

SEPTEMBER 2026

Welcome Back ☺

We hope that you all managed to enjoy the summer and that this newsletter finds you, your friends and families well.

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to all the new children, parents/carers and staff who have joined our school. We hope that you will be very happy here.

Dear Parents and Carers,

If you have already started writing down the dates into your diaries/calendars for this academic year, you will see that there are already some great events planned for our wider school community alongside all of the amazing experiences that we offer our children.

We believe that a strong partnership between parents/carers and school is essential for the success of our children and also embraces the whole school community aspect that we are so proud of. Your participation and support in community and fundraising events not only helps us raise much-needed funds but also fosters a sense of unity and belonging across our school.

A huge thank you to everyone who supported and joined us at our Summer Fair. It was wonderful to see so many families and members of our community coming together to enjoy the event despite the heat. Thanks to your incredible generosity, organisation and support, we raised approximately £2,000, which will make a valuable contribution towards enhancing experiences and opportunities for our children. We are extremely grateful to everyone who volunteered their time, donated items, helped behind the scenes or attended on the day. Events like these are only possible because of the commitment and enthusiasm of our school community.

We were also delighted with the outcomes from our recent parent survey, which provided very positive feedback about the experiences of children and families at our school. Of the 224 responses received, all parents who completed the survey agreed that their child is making good progress, with 97% saying they would recommend our school. We recognise that any concerns raised by parents are important and will continue to listen and respond. We are encouraged that the overwhelming majority of families expressed confidence in our school, with only 1% reporting frequent concerns about their child's safety and 1% believing their child is not making good progress. We appreciate all feedback shared, as it helps us continue to reflect, celebrate our strengths and identify areas where we can continue to improve.

We understand that your time and resources are valuable, and we truly appreciate any contribution you can make, whether it be through volunteering, donations, or simply spreading the word about our events. Your support makes a significant impact on the success of our school community, and we are grateful for your continued partnership. If you would like to discuss more about the development areas for the school taken from pupil, parent and staff surveys, we are holding our first Parent Forum on Wednesday 16th September @ MW 5–6pm. Please email the school office if you are interested in joining us.

The forum is not open to children; however, if you need support with childcare for this meeting, please let us know and we will contact you if we are able to provide support.

Growing
Together,
Learning For Life

Value of the Month:
RESPECT

Follow the three R's: – Respect
for self. – Respect for others. –
Responsibility for all your actions.

HOUSE TEAMS

Alizarin - Red
Emerald - Green
Indigo - Purple
Ochre – Yellow

(Rec-Yr6) Each child is placed in a House Team. They will be awarded House Points that accumulate throughout the year and will be shared with the children in the Friday Achievement Assemblies.

Congratulations

**Indigo– Indigo Cup
Winners!**

**Alizarin – House Cup
Winners!**

Amazing Team Work ☺

School Development Plan

This year, our school is focused on three key priorities: High Quality Teaching, Ambitious Curriculum, and Belonging, Community and Transitions. As the school year progresses, we will share more information about each of these areas.

Families with English as an Additional Language

We have the translate facility on our website but if you know of anyone that needs support understanding the information shared from school and you are able to help them, please do so.

We hold a list of parent and staff translators if you are able to support the school community by offering your services as a volunteer.

Chair of Local Academy Committee - Annual Report 2025- 2026

It has been another exciting year at Bannockburn Primary School and we were delighted to welcome a number of children from Gallions Mount following its closure. We are pleased that the children settled in quite quickly and are enjoying life at Bannockburn.

As a school we continue to maintain the high standards expected by Ofsted and the Local Academy Committee remains strong. The ACM's are supported by the Trustees from PolyMAT. Staff and children alike, work hard together to maintain a strong safe school. A recent pupil survey reported that children felt safe and happy at school and that their suggestions and concerns were heard and acted upon.

The school journey to Center Parcs was another resounding success with all 47 children taking part in a variety of activities including swimming, cycling, tree trekking and climbing. The holiday gives the children the opportunity to add to their social and independence skills by cooking and eating together, keeping their rooms tidy and generally learning to live with other people.

The school community continue to develop their understanding of mental health and wellbeing, through children's workshops, staff and governor training, and parent coffee mornings. This subject is now an inclusive part of the curriculum. SATs week went smoothly with children enjoying a good breakfast before the day starts and teachers ensuring a stress free environment for the exams.

I am pleased to report that that we continue to offer an extensive range of sports to our children, working closely with the Greenwich Schools Partnership and regularly entering teams in local competitions including Cricket, Football and BMX racing.

The daily mile & mini chef are established activities promoting health and wellbeing not only to our children but families too. All of our children are encouraged to be as active and healthy as possible. At the High Street site, with the help of our dedicated staff and enthusiastic children we have continued to maintain our superb flower and vegetable garden and have once again achieved the London Children's Flower Society Gold award.

Our Community Fun Run continues to be a popular event with fun runners and more serious runners taking part in the 5k and 10k events. This year over 200 children and their families entered into the 2k fun run and we proudly raised close to £1,000 for Cancer Research UK.

Vision for 2026/2027

The ACM's will continue to work in partnership with Mrs Ford, the staff and our colleagues in the PolyMAT community to set out the strategic direction for the next academic year and continue to build on all the wonderful opportunities the school has provided for children and families this year. We look forward to working in partnership with all stakeholders in the school for what promises to be another successful year!

Kind regards

School Uniform

The start of the year is a good time to remind children and parents/carers of the correct uniform that should be worn to school. We have spare uniform for anyone in need of items.

Boys/Girls:

- Grey skirt, pinafore or shorts/trousers.
- Royal blue polo shirt & jumper
- Yr6 white shirt and tie
- Grey, orange, black/white socks or tights
- Black shoes/trainers (not boots)
- Open toe or sling-back style shoes are not allowed

P.E. All children should have:

- **Black** shorts and jog suit trousers
- **A House Team colour** T shirt
- Plimsolls/trainers (**black**)

PE Kits: Please check the school website for your child's PE day. Please make sure that children are appropriately dressed for outdoor/indoor PE and follow the uniform policy above.

*Hair ties, bows, head scarves, beads, weaves and extensions should be in school colours of royal blue, brown, black, grey, orange or white. **No jewellery.***

Pupil Benefits and Free School Meals

Please ask the office staff how you can apply for Free School Meals, discounted school trips, free school uniform and free/discounted after school clubs.

YEAR 6 CHILDREN

Please complete the applications online for secondary schools by 31st October. If you would like help with this, please ask in the school office.

Please note that local authorities and some schools with their own admissions may have their own deadline.