: asking questions, investigating, working together and sharing ideas. I am sure you have heard lots about what has been happening in class! We will have further opportunities for you to see the work the children have completed later in the term.

Thank you, as always, for your encouragement and support. Our first family event - Macmillan Story Cafe - was a real success with so many families joining us in school for cake a story workshop and we look forward to welcoming you into school for our future events.





STARFISH PRESCHOOL

Starfish have had a super return to class after the Summer Holidays.

Welcoming back old and new faces, they have quickly settled back into the routine of the setting.

It was a wet start to this term but that didn't stop the children! Putting on their wellies and wet suits, the children explored the puddles the rain had made and had lots of fun splashing around. We talked about why we need rain and how it helps the plants grow.



Inside the classroom, the children have been showing their creativity by decorating Starfish to put up in the classroom. They worked together to finger paint, collage and colour the Starfish pictures.

Starfish have also created their self portraits. Using mirrors, the children drew their faces and coloured in their hair and eyes. The self portraits are now proudly displayed on our wall for everyone to see!



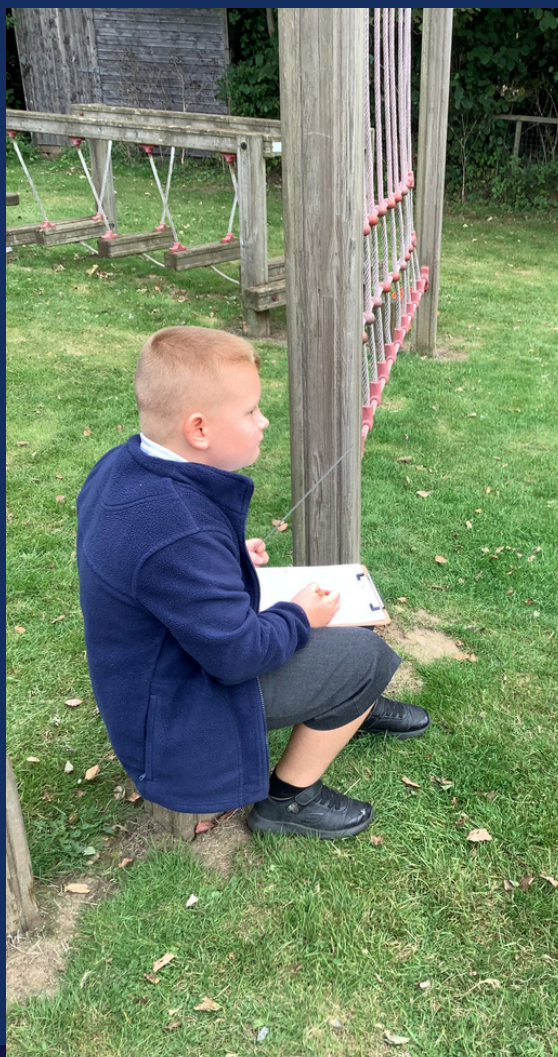
RECEPTION, Y 1 & Y 2

SEAHORSES

Seahorses have had a wonderful start to the year, enjoying their first topic by exploring the outdoors and taking time to notice the small details in the world around them. They have embraced opportunities to sketch what they see, carefully observing nature and capturing their ideas on paper.

Across English and their project learning, the children have been developing their journalling skills, using words and pictures to record their discoveries and thoughts. In maths, Reception have been busy matching and comparing groups, building a strong understanding of early number concepts, while KS1 have been extending their knowledge of numbers by exploring how groups can be split into parts.





Y3 & Y4

STINGRAYS

The Stingrays have had a wonderful, nature-filled start to the term with our first topic, Nature Noticed. Over the past few weeks, we have been exploring the natural world around our school and noticing the many details it has to offer. In English, we have been busy writing nature journals, focusing on trees. The children have carefully observed their shapes, textures, bark, leaves, and seeds, and then used their findings to create thoughtful pieces of writing. In our topic lessons, the class have enjoyed a wide range of creative activities, including detailed nature drawings and experimenting with clay.





These hands-on experiences have helped us look more closely at the beauty of the outdoors. In maths, we have been working on addition, learning how to use the column method to solve calculations with increasing confidence. It has been a fantastic start to the year, and we look forward to seeing where our learning journey takes us next!



Y5 & Y6

SHARKS



It has been a wonderful first few weeks back in Sharks! Everyone has settled back in amazingly. In English the children focused on creating their own nature journals on a tree of their choosing. The journals included a drawn picture of their tree, labels and information about the different parts. In maths there has been a focus on decimals to thousandths and adding and subtracting money.



In topic the children have thoroughly enjoyed their work on 'Nature Noticed'. Everyone has spent time observing different aspects of nature and thinking about why nature is so important to us.



Well Done!

At Bacton Primary School, we take great pride in recognising and celebrating positive behaviour, kindness, and a commitment to our core connections. Throughout the term, children who have been positive role models, made excellent progress in their learning, shown compassion, or contributed positively to our school community are celebrated in a variety of ways. Each week, pupils are recognised in our celebration assemblies, where we highlight their achievements in front of the whole school.

Additionally, pupils can earn house points for good ideas, kind actions, and positive contributions to class and school life. These moments of recognition help build confidence, promote our school values, and ensure every child has the opportunity to shine.

Well done to Freya, James and Carly for receiving certificates during our Nature Noticed topic.

During the first week of term, the children had the exciting opportunity to take part in our School Council elections. Pupils who wanted to be considered for a place on the School Council were invited to give a short speech to the school, explaining why they would be a good representative.

After listening carefully, everyone took part in a vote to choose who they wanted to represent their voice in school. Well done to everyone who gave a speech and took part so thoughtfully - we're very proud of you all!

Congratulations to our new School Council members!



Additionally, this year we also we have House Captains who will support events throughout the school year - Congratulations to the Year 5/6s who take on this role!

TOGETHER WE CELEBRATE

Harvest Festival is a time to celebrate the food we eat, the changing seasons, and the many people who help bring food from the land to our tables. It reminds us to be thankful for what we have, while also thinking of those who may have less.

As Autumn has arrived, we look forward to celebrating with you in school on 13th October at 2pm.

If your family would like to contribute to our Harvest collection, please bring any non-perishable foods to the school office (jars, tins, packets) where it will be donated to our local food bank. Thank you in advance for any donations.

As part of the afternoon of celebration, we will be offering soup and rolls to our school community, as well as an opportunity for you to spend time in your child's class celebrating the work that they have completed this half term.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS GIVEN TO THE OFFICE





2PM MONDAY 13TH OCTOBER