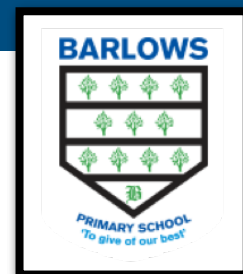


Barlows Primary School Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our Spring Term What's On Newsletter. The newsletters offer an opportunity to keep you up to date on the range of opportunities on offer. This term's newsletter contains a range of in school and after school events and opportunities for pupils.

There may be events added to the calendar as these become available. Parents and carers will be kept up to date via ParentMail.

We have now started publishing the school term dates 2 years in advance to assist with families booking holidays.

You will find the term dates for 2023-2024 (this academic year), 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 on the school website using the link below:

<https://barlowsprimary.co.uk/parents/dates/>

We hope you will be able to join us at many of the sessions for Parents and Carers in the upcoming months.

Yours sincerely
Ms. S. Feenan
Headteacher

Spring Term Dates

Pupils will be welcomed back to school after the Christmas break on 08/01/24.

The Spring Term dates are as follows:

Spring 1 Term:
08/01/24 - 09/02/24

Half Term
12/02/24 - 16/02/24

Spring 2 Term:
19/02/24 - 28/03/24

Please note, school finishes for the Easter break on a Thursday - Thursday 28/03/24 (Friday 29/03/24 is a Bank Holiday)



Special thank you to Brack Construction

We would like to say a special thank you to Brack Construction for their charitable donation of selection boxes for our pupils at the end of the Autumn Term.

In true Barlows style, there was a huge cheer when the children received the news of their selection boxes.

The school council wrote to Brack Construction and made a special card to say thank you for their donation.



Spring 2023-2024

Children's University

Children's University Clubs

Children's University Clubs will begin week commencing 15/01/24 and will run until the end of this half term (Friday 09/02/24).



As part of our Children's University, we are offering a range of extra-curricular school activities. These are delivered by our School staff, who kindly give up their time to provide extra opportunities for the pupils to extend their knowledge and experiences.

Places for each activity are limited and therefore it is important that you inform us if your child no longer wishes to access the place they have been offered. This is to ensure it can be offered to another pupil on the waiting list.

Please be aware that when children put themselves forward for an after school activity, they will not be guaranteed a place unless they receive a letter. We do monitor the club places to ensure we offer places as fairly as possible for all pupils throughout the year.

A copy of this half term's clubs has been included below for your information, individual letters will follow this week.

Barlows Primary School Children's University Clubs - Spring 1 2024



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	SESSION DATES Monday 15/01/24 Monday 22/01/24 Monday 29/01/24 Monday 05/02/24	SESSION DATES Tuesday 16/01/24 Tuesday 23/01/24 Tuesday 30/01/24 Tuesday 06/02/24	SESSION DATES Wednesday 17/01/24 Wednesday 24/01/24 Wednesday 31/01/24 Wednesday 07/02/24	SESSION DATES Thursday 18/01/24 Thursday 25/01/24 Thursday 01/02/24 Thursday 08/02/24	SESSION DATES Friday 19/01/24 Friday 26/01/24 Friday 02/02/24 Friday 09/02/24
YEAR 1	3:30pm-4:30pm Club Y1 & Y2 Crafts Club Miss Evans		3:30pm-4:30pm Club Y1 & Y2 Drawing Skills Club Mrs Farrell and Mrs Fox		
YEAR 2	3:30pm-4:30pm Club Y1 & Y2 Crafts Club Miss Evans		3:30pm-4:30pm Club Y1 & Y2 Drawing Skills Club Mrs Farrell and Mrs Fox		
YEAR 3	3:30pm-4:30pm Club KS2 Origami Club Mrs Berry		3:30pm-4:30pm Club Y3 & Y4 Crafts Club Mrs Feenan 3:30pm-4:30pm Club Y3 & Y4 Dance Club Miss Kelly		
YEAR 4	Lunchtime Club Y4, Y5 & Y6 Girls' Football Club Mr Mattocks 3:30pm-4:30pm Club KS2 Origami Club Mrs Berry		3:30pm-4:30pm Club Y3 & Y4 Crafts Club Mrs Feenan 3:30pm-4:30pm Club Y3 & Y4 Dance Club Miss Kelly	3:30pm-4:30pm Club Y4, Y5 & Y6 Green Screen Club Mrs Clemson	
YEAR 5	Lunchtime Club Y4, Y5 & Y6 Girls' Football Club Mr Mattocks 3:30pm-4:30pm Club KS2 Origami Club Mrs Berry		Lunchtime Club Y5 & Y6 Coding with Sphero Club Miss Feenan 3:30pm-4:30pm Club Y5 Chess Club Mrs Duffield	3:30pm-4:30pm Club Y4, Y5 & Y6 Green Screen Club Mrs Clemson 3:30pm-4:30pm Club Y5 & Y6 Invasion Games Club Miss Bakstad	Lunchtime Club Y5 & Y6 Boys' Football Club Mr Mattocks
YEAR 6	Lunchtime Club Y4, Y5 & Y6 Girls' Football Club Mr Mattocks 3:30pm-4:30pm Club Y6 Booster Club (English and Maths) Mrs Taylor and Miss Davis 3:30pm-4:30pm Club KS2 Origami Club Mrs Berry		Lunchtime Club Y5 & Y6 Coding with Sphero Club Miss Feenan	3:30pm-4:30pm Club Y4, Y5 & Y6 Green Screen Club Mrs Clemson 3:30pm-4:30pm Club Y5 & Y6 Invasion Games Club Miss Bakstad	Lunchtime Club Y5 & Y6 Boys' Football Club Mr Mattocks

Events in January 2024

SEND Parent / Carer Meetings with SENDCO - IEPs (Individual Education Plans)

Week Commencing 29/01/24

As part of our developments in SEND, Miss Bakstad (SENDCO) will be offering each family with a pupil on the SEND register, an appointment to discuss their child's IEP (Individual Education Plan) which forms part of their SEND provision.

Appointments are available as follows:

Monday 29th January: 3:30pm - 7:30pm

Tuesday 30th January: 3:30pm - 6:00pm

Wednesday 31st January: 3:30pm - 7:30pm

Thursday 1st February: 3:30pm - 6:00pm

You will be sent a link through ParentMail to book your appointment in the coming days.

Children's University January Masterclass



Looking After Your Teeth! Year 2 - Year 6 - 18/01/24

Children from Year 2 to Year 6 will be taking part in an online session held by professionals from Alder Hey Hospital, discussing oral health and the importance of looking after our teeth.

Children will listen to the information and have a chance to ask questions at the end.

Year 3 Swimming Curriculum



Swimming lessons will commence for both of our Year 3 classes on **Thursday 11/01/2024**.

Miss Middleton, who leads on this, will send a letter out via ParentMail with all the relevant information to our Year 3 families.

Times Tables Bingo

Monday 22/01/24 at 3:45pm - 4:15pm

Our Maths Lead, Miss Davis and Curriculum Lead, Mrs Kirby-Foy will be hosting another Timetables Bingo session for families of pupils in Year 2 to Year 6

The event, will be held in the school hall from 3:45pm-4:15pm on Monday 22/01/24. There will be lots of opportunities for stickers and small prizes as we develop our knowledge of the multiplication tables together!



Liverpool Children's Festival of Reading EYFS - 22/01/24



Live session with Ray Lowthian

On 22/01/24 our Nursery and Reception pupils will be taking part in the Liverpool Children's Festival of Reading during school time.

As part of the festival, the children will have the opportunity to engage with authors via live online sessions as follows:

"Ray is a young illustrator and writer based in Liverpool who has a strong knowledge of everything about anteaters!

About The Book: Through catchy rhymes and rhythms, children will join Ray on a colourful, illustrated journey with Archie the Anteater who wants to explore a new cuisine!"

Year 5 and Year 6 Holocaust Memorial Assembly

On **Monday 29/01/24**, pupils from Year 5 and Year 6 will learn about the importance of Holocaust Memorial Day (27/01/24).

Mrs Kirby-Foy will be talking to the children about some of the events of World War 2 and how we can learn from events in the past.



Events in January 2024

Liverpool Children's Festival of Reading - KS2 - 29/01/24

Live session with Alex Wharton

On 29/01/24 our Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 pupils will be taking part in the Liverpool Children's Festival of Reading during school time.

As part of the Festival, the children will have the opportunity to engage with authors via live online sessions as follows:

29/01/24 - Y3,4,5 & 6 -
"Alex Wharton Live Stream Session"

"Alex Wharton is an award-winning writer and performer of poetry for adults and children.

His First Book of poetry for children, *Daydreams and Jellybeans*, was shortlisted for the Wales Book of The Year Award 2022, The North Somerset Teacher's Book Awards, The Laugh Out Loud Book Awards and was named as a National Poetry Day Recommended Read.

Alex won the inaugural Rising Stars Wales Award in 2020 and is the Children's Laureate Wales 2023-2025.

He has collaborated with key national organisations such as Cadw, National Dance Company Wales, Welsh Government, British Council of Literature and Welsh Libraries, and has also appeared in festivals such as Hay Festival and Edinburgh International Book Festival.

From Children's Laureate Wales, Alex Wharton comes an innovative poetry 'how to' collection aimed at school pupils. *Doughnuts, Thieves and Chimpanzees* is packed full of fun poems, limericks, haiku, song and rap from Alex Wharton, all illustrated by Rhiannon Smith."



Liverpool Children's Festival of Reading KS2 - 29/01/24



Live session with Mo O'Hara

On 23/01/24 our KS2 pupils will be taking part in the Liverpool Children's Festival of Reading during school time.

As part of the Festival, the children will have the opportunity to engage with authors via live online sessions as follows:

"Mo O'Hara is the author of the *My Big Fat Zombie Goldfish* series. She grew up in Pennsylvania and now lives in London, where she works as a writer, actor, and storyteller, visiting theatres and schools all across the UK and Ireland."

Liverpool Children's Festival of Reading KS1 - 23/01/24



Live session with Hannah MacLennan

On 23/01/24 our Year 1 and 2 pupils will be taking part in the Liverpool Children's Festival of Reading during school time.

As part of the Festival, the children will have the opportunity to engage with authors via live online sessions as follows:

"Hannah MacLennan is an illustrator who loves creating books and drawing all sorts of characters. She has a passion for comics, picture books, art books, cartoons and storytelling. She loves drawing cute, energetic characters and incorporating bright colour palettes into her story telling."

Liverpool Children's Festival of Reading KS2 - 30/01/24



Live session with Natalie Denny

On 30/01/24 our Year 3,4,5 and 6 pupils will be taking part in the Liverpool Children's Festival of Reading during school time.

As part of the Festival, the children will have the opportunity to engage with authors via live online sessions as follows:

"Natalie Denny is the award-winning force behind *Skywriters*, a creative education social enterprise. Her roles include author, activist, tutor and EDI consultant for the Anthony Walker Foundation. Natalie was awarded the Merseyside Women of the Year Social Impact accolade in July 2022. "

Events in February 2024

Number Day 02/02/24

On 02/02/24 we will be taking part in NSPCC Number Day.

Message from Miss Davis, Math Lead:

“Barlows, along with other schools and educational settings across the country, are taking part in Number Day.

Number Day is a great way to make maths fun and bring about a positive, ‘can-do’ attitude towards the subject. It also gives children the opportunity to apply mathematical skills from their learning when carrying out tasks in the classroom and everyday life. During the school day, each class will take part in a variety of fun, mathematical activities in the school hall.

As part of Number Day, we will also be taking part in Dress up for Digits, where children are invited to wear their own clothes. Children can pick to wear an item of clothing with a number on it (football shirt, netball shirt,) or come to school wearing multiples of one item (hair bobbles, socks, scarves). Please note, we do not expect parents to purchase anything new. Homemade number decorations are welcome!

There is no contribution required, this is entirely for fun and participation as part of a national event.”



Safer Internet Day 06/02/24

'Inspiring Change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online'



Safer Internet Day will be held on **Tuesday 06/02/24**. This year the theme is 'Inspiring Change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online'. Alongside our Online Safety Curriculum, pupils will have the opportunity to take part in activities to support their understanding of change online.

Pupils in Key Stage 2 will further develop their understanding of staying safe online through an assembly led by the local PCSOs.

If you would like to know more information on how you can support your child with staying safe online, please visit:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024/parents-and-carers>

Events in February 2024

Chinese New Year Celebrations WC 05/02/24

During the week commencing 05/02/24, pupils across the school will be learning about the celebration of Chinese New Year.

Mrs Berry and Mrs Farrell have been busy preparing a range of Art and Design, Geography, English and PSHE themed activities linked to Chinese New Year which we are sure the children will enjoy.



Children's Mental Health Week WC 05/02/24

During the week commencing 05/02/24, pupils across the school will be taking part in a range of activities linked to Children's Mental Health Week.

Mrs Berry has been working hard with staff to coordinate online workshops, lesson activities and education around mental health and looking after ourselves.

If you would like to know more information, please visit:

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>



Children's University February Masterclass 'Swings and Roundabouts' Year 2 - Year 6 - 08/02/24



Children will take part in an online workshop led by engineering experts from Gulliver's World. The session will focus on the how different fairground rides move with a focus on the forces at work!

Chinese New Year Art Project with

During the week commencing 29/01/24 children in Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 will be contributing to a community art project to be displayed in St Luke's Church (the 'Bombed Out' Church) in Liverpool City Centre.

Barlows is one of only a handful of schools who have been selected for the project and we are delighted to be involved.

Children will be using their drawing and painting skills to decorate acetate leaves with traditional Chinese designs, which will then be used to decorate a large pearl. Pearls are commonly associated with the dragon and symbolise prosperity and good fortune.

The children's work will be displayed on Saturday 10th February at St Luke's Church (the 'Bombed Out' Church) in Liverpool City Centre should you wish to see it.



Children's Mental Health Week for families WC 05/02/24

If you would like to take part in Children's Mental Health Week as a family, further information can be found at:

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/families/#resources>



Events in February 2024

February Half Term

Half term takes place 12/02/24 - 16/02/24.
Pupils will be welcomed back to school after the half term break on 19/02/24.



Times Tables Bingo

Monday 19/02/24 at 3:45pm - 4:15pm

Our Maths Lead, Miss Davis and Curriculum Lead, Mrs Kirby-Foy will be hosting another Timetables Bingo session for families of pupils in Year 2 to Year 6

The event, will be held in the school hall from 3:45pm-4:15pm on Monday 19/02/24. There will be lots of opportunities for stickers and small prizes as we develop our knowledge of the multiplication tables together!



Y1 Educational Visit

Fazakerley Community Federation & Library

Thursday 29/02/24

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On Thursday 29/02/24 our Year 1 pupils will be visiting our local library. The children will enjoy a shared story and have the opportunity to learn about this local resource as part of our work on developing a love of reading.

At the end of the session, the children will have the opportunity to select some books for the school to loan for their classroom.

We would be delighted if some parents and carers would be able to join us on the trip. Further details will follow via a letter from the class teachers.



Apple Store Field Trips - Year 5

Groups of our Year 5 classes will be visiting the Liverpool One Apple Store in February for a 'Create a theme song' workshop where they will be using an iPad to create a song for a favourite show, book or game using GarageBand. They'll cover rhythm basics, and will experiment with drums, add pre-recorded loops and remix their theme song

Group 1 (15 pupils) - 29/01/24

Group 2 (15 Pupils) - 06/02/24

Groups 3 (15 Pupils) - 20/02/24

Group 4 (15 Pupils) - 27/02/24

Further details will follow via a letter from Mrs Berry and Miss Ward.



EYFS Stay and Play Sessions

Our EYFS team look forward to welcoming parent and carers to our February Stay and Play sessions.

Nursery: 28/02/24 9am - 10am and 2:30pm - 3:30pm

Reception: 29/02/24 9am - 10am

We kindly ask that only adults attend these sessions as we are unable to accommodate children who are not pupils of the school.



Events in February 2024

Year 6 Parents' Evening

Monday 26th February 2024 - Thursday 29th February 2024

Parents and carers will get the opportunity to meet with Mrs Taylor and Miss Davis to discuss their child's progress so far on the dates below. Appointments will be available to book via ParentMail

Miss Davis	- Monday 26th February
Mrs Taylor	- Tuesday 27th February
Miss Davis	- Wednesday 28th February
Mrs Taylor	- Thursday 29th February

Appointments available from 3:50pm - 7:30pm
 Appointments available from 3:50pm - 7:30pm
 Appointments available from 3:50pm - 5:50pm
 Appointments available from 3:50pm - 5:50pm



Children's University February Half Term Challenge

Children who wish to take part in the Children's University February Half Term Challenge can find out details of the activities below. Remember to send in your entries to the email address provided to earn credits towards the award!
 This will also be shared via ParentMail.



February Half Term Challenge 2024

Activity 1

Saturday 10th February is Chinese New Year and 2024 is the year of the dragon! Have a go at making some Chinese New Year themed crafts and decorations. There are lots of ideas here [30 Chinese New Year Activities And Crafts For Kids 2023 - Netmums](#)

Activity 2

February is National Heart Month and is all about exercising for a healthy heart. Why not create a circuit made up of 10 different physical activities such as burpees, press ups, squats, star jumps. Take your pulse before you start and after you have finished (you may need help from an adult for this) Make a poster showing the exercises you have chosen and record your heart rate on this too!

Activity 3

Half term is student volunteer week and also includes 'Random acts of Kindness' day. To gain your credit we are asking you to volunteer an hour of your time to help a friend or family member. You could: Organise a litter pick, undertake odd jobs, Cook or bake a tasty treat, organise some dog walks (be generous and imaginative!) Write a short report of what you did, who for and how it made you feel.

Activity 4

Ask a grown up to help you make some pancakes. There are so many different types to try...ham and cheese, fruity, scotch, lemon and sugar – yum! Here are some recipe ideas [Kid's pancake recipes - BBC Food](#) Don't forget to take a few pictures before you eat them all!

Activity 5

We have had a lot of cold weather recently...but some animals live in very cold temperatures most of the time! Follow this link to see some of the animals and then choose one to find out more about. Write a report, including where they live, what they eat and how they keep warm. [Top 10 Snow Animals and How They Survive the Cold | Discover Magazine](#)

Activity 6

14th February is Valentines day – Show a friend or family member how much you love them by making a card or gift – there are some great ideas here [75+ Easy Valentine Crafts for Kids - Happiness is Homemade](#) Or why not write them a poem? Get some inspiration here! [17 Valentine's Poems For Kids - Netmums](#)

Activity 7

If you like photography, then why not take up this challenge? Using a mixture of indoor and outdoor photos, take pictures of Something:

1. Stripey	2. Tiny
3. Fluffy	4. Transparent
5. Sparkly	6. Tall
7. Spikey	8. Colourful
9. Rusty	10. Living



Collect extra Children's University credits during the February half term by completing these challenges. Each activity is worth 1 credit (unless stated otherwise), when you send evidence to your local Children's University. This could be a photograph, video, a work sheet, or writing! Send it to LiverpoolCU@elevate-ebp.co.uk

Events in February 2024



BEE Ready for the Bees Competition!



Pupils from Year 1 to Year 6 have been invited to take part in a 3D poster design competition ran by our catering company, Chartwells.

Our wonderful School Council have shared the resources with classes in order for pupils to create a poster showing a design for a 3D garden, showing what hungry bees can feast on when they come out of hibernation.

There will be two winners from the school, both receiving a certificate and a flower garden starter kit for their classroom. Along with their classmates, the children can nurture the flowers and watch them grow. Entries should be brought to school no later than 9am on 9th February 2024.

Events in February 2024

School Council Safer Internet Day Competition

School Council would like to invite the children of Barlows Primary School to take part in a special Safer Internet Day Poster Competition.

We would like children to design their own Online Safety poster which delivers important online safety messages.

Messages could include:

- Don't give out personal information online
- If something worries you online, don't delay, tell a trusted adult today!
- Report unwanted contact from strangers to a trusted adult
- Settings should be changed to private or 'Friends & Family'
- Take care with what you share
- Create strong passwords which are not shared with anyone but parents
- Tell a trusted adult about online anti-social behaviour and cyberbullying
- Be kind online!
- Don't accept invites from people you don't know - remember to check with a trusted adult.

Posters must be:

- Neat
- Correct spacing and capital letters
- Clear
- Bright and easily seen from a distance
- Remember to think about copyright!



Competition entries should be handed in to School Council by **Friday 23rd February** (after half term).

There will be some small prizes for winners who will have their posters displayed around school. Good luck from School Council

Events in March 2024

Going for Gold: The Olympic Orchestral Performance!



Year 4 - Friday 08/03/24

Children from Year 4 will be visiting the **Liverpool Philharmonic Hall** on Friday 08/03/24 to listen to various pieces of classical music, performed by a full orchestra.

Exploring the themes of sport and health, children will discover the history of the Olympic Games and their surprising connection to Liverpool ahead of the 2024 Paris Olympics. Further details will follow in a letter to Year 4 families from Mrs Clemson and Miss Garrington-Miller.

Liverpool Central Library Educational Visits March 2024



Mrs Taylor, our English lead, has been busy liaising with Liverpool Central library to organise educational visits to Liverpool Central Library, as part of our World Book Day celebrations this year.

6 Churchill - 04/03/24 - Morning Session

6 Gandhi - 04/03/24 - Afternoon Session

5 Parks - 05/03/24 - Morning Session

5 Wilberforce - 05/03/24 - Afternoon Session

4 Newton - 20/03/24 - Morning Session

4 Curie - 20/03/24 - Afternoon Session

3 Monet - 22/03/24 - Morning Session

3 Gaudi - 22/03/24 - Afternoon Session

A letter will follow from year group staff with further details.

Y2 Educational Visit Fazakerley Community Federation & Library

**Thursday 07/03/24
2 Dahl (am) 2 Potter (pm)**

On Thursday 07/03/24 our Year 2 pupils will be visiting our local library. The children will enjoy a shared story and have the opportunity to learn about this local resource as part of our work on developing a love of reading.

At the end of the session, the children will have the opportunity to select some books for the school to loan for their classroom.

We would be delighted if some parents and carers would be able to join us on the trip. Further details will follow via a letter from the class teachers.



Rec Educational Visit Fazakerley Community Federation & Library Monday 11/03/24

Rec Donaldson (am) Reception McKee (pm)

On Monday 11/03/24 our Reception pupils will be visiting our local library. The children will enjoy a shared story and have the opportunity to learn about this local resource as part of our work on developing a love of reading.

At the end of the session, the children will have the opportunity to select some books for the school to loan for their classroom.

We would be delighted if some parents and carers would be able to join us on the trip. Further details will follow via a letter from the class teachers.



Events in March 2024

SEND Parent/Carer Meetings with SENDCO - IEPs (Individual Education Plans) wc 04/03/24 and wc 11/03/24

As part of our developments in SEND, Miss Bakstad (SENDCO) will be offering each family with a pupil on the SEND register, an appointment to discuss their child's IEP (Individual Education Plan) which forms part of their SEND provision.

Appointments are available as follows:

Monday 04/03/24: Year 6 parents and carers - 3:40pm - 6:10pm
Wednesday 06/03/24: Year 5 parents and carers - 3:40pm - 6:10pm
Thursday 07/03/24: Year 4 parents and carers - 3:40pm - 6:10pm
Monday 11/03/24: Year 3 parents and carers - 3:40pm - 6:10pm
Tuesday 12/03/24: Year 2 parents and carers - 3:40pm - 6:10pm
Wednesday 13/03/24: Year 1 parents and carers - 3:40pm - 6:10pm
Thursday 14/03/24: Reception and Nursery parents and carers 3:40pm - 6:10pm

A link will be sent via ParentMail to book your appointment.

A Visit from Lord Lieutenant Mark Blundell



On 04/03/24, Year 3 to Year 6 will be visited by Lord Lieutenant Mark Blundell, the King's representative for the county of Merseyside.

The Lord Lieutenant will share a presentation with pupils on his role, the role of the monarchy and the differences between the two previous King Charles and King Charles III.

British Science Week 11/03/24 - 15/03/24

As part of British Science Week, Miss Ward (Science Lead) will be leading the school through an exciting week of activities and online sessions to celebrate the subject, careers and opportunities for Science in everyday life.

The theme for British Science Week this year, is 'Time'. We are looking forward to an exciting week of learning linked to science!

Year 3 and Year 4 Parents' and Carers' Multiplication Tables Check Information Sessions

Thursday 29/02/24

3:15pm - 4:15pm or 5:15pm - 5:45pm

Mrs Kirby-Foy and Miss Davis, our maths lead, will be holding sessions for parents and carers of pupils in Year 3 and Year 4 to explain the statutory Multiplication Tables Check that Year 4 pupils will take in June.

Miss Davis will be providing a range of fun multiplication tables activities for parents and carers to use at home to help pupils develop their knowledge.

Neurodiversity Celebration Week 18/03/24 - 22/03/24

During the week commencing 18/03/24, Mrs Berry our PSHE Lead, will be leading the school in our celebration of Neurodiversity Week.

Pupils will undertake a range of sessions across the school to explore neurodiversity, to support their understanding of how we are all different and what it means to be Neurodiverse.



Events in March 2024

Parents' Evening - Spring Term

The Spring Parents' Evenings for Nursery - Year 5 will be as follows:

Monday 18/03/24	Tuesday 19/03/24	Wednesday 20/03/24	Thursday 21/03/24
Appointments available from 3:50pm - 7:30pm	Appointments available from 3:50pm - 7:30pm	Appointments available from 3:50pm - 5:50pm	Appointments available from 3:50pm - 5:50pm
Y5 - Mrs Berry Y4 - Mrs Clemson Y3 - Mrs Lawrence Y2 - Miss Kelly Y1 - Miss Hamilton Rec - Mrs Duffield Nurs - Mrs Mwasile	Y5 - Miss Ward Y4 - Miss Garrington-Miller Y3 - Miss Middleton Y2 - Mrs Farrell Y1 - Miss Murphy Rec - Miss Evans	Y5 - Mrs Berry Y4 - Mrs Clemson Y3 - Mrs Lawrence Y2 - Miss Kelly Y1 - Miss Hamilton Rec - Mrs Duffield Nurs - Mrs Mwasile	Y5 - Miss Ward Y4 - Miss Garrington-Miller Y3 - Miss Middleton Y2 - Mrs Farrell Y1 - Miss Murphy Rec - Miss Evans

Further information regarding how to book will follow.

Own Clothes Day - Bring an Easter Treat Friday 22/03/24

On Friday 22/03/24 we will be hosting an own clothes day and are asking for an Easter treat donation (Easter Egg, Chocolate Easter Bunny, Bag of £1 Hairbo Easter Jellies etc.)

The donated Easter Treats will form part of our Easter Raffle during the week commencing 25/03/24.



KS2 SATS Parents' Information Sessions

Wednesday 6th March

3:15pm - 4:15pm or 5:15pm - 5:45pm

Mrs Taylor, our Phase 3 lead and Year 6 teacher, and Miss Davis, Year 6 teacher, will be holding an information session for parents and carers of Year 6 pupils to explain what parents and pupils can expect from the End of Key Stage 2 SATS Assessments in May.

Mrs Taylor and Miss Davis will be providing some handy tips for parents and carers to support their child with preparing for the assessments.

Comic Relief - Red Nose Day

Friday 15th March 2024

Our wonderful School Council led by School Council Chair, Robyn, and Vice Chair, Jacob, will be leading the school in our fundraising efforts for Comic Relief.

On Friday 15th March, children are invited to wear their own clothes and 'exciting hair styles' - glitter, colours, bobbles, clips and creative creations welcome! Donations up to £1 welcome.

Cookie Sale

Chartwells, our school meal provider, are kindly donating a number of cookies for sale on Friday 17/03/23. The cookies will be decorated by School Council in Red Nose Day designs! Cookies will be on sale for 50p each from 3:40pm, under the canopy by the Year 5/6 door. Each cookie will cost 50p and all funds will go to Comic Relief.

Events in March 2024

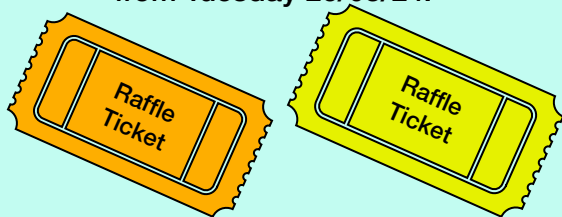
Easter Raffle - Thursday 28/03/24

Tickets on sale Monday 25/03/24 - Wednesday 27/03/24

Tickets for our Easter Raffle will be available to purchase from Monday 25/03/24 to Wednesday 27/03/24.

Raffle Tickets are priced at £1 each. For every £1 ticket purchased, you will receive a second ticket free! (2 tickets for £1) Tickets will be available from the School Council during school hours.

Spare tickets will also be available from the school office from Tuesday 26/03/24.



Key Stage Two

21/03/24 and 22/03/24

HMRC Tax Facts Sessions



Children from Year 3 to Year 6 will be taking part in the HMRC Tax Facts sessions during March this year.

Staff from HMRC will explain their role, what tax is and why it is so important.

Children will explore which parts of a town are funded for by tax and learn what it is like to be Chancellor of the Exchequer for the day.

Egg Decorating Competition Wednesday 27/03/24



Our annual egg decorating competition is back for 2024!

How to enter:

Bring along a decorated egg or egg display to school on Wednesday 27/03/24. Please remember to hard boil or drain your egg prior.

Entry into the competition is completely free.

Each entry will be given a number so that voting is anonymous.

Ideas:

We have included a selection of ideas over the page from a previous competition to get you started with ideas!

Viewing & Voting - Children

Children will have the opportunity to vote during the school day.

Viewing & Voting - Parents and Carers

Entires will be available to view in the school hall on Wednesday 27/03/24 between 3:40pm-4:15pm.

Parents and Carers will be welcome to visit the school hall to view and place a vote on Wednesday 27/03/24 between 3:40pm-4:15pm.

Winners

Certificates will be awarded for each entry so remember to include your name or family name if it is a group effort!

**** Winners will be announced in our end of term assembly on Thursday 28th March. ****

Events in March 2024

Science Showcase!



Year 4, 5 and 6: 21/02/24 - 3:45pm - 4:30pm

Year 1, 2 and 3: 22/02/24 - 3:45pm - 4:30pm

Join pupils and Miss Ward, our science lead, showcasing our learning so far in science this year.

Pupils will demonstrate their knowledge using an experiment they have used earlier in the academic year and discuss how this investigation has helped their understanding.

Letterjoin Handwriting

EYFS/KS1: 07/03/24 - 3:45pm - 4:15pm

KS2: 14/03/24 - 3:45pm - 4:15pm

Our English lead, Mrs Taylor, will be holding an information session for parents on the handwriting style we use in school - Letterjoin.

Mrs Taylor will demonstrate how to use the Letterjoin app for pupils to practice handwriting at home as part of homework.



Easter Disco - Reception, Year 1, Year 2 Thursday 28/03/24

As part of our fundraising activities we will be holding an Easter disco for Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 on Thursday 28/03/24, 4:30pm-5:30pm.

Entry is £1 per pupil. A tuck shop will be available - maximum tuck shop spend £1



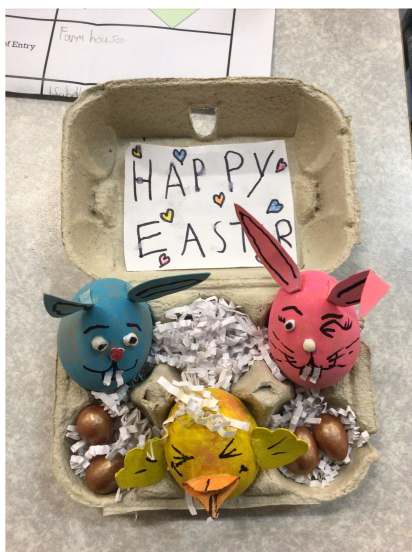
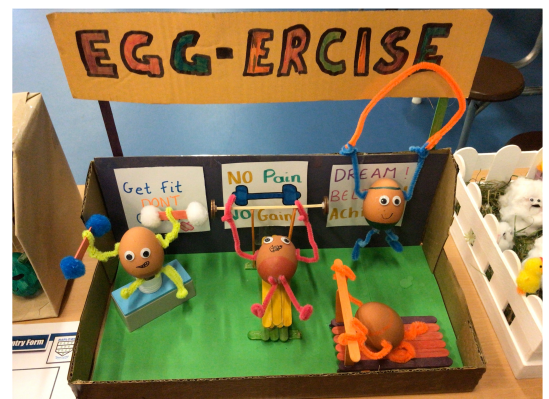
Easter Disco -Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 Thursday 28/03/24

As part of our fundraising activities we will be holding an Easter disco for Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 on Thursday 28/03/24, 5:30pm-7:00pm.

Entry is £1 per pupil. A tuck shop will be available - maximum tuck shop spend £2



Events in March 2024



Term Dates 2023-2024



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AUTUMN TERM 2023	
DATE	EVENT
Friday 1 st September 2023	INSET Day – School Closed to Pupils
Monday 4 th September 2023	INSET Day – School Closed to Pupils
Tuesday 5th September 2023	All pupils in Years 1-6 Return to School
Monday 30 th October – Friday 3 rd November 2023	Half-Term
Monday 6 th November 2023	All Pupils Return to School
Thursday 21st December 2023	Last Day in School
Friday 22 nd December 2023	INSET Day – School Closed to Pupils
Monday 25 th December 2023 – Monday 8 th January 2024	Christmas Holiday
Notes: Total number of pupil days = 73 Total number of staff days = 76	

SPRING TERM 2024	
DATE	EVENT
Monday 8th January 2024	All Pupils Return to School
Monday 12 th February – Friday 16 th February 2024	Half-Term
Monday 19th February 2024	All Pupils Return to School
Friday 29th March 2024	Bank Holiday
Monday 1 st April – Friday 12 th April 2024	Easter Holiday
Notes: Total number of pupil days = 54 Total number of staff days = 54	

SUMMER TERM 2024	
DATE	EVENT
Monday 15 th April 2024	All Pupils Return to School
Monday 6 th May 2024	May Day Bank Holiday – School Closed
Monday 27 th May – Friday 31 st May 2024	Half-Term
Monday 3 rd June 2024	All Pupils Return to School
Thursday 18 th July 2024	Final Day of the School Year for Pupils
Friday 19th July 2024	INSET Day – School Closed to Pupils
Monday 22nd July 2024	INSET Day – School Closed to Pupils
Notes: Total number of pupil days = 63 Total number of staff days = 65	

Total number of pupil days for the academic year = 190
Total number of staff days for the academic year = 195

Term Dates for 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 can be found on the school website at:

<https://barlowsprimary.co.uk/parents/dates/>