Frank Barnes
School for Deaf Children

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Summer term – April - May 2026



The summer term has been off to a great start with a very busy first half term! Hard to believe we've nearly reached the end of another successful academic year!

Class news

Bowling class (Nursery/Reception)



Bowling Class has been reading about Handa's Surprise. The children painted colourful **fruits and animals** from the story, shared their favourite fruits, and learned the names of different fruits and animals. They also did a fruit survey to find out who likes which fruits and then recorded their results.

Athletics class (Key Stage 1)



Athletics class visited the Cartoon Museum as part of their learning about **superheroes**. The pupils were amazed by the variety of drawings which inspired them to create their own comics.

Swimming class (Key Stage 1/2 SEN)



This term, our class has been focusing on the topic **Growing Plants** and **Animals**. We learned about the life cycles of plants and butterflies by planting our own 'Beanstalk' plants and observing our caterpillars transform into butterflies. We also enjoyed an exciting visit from Wild Science, which delivered an animal workshop and brought a variety of animals, including a Giant African Snail, a scorpion and a snake. The children were incredibly brave and showed great curiosity while handling the animals!

Basketball class (Lower Key Stage 2)

This half term, Basketball class learnt about **natural disasters** across different subjects and discovered how they affect people, countries, and places around the world. During their exciting trip to the Natural History Museum, they explored volcanoes and earthquakes, became "junior scientists" in a fun interactive workshop, and proudly received certificates for their fantastic participation.



Taekwondo class (Upper Key Stage 2)

Our children are learning about I Have a Dream, inspired by **Martin Luther King Jr**., and have been exploring a variety of Black role models. They have been super busy creating their own short speeches for an audience during literacy lessons. In DT lessons, they have also designed and created their own freedom quilts using a variety of patchwork and sewing techniques. We are very much looking forward to seeing their finished work by the end of the term.



Key Stage 2 SATS

We are very proud of our two Year 6 pupils, Tanzia and Freya, who have been working incredibly hard this year to prepare for the SATs in English and Maths. Well done to both girls for completing all the SATs papers and for their dedication and excellent effort!

Sports and PE



This term, Bowling, Swimming and Athletics classes have been practicing multi-sports / athletics skills such as running, jumping, dribbling, throwing and catching in their PE lessons, while Key Stage 2 children have enjoyed Kayaking lessons in the local canal and have enjoyed developing their skills. In the last lesson some children celebrated the end of 6 weeks of kayaking lessons by jumping into the canal (with permission of course!)



Next half term we have a Camden coach doing football coaching with the EYFS and deaf coach Rajeev is back to deliver football coaching to Key Stages 1 and 2.

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National BSL Day



We celebrated the annual National BSL Day on Tuesday 28th April in honour of the BSL Act that was passed in 2022. Key Stage 1 and 2 pupils took part in a Youth BSL Poet Laureate competition at the St John's Deaf Club in Manor House. Some children recited their poems solo and some in pairs.



Congratulations to **Lily** and **Christian** for winning the Youth BSL Poet Laureate trophy this year for their poem "ADHD Proud!"

Deaf Awareness Week



Taekwondo class delivered a fantastic Deaf Awareness assembly to our partner school Kings Cross Academy. Standing in front of so many children, they did very well each taking turns to ask the children some facts about Deaf people, and then shared some useful communication tips.

London Children's Ballet



On Wednesday 20th May the children enjoyed watching a ballet performance by the London Children's Ballet. The dancers also taught some ballet moves and answered questions about the ballet and their costumes.



School attendance



Our current whole school attendance remains at **92%** this year to date, so we are still on target! Keep up the good attendance! Please remember any **requests for holiday leave during term time will <u>not</u> be authorised**.

Parent governor elections



Thank you to the parents who have nominated themselves to stand for the parent governor vacancy. We will hold an election after the half term for you to decide who will fill the vacancy

Arbor Parent Portal / app



At Frank Barnes we use Arbor as our Management Information System (MIS). We will be turning on the Parent Portal and Parent App, and we have set up an account for you.

Step 1. You will receive an email from We will be sending you an email outlining next steps. To finish creating your account you just need to set a password. Your username is the email address that the email is sent to.

Go to https://login.arbor.sc and click **Forgot your password?** to finish setting up your account.
If you have any queries please contact Michele Gordon, Assistant Business Manager, at admissions@fbarnes.camden.sch.uk
The Parent App can be downloaded from either the Playstore on android phones or the Apple Store on iPhones.

Useful links

Logging into the Parent Portal & Parent App
https://support.arbor-education.com/hc/en-us/articles/360020147458-Logging-In-to-the-Parent-Portal-Parent-App#h_01HG8E8G6D2KKRKT5M6C1X1675

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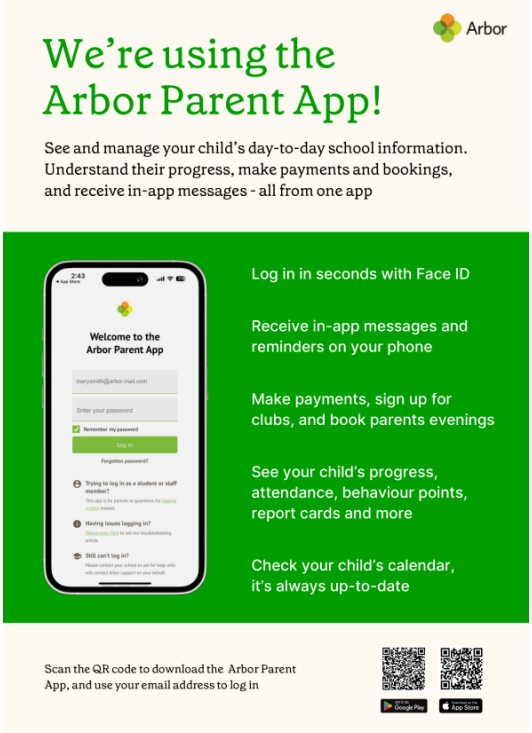
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- Logging in with an Existing Account
- Forgot Your Password
- Logging in on the Parent App
- Logging in for the first time
- Returning to log in again
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- Logging out From the Parent App
- Closing the Parent App
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Diary dates for Summer Term:

Thursday 25th June:
KS1/2 School sleepover
Tuesday 30th June:
Winning House Trip
Wednesday 1st July:
Sports Day
Monday 6th-10th July:
Deaf Festival Week and Gala
Wednesday 8th July:
History of FBS evening
Monday 13th July:
Transition Morning (new classes)
Wednesday 15th July:
Whole School Trip
Friday 17th July, 1.00pm:
Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Last day of term **(finish 2.30pm)**

Have a relaxing holiday!



School re-opens for the 2nd half of the Summer Term on

Monday 1st June 2026



Don't forget the Remark! playschemes in North and South London are on this half term – please see Lisa's message on Seesaw for details.



