



## Autumn Term Bulletin

September 2026

**Class: Silbury Teacher: Miss Gay**

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back to the start of the new school year! It is a pleasure to be teaching your child this year, and we are very much looking forward to getting to know them and supporting them throughout the year. In this bulletin you will find key information about the organisation of the term, as well as what your child will be learning this term. We look forward to working closely alongside you to support your child's learning, development and enjoyment of school throughout the year.

**School timings:** children should arrive at school ready to start their learning at 8.45am, (doors will be open from 8.40am and close at 8.50am) with children being dropped off onto the playground, where they will then be let in by a member of staff, through the door at the top of the steps. The end of the school day will be 3.15pm, where they will be collected from the playground.

**PE** will be on a Friday afternoon. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing suitable PE kit, this should be coloured house t-shirts, black shorts or joggers, PE hoodies and trainers.

**Outdoor Learning** will be Term 3.

**Homework** – The homework expectation throughout the school will be that all children are reading at least 5 reads a week. This needs to be logged via Boomreader (Log ins will be sent home Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September). On top of this, spellings/letter formations will be sent home every Friday and due back every Wednesday starting on the 11<sup>th</sup> September.

**Personal Development Awards** – We love celebrating the children's successes and personal achievements! Whether your child has achieved a swimming certificate, taken part in a Scouts or Brownies activity, completed a reading challenge, received an art award, achieved a sporting milestone, or learnt a new skill, we would love to hear about it. Please feel free to bring certificates, medals or awards into school, or send me a photograph via ClassDojo, so that we can celebrate and recognise all of your child's achievements together as a class. We are incredibly proud of their hard work, effort and personal development! These awards will also be recognised in Friday Celebration Worship.

**Medication** - Please ensure all inhalers are in school and that they are within their expiration date. A medication form will also need to be completed. If your child has glasses, please can you let me know and also when they need to be wearing them. Any

other medicines that they need to take both regularly or for a particular condition, please take to the office and complete a medication form.

**Contact** – If you need to speak to me, you can send a direct message on Class Dojo, email the office to arrange an appointment or speak to me after school. On our Class Dojo page, we celebrate pupil success and share updates. Pupils have their own avatars they can edit once you log in. Parents, pupils and staff can all connect through this secure platform. Please keep an eye on your email from ‘St Barnabas Primary School’ for all your updates.

Thank you for taking the time to read through our class bulletin. We are very much looking forward to the year ahead and all the exciting learning and experiences it will bring. It is a real pleasure to be the Silbury Class Teacher, and I am excited to get to know each child and support them as they grow, learn and flourish throughout the year. I look forward to working closely with you and creating a happy, positive and successful year for everyone in Silbury Class. Here’s to a wonderful year ahead!

Best Wishes,

**Phoebe Gay**

Core Subjects

Focused Writing Genres:

Poetry: Pattern and Rhyme

Setting Descriptions

Instructional Writing

Stories with familiar settings

Poetry: Playing with language

Reading Text:

*My Little Brother Loves Dinosaurs*

*Seasons*

*Season Senses*

*The Gruffalo*

*We're Going on a Bear Hunt*

Maths

Place value, addition and subtraction and shape

RE

Christianity and Judaism

Science

Animals including humans, Living things and their habitats

Foundation Subjects

*Geography: Continents and Oceans/Countries and Capital Cities of the United Kingdom*

*History: How have I grown and changed in my life?*

*PSHE: Me and my relationships*

*Computing: Select, use and combine a variety of software (including internet services).*

*Art: Drawing, drawing tools, such as charcoal, pencil, chalk and pastel.*

*DT: Mechanisms*

*Music: My Musical Heartbeat*

*Dance, Sing, Play!*

*PE: Learning through play*

### How you can help your child at home!

Practise letter formation - Encourage your child to practise forming their letters correctly and neatly. Little and often is best!

Read every day - Sharing a book together, listening to your child read, or talking about stories all help to develop their reading skills and vocabulary.

Practise sounds and tricky words - Spend a few minutes practising phonics sounds and words your child is learning in school.

Write for a purpose - Encourage your child to write simple instructions when baking, making a model or completing a craft. For example, "First, mix the flour."

Praise effort and progress - Please celebrate your child's effort, perseverance and achievements. Building their confidence and enjoyment of learning is incredibly important.