

FRIDAY 2ND OCTOBER 2026

NEWSLETTER

Bignold Primary School and Nursery

HEADTEACHER'S HIGHLIGHTS

As we move into October, I have been reflecting on what a positive and enriching first month we have enjoyed at Bignold. It has been a wonderful start to the new academic year, with children already enjoying a wide range of enrichment opportunities both in and beyond the classroom. Assemblies have celebrated our school values, significant places in our community and county, British values, International Day of Peace, European Languages Week and the NSPCC Speak Out programme. We have also enjoyed music performances and our active Monday and Friday morning field sessions, helping children start the day positively.

We are incredibly proud to have been recognised through both the Young Carers Award and Diabetes Care Award, reflecting our commitment to inclusion and pupil wellbeing. We have also warmly welcomed new families and staff, who have quickly become valued members of our Bignold community.

As we continue our Harvest collection, we also look ahead to a month of learning and celebration. October marks Black History Month, providing an important opportunity to recognise and celebrate the achievements, contributions and experiences of Black individuals. At Bignold, equality, diversity and inclusion are embedded throughout our curriculum and enrichment offer all year round, alongside opportunities for children to learn about the many cultures, faiths and festivals represented within our wonderfully diverse school community.

A huge thank you to our Bignold Friends and Families (BFF) team for organising and supporting today's Harvest activities. Your time, energy and commitment help create memorable experiences for our children and strengthen our wonderful school community.

Wishing all of our families a restful and enjoyable weekend



HOUSE POINTS

Kindness - 513 pts.

Tolerance - 493 pts.

Respect - 452 pts.

Resilience - 437 pts.

Kate Harris
Headteacher

DIARY DATES

THE OFFICE TEAM

LUCY MEDHURST, KATE EWART

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.

October

- 2nd Big Harvest 🍁
- 6th Bignold Run
- 7th Meet the teachers
- 9th School Photos 📷
- 15th Autism Anglia 9am - 10:30am
- 19th Parents evening
- 21st Parents evening
- 22nd Reception open day event 9am - 10am
- **23rd Inset day - School Closed**
- 26th Half term!

November

- 2nd Back to school
- 5th Flu Vaccinations
- 16th Road Safety Week

Office Messages

📷 School Photos 📷

Friday 9th October we are having our school photos, the school gate will be open from 8am for sibling photos.

Please can all children come to school in their school uniform

🍁🍁 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. 🍁🍁

★ 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. ★

VALUE AWARDS



Kindness

Luna - Being a very helpful member of class
Zara - Being exceptionally helpful and thoughtful



Respect

Alfi - Always following our Bignold school rules!
Zayyan - Always putting in effort to help people



Resilience

Valentina - Working hard and not giving up.
Muhammed - Trying incredibly hard with learning
Shanvi - Only been at Bignold for a short while but has shown a real keenness to learn. Keep it up!
Reehan - Trying his best to make great choices.
Jerry - Pushing himself to always do his best.
Remi - Showing determination in completing assessments.

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



Bread and Roses Community Cafe

Calling all young artists in Norwich!

Children who attend school or who are home schooled within the Norwich City Council boundary are invited to take part in this year's Mayors for Peace Children's Art Competition.

The theme is 'What peace means to me' and there are two age categories:

 **Ages 6–10**

 **Ages 11–15**

This is a chance for young people to share their creativity and their ideas about peace as part of an international competition involving thousands of cities around the world.



Entries close at 5pm on Monday 5th of October.

Find out more about the competition and entry requirements

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1GO8yKOA9Aj-ZNejo1Wwxy7aWNqbq4LRxlsAre5Z4GwE/edit?usp=sharing>

Making Sense of **SEND**

**In person, free, friendly information
and support about SEND for
families and professionals.**



**Saturday 3 October 2026,
11.30am-1.30pm at
Hellesdon Community Centre, NR6 5SR**

**Are you looking for support for your child
/young person with SEND and your family?**

- Listen to an expert-led talk
- A chance to give feedback and be heard by the Education Health Care Plan (EHCP) team or SEND advisor. Bookable on the day.
- Speak directly with more than 20 services and get personalised, face-to-face advice all in one place.

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