

FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2026

NEWSLETTER

Bignold Primary School and Nursery

HEADTEACHER'S HIGHLIGHTS

Dear families,

I am delighted to share that Bignold Primary School and Nursery has become the first school in the country to receive the newly relaunched Good Diabetes Care in School Award from Diabetes UK. This recognises the exceptional care, flexibility and commitment shown by our staff in ensuring children with Type 1 diabetes are fully included in every aspect of school life. We are incredibly proud of this achievement.

A reminder that Bignold is a mobile phone-free school site. We ask all parents and visitors not to use mobile phones on school grounds and staff may ask you to put phones away. This supports safeguarding, improves safety at busy times, and helps create a more welcoming environment. Most importantly, our children tell us that they value being greeted with a smile, eye contact and conversation. Those few moments of connection at the start and end of the day make a real difference.

Finally, please continue to park considerately around the school.

Parking enforcement officers have issued a number of tickets this week, but our main concern is the safety of our children and families. Blocking pavements, crossings and access points can force pedestrians, pushchair users and wheelchair users into the road. Please help us to be respectful neighbours and keep our community safe by parking responsibly.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kate Harris
Headteacher



HOUSE POINTS

Kindness - 475 pts.

Tolerance - 498 pts.

Respect - 541 pts.

Resilience - 537 pts.

DIARY DATES

THE OFFICE TEAM

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The office team are pleased to share the important dates and upcoming events for the term. We hope this helps families stay informed and feel connected to all the wonderful things happening in school.

September

- 17th Notre Dame Open Evening Year 6
- 21st Jane Austen College Open evening year 6
- 23rd 9am Reception reading meeting
- 24th Hewett Academy open evening year 6

October

- 1st CNS open evening year 6
- 6th Bignold Run
- 15th Autism Anglia 9am - 10:30am
- 22nd Reception open day event 9am - 10am
- 26th Half term!

Office Messages

Free School Meals

The eligibility criteria for Free School Meals have recently changed. Checking whether your child qualifies is quick and easy. You can either visit the school office to request a paper application form or apply online by clicking the link below.

[Apply for Free School Meals](#)

If you think you may be eligible, we encourage you to apply, as this can also help provide additional funding for the school.

 As part of our Harvest Festival celebrations, we are inviting families to support our local foodbank by donating tins and other non-perishable food items. Donations can be brought to the school office between 21 September and 16 October. Every donation, however small, will make a meaningful difference to individuals and families in our local community who are facing hardship. 

VALUE AWARDS



Kindness

Always offering to help teachers



Respect

Mim - Always being on task and just a fab member of hedgehogs

Kyle - Always being polite and respectful to adults.

Chibuzo - Always reading and listening and having wonderful manners.

Franek - Always being ready to listen and learn.

Ariaa - An absolutely wonderful wonderful start to year 2!



Resilience

Suliman - working so hard on his number formation.

Testimony - Being ready at the beginning of lessons and staying focused in writing lessons

Butterflies Class - Completing their first full week!



Tolerance

Byron - Trying his best during phonics

Karem - Working hard and being independent



Resilience

*Together, we grow and thrive
as one school family*



HARVEST FESTIVAL

LET'S SHARE, BE KIND,
AND HELP THOSE IN NEED 

WE ARE COLLECTING

TINS!



Norwich

Foodbank

Together with Trussell

TIN
TOTALISER



TIN TARGET:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT! 



Introducing... Bignold Friends and Family

The BFF (Bignold Friends & Families) is our Parent Teacher Association (PTA). We are a group of parents, carers, and staff working together to support the school, raise funds, and build a strong, welcoming community spirit. Beyond fundraising, our goal is to make Bignold a place our children enjoy and feel proud to belong to.

Last year we raised over £8,000, which went straight back into the school. These funds helped us to:

- Build a new nature area on the field through our Bignold Goes Wild project.
- Fund school trips, a reading nook, and sessions with the Norfolk Music Hub.
- Bring alpacas to visit the school fete.
- Run a nature-based after-school club.
- Host events like the Big Colour Run, Big Chill Fest, Big Fest, school discos, and bake sales.
- Enter the Lord Mayor's Parade, where we won the Festival Spirit Award.

WHY TAKE PART?

- **Be involved:** Research shows that children do better when parents take an active interest in their school life.
- **Fund key projects:** The money we raise directly provides resources, trips, and equipment that the school budget cannot always cover.
- **Build community:** We organize activities that bring families and staff together, strengthening relationships across the whole school.
- **Use your skills:** Whether you want to join the committee, help organise events, or share a specific skill, your time will make a difference.
- **Meet other parents:** It is a practical way to connect with other families and learn more about how the school runs.

HOW YOU CAN HELP...

- **Volunteer:** Volunteering is the most direct way you can support the school. Put simply, **our events cannot run without help from parents**. Whether you can assist behind the scenes beforehand or give an hour of your time on the day, every volunteer makes a massive difference. If you have specific skills in areas like graphic design, accounting, social media, or event planning, we would love to hear from you.
- **Donate:** If you do not have time to volunteer, you can support us by donating funds, raffle prizes, or baked goods.
- **Spread the word:** Tell other parents about our events, or help us find local business sponsors.
- **Participate:** Buy tickets to events, purchase bake sale items, or sponsor a participant.
- **Come to meetings:** Attending meetings keeps you up to date, helps shape our plans, and shows your support for the school community.

UPCOMING DATES

- **Planning Meeting — 23rd September** (9:00 AM in the Dining Hall): Join us to help plan our events and community projects for the year ahead.
- **Harvest Festival — 2nd October** - Details to follow
- **Annual General Meeting (AGM) — 14th October** (9:00 AM in the Dining Hall): We will share reports from last year, elect the new committee, and agree on our main goals for the year.
- **Halloween Disco (Reception – Year 3) — 21st October** - Details to follow

Meetings are open to everyone. Coming along does not commit you to anything ongoing. If you are interested in taking on a committee role, please contact us using the details below prior to the AGM

 Facebook: [Bignold Friends and Family /Bignold Friends and Family Group](https://www.facebook.com/BignoldFriendsandFamilyGroup)

 Instagram: [bignoldfriendsandfamily](https://www.instagram.com/bignoldfriendsandfamily)

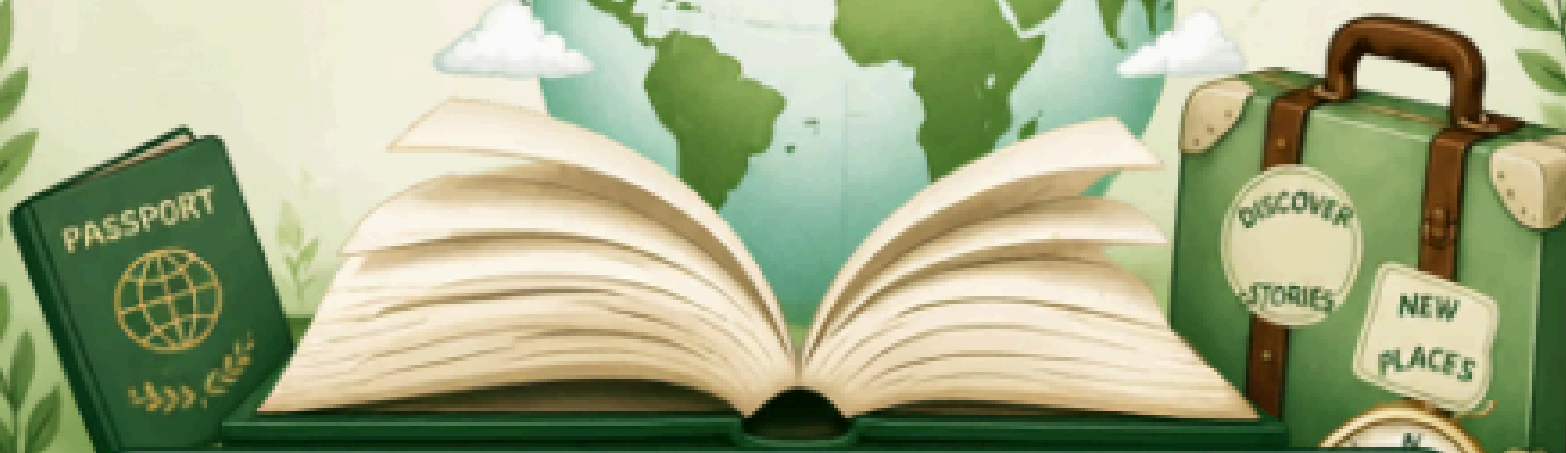
 Volunteering WhatsApp group: [BFF Volunteers](#)

 Email: bignoldfriendsandfamily@gmail.com

★ We are Reading Round the World at Bignold ★

The children have chosen where in the world they would like to travel and are working towards a prize when they arrive at their destination.

The more they read at home, or have stories read to them, the further their class plane will travel.



**Reading Record
Checked**

Each week, the reading records will be checked and stamped, so please make sure that all reading is documented. ★