

Barlows Primary School

What's On Newsletter - Autumn 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well. As we continue with a busy and exciting term, I would like to take this opportunity to inform you about several upcoming events that will be taking place at our school. These events play a vital role in enhancing our children's educational experience and fostering a strong sense of community within our school.

Throughout the term, we have organised a variety of activities, including educational workshops, school performances, and community engagement events. Each of these activities has been designed with the aim of promoting student development and providing valuable learning experiences beyond the classroom. Detailed information regarding these events will be sent out nearer to the time including any necessary preparations.

In addition to our scheduled events, we will be utilising Arbor to communicate additional activities and opportunities as they arise. I encourage you to keep an eye on your Arbor notifications to stay informed about any updates, changes, or new events that may be introduced during the term.

We value your support and involvement in our school community. I would recommend discussing these upcoming events with your child and encouraging them to participate in any optional opportunities where possible. Engaging in school activities can significantly contribute to their social and emotional development, as well as their academic success.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the school office or your child's class teacher. We appreciate your continued partnership in supporting your child's education and look forward to a fruitful term ahead.

Thank you for your attention, and I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

Yours sincerely,
Ms S. Feenan

Autumn Term Dates

Autumn1 Term:

Tuesday 03/09/24 - Thursday
24/10/24

Friday 25/10/24 - INSET Day

Half Term

Monday 28/10/24 - Friday
01/11/24

Autumn 2 Term:

Monday 04/11/24 - Thursday
19/12/24

Friday 20/12/24 - INSET Day



Asda Cashpot for Schools

Barlows Primary School has signed up for Asda Cashpot for Schools! We have until 30/11/24 to collect money in our cashpot!

How can you get involved

1. Download and sign up for the free Asda Rewards App.
2. Go to the Cashpot icon in the bottom of the App
3. Select to "opt in for the dashpot for schools"
4. Select "Barlows Primary School"
5. Shop in store or online with Asda (remember to scan your Asda rewards app at the checkout.
6. Asda will automatically donate £1 for each new signup to the cashpot and 0.5% of your shopping value and it doesn't cost you a penny!

Year 6 Liverpool Secondary School Application Deadline

A reminder that the Year 6 to Year 7 admissions transfer application window is open. The window will close at 11:59pm on 31/10/24.

Please ensure you have applied for your child's secondary school place (current Year 6 pupils only) by 11:59pm on 31/10/24.

Applications are to be made using the link below:
www.liverpool.gov.uk/admissions

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Children's University Au 1

Children's University Clubs



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These clubs represent a wonderful opportunity for our pupils to engage in a variety of extra-curricular activities that are designed to extend their knowledge and experiences outside of the standard curriculum.

The extra-curricular activities will be delivered by our dedicated School staff, who generously give up their time to provide these enriching experiences. We are pleased to offer a range of activities that cater to different interests and encourage our pupils to explore new areas of learning.

Please be advised that places for each activity are limited. Therefore, it is crucial that you inform us if your child no longer wishes to participate in the activity they have been offered. This will allow us to extend the opportunity to other pupils who may be on the waiting list.

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Should you have any questions or require further clarification regarding the University Clubs, please do not hesitate to contact Deputy Head, Mrs Kirby-Foy, via the school office.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to another successful half term of engaging activities for our students.

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



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Events in September 2024

Meet the Team Sessions - September

As we continue to foster a nurturing and supportive environment for your child, I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to our forthcoming 'Meet the Team' sessions.

These sessions are designed to facilitate open communication and collaboration between our dedicated staff and valued parents.

The 'Meet the Team' sessions will take place as follows:

- Wednesday 25/09/24 at 3:45pm - Nursery & Reception Meet the Team Session
- Thursday 26/09/24 at 3:45pm - Year 1 Meet the Team Session
- Monday 30/09/24 at 3:45pm - Phase 3 (Year 4,5,6) Meet the Team Session
- Thursday 03/10/24 at 3:45pm - Phase 2 (Year 2 & 3) Meet the Team Session

The sessions will provide an opportunity for you to meet our teaching staff, some of the support personnel, and leadership team. We believe that establishing a strong partnership with parents is essential to enhancing the educational experience of our students.

During these sessions, you will receive important information regarding the curriculum, school policies, and plans for the academic year ahead. At the end, staff will be available for you to introduce yourself, ask questions and share any insights you may have regarding your child's education. We encourage you to take advantage of this occasion to engage with our team and gain a deeper understanding of our educational practices and resources available to support your child's learning journey.

We look forward to welcoming you and sharing an insightful discussion about the exciting opportunities ahead



Phonics and Early Reading Sessions for Reception Parents and Carers Friday 27/09/24

As we continue to prioritise the development of strong foundational skills in literacy for our pupils, I am pleased to announce an upcoming Phonics and Early Reading session specifically designed for parents and carers. The sessions are as follows:

Reception Phonics and Early Reading Sessions

- Friday 27/09/24 at 3:45pm-4:30pm
- Friday 27/09/24 at 5:15pm-6:00pm



The aim of this event is to provide you with valuable insights into our phonics programme, including the methods and strategies we employ to encourage early reading skills among our pupils. Phonics is a vital component of our literacy curriculum, as it establishes the relationships between letters and sounds. A robust understanding of phonics enables children to decode words and develop their reading fluency. During the session, we will demonstrate various activities that you can engage in at home to reinforce these essential skills, ensuring your child's reading journey is both enjoyable and effective.

We encourage all parents and carers to attend, as your involvement plays a crucial role in your child's learning process. Supporting phonics development at home can significantly enhance your child's confidence and enjoyment of reading.

If you have any questions or require further information, do not hesitate to reach out. Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to seeing you at the session.

Events in September 2024

Social Media and Anti Bullying Workshops for Year 5 and Year 6 with our PCSOs Friday 27th September 2024

On Friday 27/09/24, our Year 5 and 6 students will be taking part in special sessions with our PCSOs focused on social media awareness and anti-bullying.

In today's digital age, understanding the impacts of social media on young people has become increasingly essential.

These sessions will be conducted by the local Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs), who will share their expertise on safe online practices, the potential risks associated with social media, and how to promote kindness and respect in both virtual and real-life interactions.

The sessions aim to empower our students with the knowledge and skills necessary to navigate the complexities of modern communication responsibly.

Additionally, these workshops provide an excellent opportunity for students to discuss bullying, its various forms, and the importance of standing together against it. Our intention is to foster an inclusive and supportive environment, where every child feels valued.

We believe that parental involvement is crucial in reinforcing these themes at home. It is advisable to have open conversations with your child about their online activities and to encourage them to share their experiences and feelings regarding their interactions with peers. By working together, we can create a strong support network for our children.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to reach out to the school office.



Year 2 Mighty Red Reading and Writing Sessions with LFC Foundation

Over the coming weeks, our Year 2 students will be engaging in an exciting opportunity with the LFC Foundation and the Mighty Red Reading and Writing Project.

The sessions, which will take place on Friday mornings, are designed to inspire and engage children in their literacy development through creative activities and interactive storytelling, all while fostering a passion for reading and writing.

Utilising the engaging theme of Liverpool Football Club and their world famous mascot, Mighty Red, the sessions will captivate students' imaginations and encourage them to embrace their learning.

We look forward to an exciting few weeks ahead!



Year 5 and 6 Positive Footprints Career Conversation with Tiffany Boswell Thursday, 26th September 2024

As part of their personal development education, we are pleased to announce that Year 5 and 6 pupils will be attending an online career conversation with Tiffany Boswell, an entrepreneur, on Thursday, 26th September 2024.

The primary objective of this session is to expose our students to various career pathways and to help them understand the importance of setting goals and aspirations for their future.

The online session which is being hosted by Positive Futures as part of our Positive Futures Careers Aspiration Programme, will engage students in discussions about the skills and attributes needed in today's job market.

This initiative is designed to inspire and empower our students as they begin to consider their futures beyond primary education.

We encourage you to discuss this opportunity with your child and to support them in reflecting on their own interests and potential careers they may wish to explore.



Events in October 2024

Phonics and Early Reading Sessions for Year 1 and Year 2 Parents and Carers Wednesday 02/10/24

As we continue to prioritise the development of strong foundational skills in literacy for our pupils, I am pleased to announce an upcoming Phonics and Early Reading session specifically designed for parents and carers.

The sessions are as follows:

- Year 1 & Year 2 Phonics and Early Reading Sessions
 - Wednesday 02/10/24 at 3:45pm-4:30pm
 - Wednesday 02/10/24 at 5:15pm-6:00pm



The aim of this event is to provide you with valuable insights into our phonics programme, including the methods and strategies we employ to encourage early reading skills among our pupils.

Phonics is a vital component of our literacy curriculum, as it establishes the relationships between letters and sounds. A robust understanding of phonics enables children to decode words and develop their reading fluency. During the session, we will demonstrate various activities that you can engage in at home to reinforce these essential skills, ensuring your child's reading journey is both enjoyable and effective.

We encourage all parents and carers to attend, as your involvement plays a crucial role in your child's learning process. Supporting phonics development at home can significantly enhance your child's confidence and enjoyment of reading.

If you have any questions or require further information, do not hesitate to reach out. Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to seeing you at the session.

Year 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 Children's University Assembly Friday 04/10/24

On Friday 4th October 2024, students in Year 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be participating in a Children's University Assembly delivered by Children's University representatives.

The assembly is an opportunity for students to gain an understanding of the Children's University Scheme, how to get involved and how to earn important credits towards the various awards.



Children's University Information Session for Parents and Carers of Y1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 Pupils Friday 04/10/24 at 3:45pm

Following our Children's University Assembly on Friday 4th October 2024, Children's University representatives alongside our Children's University Lead, Mrs Kirby-Foy, will be hosting a session for parents and carers of students in Year 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

The parents and carer session is an opportunity for you to gain an understanding of the Children's University Scheme, how your child can get involved (including external learning destinations where they can earn credits towards their awards) and how earn important credits towards the various awards.

Staff will be available at the end of the session to answer any questions you may have.



Events in October 2024

Year 6 Educational Visits to Apple October 2024

We are pleased to announce a series of educational visits for our Year 6 students to participate in Apple's App Coding workshops.

These visits are scheduled to take place in groups of 15 students per visit as follows:

- Thursday 10/10/24 (morning session) Y6 15 students
- Tuesday 15/10/24 (morning session) Y6 15 students
- Tuesday 22/10/24 (morning session) Y6 15 students
- Thursday 24/10/24 (morning session) Y6 15 students

The workshops aim to introduce students to the fundamentals of app development and coding, which are crucial skills in today's digital world. During these sessions, students will engage in hands-on activities that promote creativity, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills.

The workshops will provide an invaluable insight into the world of technology, as students will learn to design, develop, and programme their very own applications. This aligns with our commitment to delivering a contemporary curriculum that prepares students for future challenges and opportunities.



Assemblies and Workshops with Bully Busters Tuesday 15/10/24 and Tuesday 22/11/24

We are pleased to be welcoming the Bully Busters Team back to Barlows for more informative assemblies and workshops with our pupils.

Bully Busters will be hosting a Key Stage 1 and Key stage 2 Assembly on Tuesday 22/11/24. Followed by some interactive workshops for Year 4, 5 and 6.

The workshops for Year 4, 5 and 6, are designed to educate children about the importance of kindness, respect, and the impact of bullying behaviours on individuals and the wider school community.

The Bully Busters programme aims to empower our students with the knowledge and tools they need to stand up against bullying.

Through interactive activities and discussions, pupils will learn how to recognise bullying, understand its consequences, and develop strategies to resolve conflicts amicably.

This initiative aligns with our commitment to fostering a safe and inclusive environment



Year 2, Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6 Creative Bonanza CO Education Workshops

11th October - Year 5 - CO Crew
17th October - Year 2 - Safety Seymour
18th October - Year 3 - Safety Seymour
21st October - Year 6 - CO Crew

Pupils across the school will take part in an informative assembly from Creative Bonanza developing children's understanding of how to stay safe around Carbon Monoxide.

Pupils in Y2 and Y3 will then take part in half day safety sessions with Safety Seymour, the caped crusader on a mission to raise awareness of the dangers of carbon monoxide. The pupils will be led through a number of fun and engaging activities with links to different areas of the curriculum such as drama, PSHE and science.

Pupils in Y5 and Y6 will work with Mimi and Loz from the CO crew, taking part in a fully interactive half day workshop, learning about Carbon Monoxide and how to stay safe.



Curriculum sessions for Parents and Carers

We will be delivering some Curriculum workshops for parents and carers to introduce you to the pedagogy and science behind our curriculum, explaining how it is taught and the types of knowledge learnt.

The sessions will be held as follows:

Key Stage 1 Parents - Monday 14/10/24 - 3:40pm

Key Stage 1 Parents - Monday 21/10/24 - 3:40pm

We hope you can join us to learn more about the school curriculum and how you can access.



Events in October 2024

SEND Parent / Carer Meetings with SENDCO **Week Commencing 14/10/24**



As part of our ongoing commitment to supporting all children in their learning and development, our Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Coordinator (SENDCo), Mrs Berry, will be offering parent/carers meetings for parents and carers of pupils on the SEND register and also any parent or carer whose child may not be identified as on the SEND register but wish to discuss possible SEND needs during the week commencing 14th October 2024.

These meetings present a valuable opportunity for parents and carers to engage with our SENDCo, who is dedicated to ensuring that each child receives the appropriate support tailored to their individual needs.

During these meetings, we will discuss strategies and interventions that can facilitate your child's learning and address any concerns you may have regarding their progress.

We encourage all parents and carers of children with special educational needs to attend these meetings where possible. Your involvement is crucial in fostering a collaborative approach to support your child's educational journey. The sessions will provide an environment in which you can ask questions, share experiences, and receive tailored advice concerning your child's needs.

Further details of how to book an appointment will be sent out in due course. We look forward to seeing you at the SENDCo meetings.

Year 1 Local Area Walk **Wednesday 16/10/24 & Thursday 17/10/24**

Our Year 1 pupils will embark on a walk around our local area to explore its historical significance. This activity is designed to enhance our students' understanding of their immediate environment and its rich history.

Throughout the walk, students will have the opportunity to observe and learn about notable landmarks, reflecting on how our community has evolved over time.

The visits will take place on the following dates:

Wednesday 16/10/24 - 1 Kerr - Mr Wood's Class

Thursday 17/10/24 - 1 Carle - Miss Hamilton's Class

Further details will follow via Arbor.



Year 5 and 6 Positive Footprints Career Conversation with Joe Hodgson **Wednesday 16/10/24**

As part of their personal development education, we are pleased to announce that Year 5 and 6 pupils will be attending an online career conversation with Joe Hodgson on Wednesday 16th October 2024.

The primary objective of this session is to expose our students to various career pathways and to help them understand the importance of setting goals and aspirations for their future.

The online session which is being hosted by Positive Futures as part of our Positive Futures Careers Aspiration Programme, will engage students in discussions about the skills and attributes needed in today's job market.

This initiative is designed to inspire and empower our students as they begin to consider their futures beyond primary education.

We encourage you to discuss this opportunity with your child and to support them in reflecting on their own interests and potential careers they may wish to explore.



School Photographs - Save the date - **Friday 11/10/24**

Our school photographer is booked for 11/10/24.

Further details regarding the arrangements for the day will be communicated to you by our admin team, in due course.

As this is the same date as the NHS Nasal Flu Vaccine for pupils, we will ensure pupils have their photograph prior to the vaccine. Consent forms for both photographs and vaccines will be sent out separately, prior to the event.



Events in October 2024

National Poetry Day Celebrations 03/10/24



National Poetry Day is celebrated each year in October, and it presents a wonderful opportunity for students to develop their appreciation of poetry while engaging with the creative arts. We are excited to inform you that our school will be participating in various poetry-related activities to commemorate this special day.

Throughout the week of National Poetry Day, we will be hosting a series of poetry workshops for year 3, 4, 5 and 6. These workshops will take place online, allowing our students to engage with an established poet, Nikita Gill linked to the theme of Remembrance.

In addition to the workshops, Mrs Taylor will be organising a range of poetry activities throughout the week that will be accessible to all year groups. These activities aim to encourage our pupils to explore their own poetic voices and share their creations with their peers. We believe that participation in these activities will not only nurture our students' talents but also foster a deeper appreciation for literature and the power of words.

Black History Month Event with Scholastic Live Key Stage 2 Tuesday 08/10/24



Our Key Stage 2 students will be joining K. N. Chimbi as part of a Scholastic Schools Live Session to talk about her new book *The Story of Britain's Black Nurses*. The children will hear about some of the amazing nurses who have cared for the people of the UK – such as Mary Seacole and Annie Brewster. They will also find out from Kandace about the best way to do their own historical research!

Black History Month Event with Scholastic Live Key Stage 2 Tuesday 08/10/24

Mrs Kirby-Foy and Mrs Lawrence have also been busy preparing a series of curriculum activities to celebrate Black History Month with the pupils. We are looking forward to seeing the lovely work produced.

Year 5 Educational Visits to Apple October 2024

We are pleased to announce a series of educational visits for our Year 5 students to participate in Apple's GarageBand Digital Music workshops. These visits are scheduled to take place in groups of 15 students per visit as follows:

- Tuesday 15/10/24 (morning session) Y6 15 students
- Thursday 17/10/24 (morning session) Y6 15 students
- Tuesday 22/10/24 (morning session) Y6 15 students
- Thursday 24/10/24 (morning session) Y6 15 students

The workshops aim to introduce students to the fundamentals of digital music creation. During these sessions, students will engage in hands-on activities that promote creativity, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills.

This aligns with our commitment to delivering a contemporary curriculum that prepares students for future challenges and opportunities.



Reception Stay and Play Thursday 24/10/24



We will be holding our first Reception Stay and Play for Reception parents and carers on:

Thursday 24/10/24 9am-10am

Parents and carers are welcome to attend this session with their child, to engage in a range of learning activities within the setting.

Further details will follow from Arbor.

Nursery Stay and Play Thursday 24/10/24



We will be holding our first Nursery Stay and Play for Nursery parents and carers on:

Thursday 24/10/24 9am-10am

Thursday 24/10/24 2:30pm-3:30pm

Parents and carers are welcome to attend this session with their child, to engage in a range of learning activities within the setting.

Halloween Events 2024

Pumpkin Carving Competition Wednesday 23rd October 2024

Are you an expert at pumpkin carving or are keen to have a go? Get involved in our Pumpkin carving competition!

How to enter

To take part and enter the competition, send your carved pumpkin in to school on Wednesday 23rd October 2024.

Please remember to include your child's name and class with their pumpkin.

Come and see the entries and vote for your favourite!

The pumpkins will be put on display in the school hall, ready for you to view from 3:30pm to 4:15pm. (Pumpkins can then be taken home on the Thursday).

Certificates

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

Voting

At the viewing (Wednesday 23/10/24 3:30pm-4:30pm) you will be given a slip of paper to vote for your favourite designs. The winner will be revealed in assembly on Thursday 24/10/24.



Halloween Disco - Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Thursday 24/10/24, 4:30pm-5:30pm

As part of our fundraising activities we will be holding a Halloween disco for Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 on Thursday 24/10/24, 4:30pm-5:30pm.

Entry is £1 per pupil - Fancy dress is welcome but not essential.

A tuck shop will be available - maximum spend £1



Halloween Disco - Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 Thursday 24/10/24, 5:30pm-7:00pm

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A tuck shop will be available - maximum spend £2



October Half Term and INSET Day

School will be closed to pupils on Friday 25/10/24 for an INSET Day.

October Half term takes place between Monday 28/10/24 - Friday 01/11/24.

Pupils will be welcomed back to school after the half term break on Monday 04/11/24.



Children's University Au2

Children's University Clubs

Children's University Clubs commence 18/11/24 (owing to the week prior being Parents' Evenings and will run until the end of Friday 13/12/24.

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Events in November 2024

Year 3 Stone Age Workshop with Dr John Hill

Monday 04/11/24 & Tuesday 05/11/24

We are delighted to welcome back Dr John Hill, an Archaeologist and Liverpool University Lecturer to deliver a Stone Age Workshop with real artefacts to your Year 3 Students. The sessions will take place on Monday 04/11/24 and Tuesday 05/11/24.

Dr Hill brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise in the field of archaeology, particularly focusing on prehistoric societies.

During this engaging workshop, students will have the chance to learn about the Stone Age, including its culture, tools, and significant developments.

Dr Hill will employ a hands-on approach, allowing students to interact with artefacts and participate in activities that illustrate the daily lives of our ancestors.

This is a fantastic opportunity for our students to deepen their understanding from an expert in the field!



Year 5 and Year 6 Level 1 and Level 2 Bikeability November 2024

We are delighted to offer our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils, who have not yet completed the course in previous years, a further opportunity to complete Level 1 and Level 2 Bikeability training with BikeRight.

The sessions take place on the Barlows site and in the local community with a focus on safe bicycle travel for pupils.

Pupils should be able to ride unaided (without the support of stabilisers) to qualify for the sessions. Pupils are also required to have a roadworthy bicycle and helmet to use for the sessions.

If you believe your child would benefit from these sessions and can ride unaided but does not have a bicycle or a helmet, please contact the school office to see how we can support participation with a small number of bicycles and helmets available to borrow from BikeRight. Further information is available via Arbor.

Year 4 Old Dock Tour Educational Visit Thursday 07/11/24

We are delighted that our Year 4 pupils will be visiting the Old Dock Tour in Liverpool on

- Thursday 07/11/24 - 4 Curie (Mr Kellett)
- Thursday 21/11/24 - 4 Newton (Mr Stevens)

As part of their enrichment activities linked to their Geography unit on rivers.

During the visit, the children will take a trip below Liverpool One to visit and learn about the historic dock of Liverpool, shipping trade and conditions at the original dock site in Liverpool.

This is an exciting opportunity that we are sure the children will enjoy!

Year 5 and 6 Positive Footprints Career Conversation with Amelie Foster WC 11/11/24

As part of their personal development education, we are pleased to announce that Year 5 and 6 pupils will be attending an online career conversation with Amelie Foster, a Truck Driver across UK and Europe.

The primary objective of this session is to expose our students to various career pathways and to help them understand the importance of setting goals and aspirations for their future.

The online session which is being hosted by Positive Futures as part of our Positive Futures Careers Aspiration Programme, will engage students in discussions about the skills and attributes needed in today's job market.

This initiative is designed to inspire and empower our students as they begin to consider their futures beyond primary education.

We encourage you to discuss this opportunity with your child and to support them in reflecting on their own interests and potential careers they may wish to explore.

Events in November 2024

Parents' Evening - Autumn Term Week Commencing 11th November 2024 - Updated

Parents' Evenings for Nursery - Year 6 will be as follows:

Monday 11/11/24	Tuesday 12/11/24	Wednesday 13/11/24	Thursday 14/11/24
Appointments available between 3:50pm - 7:30pm	Appointments available between 3:50pm - 6:00pm	Appointments available between 3:50pm - 7:30pm	Appointments available between 3:50pm - 6:00pm
Y6 Miss Ward Y5 Miss Johnes Y4 Mr Kellett Y3 Mrs Lawrence Y2 Miss Davis Y1 Miss Hamilton Reception Miss Smith	Y6 Miss Ward Y5 Miss Johnes Y4 Mr Kellett Y3 Mrs Lawrence Y2 Miss Davis Y1 Miss Hamilton Reception Miss Smith	Y6 Mrs Taylor Y5 Mrs Clemson Y4 Mr Stevens Y3 Miss May Y2 Miss Kelly Y1 Mr Wood Reception Miss Evans Nursery Miss Breeze	Y6 Mrs Taylor Y5 Mrs Clemson Y4 Mr Stevens Y3 Miss May Y2 Miss Kelly Y1 Mr Wood Reception Miss Evans Nursery Miss Breeze

Children in Need Friday 15th November 2024

On Friday 15th November 2024, we will be celebrating Children in Need. The event, led by our School Council, aims to raise awareness and funds for the charity which focuses on improving the lives of disadvantaged children and young people across the UK

On Friday 15th November 2024 we will be holding an own clothes day where children are invited to come to school in their own clothes and showcase their most creative and outrageous hairstyles. Clothes should be warm enough for outdoor weather but not include pyjamas for this event.

This 'Crazy Hair Day' promises to be a fun and engaging experience for the children while raising awareness and funds for Children in Need. Donations of £1 are welcome and should be handed in to the collection envelopes in class.

Additionally, on the same day, we are excited to announce that the children will participate in a 'Run Pudsey' event. This initiative encourages pupils to engage in physical activity, running, jumping and having fun, while supporting a charitable cause.

All funds raised will be donated directly to Children in Need.

Odd Sock Day Tuesday 12th November 2024



On Tuesday 12th November 2024, we will be taking part in Odd Sock Day.

Odd Sock Day is part of Anti-Bullying Week, which aims to engage students in meaningful discussions surrounding the importance of respect, understanding, and kindness towards one another.

By wearing odd socks, we hope to visually represent the message that differences are not only acceptable but should be embraced within our school community.

We encourage all students to participate in this initiative by wearing their most colourful and mismatched socks with their usual school uniform on the day. This simple act serves as a powerful reminder to recognise and appreciate the unique qualities that each child possesses.

It is also an excellent opportunity for parents and guardians to discuss the significance of this day and explore themes of friendship, acceptance, and the detrimental effects of bullying.

As part of our efforts to foster a safe and supportive environment, we will be conducting assemblies and classroom activities to further educate our students about bullying and its impact.

Events in November 2024

Year 6 INTO Film Festival Cinema Trip **Despicable Me 4** **12th November 2024**



We have been fortunate enough to secure some free cinema trips for for our pupils as part of the INTO Film Festival. The festival is a fantastic initiative aimed at inspiring students through film, helping to enhance their creativity, and fostering a love for storytelling.

As part of the festival, our Year 6 classes will be attending a screenings designed to engage their imaginations and will like to work back in school. These screenings will not only provide an entertaining experience but will also support our broader educational goals by encouraging discussions about themes such as friendship, resilience, and empathy. The animation explores themes of positive role models, teamwork and perseverance.

Year 6
12/11/2024 - Despicable Me 4 at Vue Birkenhead
22/11/2024 - If at Light Cinema New Brighton

We have some spaces for parents and carers to join us on the trip, details will follow via Arbor.

Year 5 INTO Film Festival Cinema Trip **Kung Fu Panda** **14th November 2024**



We have been fortunate enough to secure some free cinema trips for for our pupils as part of the INTO Film Festival. The festival is a fantastic initiative aimed at inspiring students through film, helping to enhance their creativity, and fostering a love for storytelling.

As part of the festival, our Year 5 classes will be attending a screenings designed to engage their imaginations and will like to work back in school. These screenings will not only provide an entertaining experience but will also support our broader educational goals by encouraging discussions about themes such as friendship, resilience, and empathy. Kung Fu Panda franchise also looks at the meaning of change and how our personalities evolve over time.

Year 5
14/11/24 - Kung Fu Panda 4 at Vue Birkenhead

We have some spaces for parents and carers to join us on the trip, details will follow via Arbor.

Year 4 INTO Film Festival Cinema Trip **Migration** **13th November 2024**



We have been fortunate enough to secure some free cinema trips for for our pupils as part of the INTO Film Festival. The festival is a fantastic initiative aimed at inspiring students through film, helping to enhance their creativity, and fostering a love for storytelling.

As part of the festival, our Year 4 classes will be attending a screenings designed to engage their imaginations and will like to work back in school. These screenings will not only provide an entertaining experience but will also support our broader educational goals by encouraging discussions about themes such as friendship, resilience, and empathy. From the makers of the Despicable Me and The Secret Life of Pets franchises, this whirlwind animation celebrates adventure, family, and wellbeing.

Year 4
13/11/2024 - Migration at Vue Birkenhead

We have some spaces for parents and carers to join us

Year 3 INTO Film Festival Cinema Trip **Jungle Bunch 2** **21st November 2024**



We have been fortunate enough to secure some free cinema trips for for our pupils as part of the INTO Film Festival. The festival is a fantastic initiative aimed at inspiring students through film, helping to enhance their creativity, and fostering a love for storytelling.

As part of the festival, our Year 3 classes will be attending a screenings designed to engage their imaginations and will like to work back in school. These screenings will not only provide an entertaining experience but will also support our broader educational goals by encouraging discussions about themes such as friendship, resilience, and empathy. This is an animal superhero adventure that offers an accessible entry point for discussions about protecting natural habitats.

Year 3
21/11/2024 - Jungle Bunch 2 at Odeon Liverpool One

We have some spaces for parents and carers to join us on the trip, details will follow via Arbor.

Events in November 2024

Year 5 INTO Film Festival Cinema Trip **Harold and the Purple Crayon** **21st November 2024**



We have been fortunate enough to secure some free cinema trips for our pupils as part of the INTO Film Festival. The festival is a fantastic initiative aimed at inspiring students through film, helping to enhance their creativity, and fostering a love for storytelling.

As part of the festival, our Year 5 classes will be attending a screenings designed to engage their imaginations and will like to work back in school. These screenings will not only provide an entertaining experience but will also support our broader educational goals by encouraging discussions about themes such as friendship, resilience, and empathy. The film explores the theme of navigating new surroundings and challenges.

Year 5

21/11/2024 - Harold and the Purple Crayon at Cineworld Speke

We have some spaces for parents and carers to join us on the trip, details will follow via Arbor.

Year 6 INTO Film Festival Cinema Trip **If** **22nd November 2024**



We have been fortunate enough to secure some free cinema trips for our pupils as part of the INTO Film Festival. The festival is a fantastic initiative aimed at inspiring students through film, helping to enhance their creativity, and fostering a love for storytelling.

As part of the festival, our Year 6 classes will be attending a screenings designed to engage their imaginations and will like to work back in school. These screenings will not only provide an entertaining experience but will also support our broader educational goals by encouraging discussions about themes such as friendship, resilience, and empathy. The film specifically explores the themes of family, friendship and growing up.

Year 6

22/11/2024 - If at Light Cinema New Brighton

We have some spaces for parents and carers to join us on the trip, details will follow via Arbor.

Year 2 INTO Film Festival Cinema Trip **200% Wolf** **28th November 2024**



We have been fortunate enough to secure some free cinema trips for our pupils as part of the INTO Film Festival. The festival is a fantastic initiative aimed at inspiring students through film, helping to enhance their creativity, and fostering a love for storytelling.

As part of the festival, our Year 2 classes will be attending a screenings designed to engage their imaginations and will like to work back in school. These screenings will not only provide an entertaining experience but will also support our broader educational goals by encouraging discussions about themes such as friendship, resilience, and empathy. This sequel to the original Australian animation looks at acceptance and friendship.

Year 2

28/11/2024 - 200% Wolf at Odeon Liverpool One

We have some spaces for parents and carers to join us on the trip, details will follow via Arbor.

Dental Defenders: Protectors of the Molar System Workshops for Reception to Year 6 **27/11/24**

We are delighted to be joined by 'Dental Defenders' founded by one of our ex pupils, Ms Ryder-Walker.

Pupils from Reception to Year 6 will engage in interactive oral hygiene sessions, focusing the importance of regular dental visits, a health diet for better oral health and looking at dental models and visual aids to support their understanding their overall oral health.



Dental Defenders: Protectors of the Molar System - Parent Session 27/11/24, **3:45pm-4:15pm**



Parents are invited to a parent session led by dental Defenders, to support pupils in their understanding of the importance of oral hygiene. The session will focus on supporting families in how to care for children's teeth, offer guidance on foods to avoid and those that promote strong, healthy teeth, preventing dental issues and how to handle a dental emergency. We look forward to welcoming you.

Events in November 2024

Parliament Week 18/11/24 - 24/11/24

Our School Council will be leading our UK Parliament Week Celebrations to learn more about Parliament, democracy and law.

The children will participate in debating topics and understand what it means to have the right to vote.



Events December 2024

IEP Parents Meetings - End of Autumn Term Review Week Commencing 6th November 2024

Parents of pupils on the SEND register will have the opportunity to meet with our school SENDCO, Mrs Berry, and class teacher to review their child's Individual Education Plan (IEP) and set targets for the new term. Details of how to book the meeting will follow in due course.

Monday 02/12/24	Tuesday 03/12/24	Wednesday 04/12/24	Thursday 05/12/24
Appointments available between 3:40pm - 6:00pm	Appointments available between 3:40pm - 6:00pm	Appointments available between 3:40pm - 6:00pm	Appointments available between 3:50pm - 6:00pm
Nursery Miss Breeze	Reception Miss Evans and Miss Smith	Year 1 Miss Hamilton and Mr Wood	Year 2 Miss and Miss Davis

Monday 09/12/24	Tuesday 10/12/24	Wednesday 11/12/24	Thursday 12/12/24
Appointments available between 3:40pm - 6:00pm	Appointments available between 3:40pm - 6:00pm	Appointments available between 3:40pm - 6:00pm	Appointments available between 3:50pm - 6:00pm
Year 3 Miss May and Mrs Lawrence	Year 4 Mr Kellett and Mr Stevens	Year 5 Mrs Clemson and Miss Johnes	Year 6 Mrs Taylor and Miss Ward

Events December 2024

Fazakerley Federation Christmas Parties for Barlows Primary School! 02/12/24 - 06/12/24

We are delighted to have been offered a fantastic opportunity for our pupils from Nursery to Year 6, who have been invited to celebrate the Christmas festivities with Fazakerley Federation in December. Year groups will attend on the following dates and enjoy a disco, entertainment, a grotto, a visit from Father Christmas and mascot as well as a small gift. A drink, fruit and snack will be provided for the pupils at no cost to families.

As the festive season approaches, we are delighted to announce the Christmas parties organised and funded by Fazakerley Federation, which aim to spread joy and celebration among our pupils.

The Christmas parties will feature an exciting disco, engaging entertainment, and a magical grotto. Furthermore, we are pleased to share that Father Christmas will be making a special visit, accompanied by a special mascot, to ensure a memorable experience for all.

Each pupil will receive a small gift to commemorate the occasion. We are committed to providing a delightful experience for our students at no cost to families. During the event, refreshments will be provided, including a drink, fruit, and a snack, ensuring that every child can enjoy the party without any additional financial burden.

We pass on our huge thank you to Fazakerley Federation for this wonderful opportunity to visit them and celebrate Christmas in our community.

The dates of the parties have been organised as follows:

Nursery

Monday 02/12/2024 Morning

(Pupils who attend Nursery in the afternoon are invited to attend the morning session also for their Christmas party.)

Reception	Monday 02/12/2024 Afternoon
Year 1	Wednesday 04/12/2024 Morning
Year 2	Wednesday 04/12/2024 Afternoon
Year 3	Thursday 05/12/2024 Morning
Year 4	Friday 06/12/2024 Afternoon
Year 5	Friday 06/12/2024 Morning
Year 6	Thursday 05/12/2024 Afternoon



HMRC Tax Facts Sessions for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 03/12/24 and 04/12/24



As part of our Mathematical enrichment activities, we are pleased to welcome back the team from HMRC for another year. Children from Year 3 to Year 6 will be taking part in HMRC Junior Tax Facts sessions during December. Staff from HMRC will explain about their role and career, 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.

Events December 2024

Christmas Performances

We are delighted to announce this year's Christmas Performance dates. Year groups will perform as individual year groups. This should enable more pupils to have speaking and performance parts, should they wish. There will be one performance per year group as follows:

Nursery 1 Performance: Tuesday 10th December 11am - 11:30am

Nursery 2 Performance: Tuesday 10th December 2:45pm - 3:15pm

Reception Performance: Wednesday 11th December 9:15am - 9:45am

Year 1 Performance: Wednesday 11th December 2:30pm - 3:15pm

Year 2 Performance: Friday 13th December 9:15am - 10am

Year 3 Performance: Monday 16th December 9:15am - 10am

Year 4 Performance: Monday 16th December 2:30pm - 3:15pm

Year 5 Performance: Tuesday 17th December 9:15am - 10am

Year 6 Performance: Tuesday 17th December 2:30pm - 3:15pm



Please note, the event will operate on a strict booking only policy, as part of our safeguarding and risk assessment. We hope you can join us in celebrating our pupils' talents!

Christmas Dinner Day & Christmas Jumper Day & Own Clothes Day Thursday 12/12/24

Our school Christmas Dinner Day will take place on Thursday 12th December.

This is the same date as Christmas Jumper Day. All pupils are invited to wear a Christmas Jumper, Christmas hat or headband or their own clothes for Christmas Dinner Day.

We hope that by combining our own clothes day, Christmas dinner day and Christmas Jumper Day, that families don't feel under pressure to purchase expensive jumpers.

Further details regarding the booking of Christmas dinner will be sent out by the office admin team.



Christmas Movie Morning Thursday 19/12/24



As part of our Christmas celebrations we will be holding a Christmas Movie Day on Thursday 19/12/24.

As part of this, your child is welcome to bring in 1 packet of either crisps or sweets to enjoy whilst watching the film.

Please only send 1 item in to ensure pupils and families do not feel in competition.

Children will not be sharing their item with anyone else as we have a number of allergies in school including dairy, nuts, milk, tomatoes and pineapple.

Please do not send any items that contain nuts or pieces of nuts, as we have pupils with severe nut allergies.

Chewing gum / bubble gum / lollipops are not permitted.

Please note, this is not an own clothes day and pupils should attend in full school uniform.

Term Dates 2024-2025



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AUTUMN TERM 2024	
DATE	EVENT
Monday 2 nd September 2024	INSET Day – School closed to pupils
Tuesday 3 rd September 2024	Pupils return to school
Thursday 24 th October 2024	Last Day for Pupils
Friday 25 th October 2024	INSET Day – School closed to pupils
Monday 28 th October 2024 – Friday 1 st November 2024	Half-Term
Monday 4 th November 2024	Pupils return to school
Thursday 19 th December 2024	Last Day for Pupils – End of Term
Friday 20 th December 2024	INSET Day – School closed to pupils
Monday 23 rd December 2024 – Friday 3 rd January 2025	Christmas Holiday
Notes: Total number of pupil days = 72 Total number of staff days = 75	

SPRING TERM 2025	
DATE	EVENT
Monday 6 th January 2025	Pupils return to school
Friday 14 th February 2025	Last Day for Pupils
Monday 17 th February 2025 – Friday 21 st February 2025	Half-Term
Monday 24 th February 2025	All Pupils Return to School
Friday 4 th April 2025	Last Day for Pupils
Monday 7 th April 2025 – Monday 21 st April 2025	Easter Holiday (including Bank Holiday)
Notes: Total number of pupil days = 60 Total number of staff days = 60	

SUMMER TERM 2025	
DATE	EVENT
Tuesday 22 nd April 2025	All Pupils Return to School
Monday 5 th May 2025	May Day Bank Holiday – School Closed
Tuesday 6 th May 2025	All Pupils Return to School
Monday 12 th May 2025 – Thursday 15 th May 2025	Key Stage 2 SATs
Friday 23 rd May 2025	Last Day for Pupils
Monday 26 th May – Friday 30 th May 2025	Half-Term
Monday 2 nd June 2025	All Pupils Return to School
Friday 18 th July 2025	Final Day of the School Year for Pupils
Monday 21 st July 2025	INSET Day – School closed to pupils
Tuesday 22 nd July 2025	INSET Day – School closed to pupils
Notes: Total number of pupil days = 58 Total number of staff days = 60	

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

Reminders

Attendance Reminder

As a school community, we are committed to providing the best possible education for our students. A crucial aspect of this commitment is ensuring that students attend school regularly and punctually. Research consistently demonstrates that good attendance is directly linked to academic success and overall well-being.

Every day at school brings valuable learning opportunities, and it is vital that each child participates fully in their education. Regular attendance not only enhances individual learning but also contributes to a positive and engaging classroom environment.

If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, I kindly ask that you notify us before 8:30am on the morning of their absence. This will enable us to keep accurate records and ensure that we can provide appropriate support for your child.

Punctuality Reminder

Our school day officially begins at 8:45 am, providing students with a chance to settle in and prepare for lessons that commence promptly at 9:00 am.

Punctuality is crucial as it not only sets a positive tone for the day but also demonstrates respect for the learning environment and the educational process.

Arriving on time allows students to engage fully with their lessons and fosters a commitment to their own academic success.

We have observed that a small number of students are arriving after 9:00 am, which can cause disruption not only to their own learning but also to that of their peers.

Late arrivals often miss important instructions and can find it challenging to integrate smoothly into ongoing activities. Consequently, it is essential that we work together to encourage students to arrive at school with ample time to spare.

To support your child in gaining the habit of punctuality, we recommend the following strategies:

Routine Setting: Establishing a consistent morning routine will help your child prepare for the school day and ensure they arrive on time. This may include setting earlier wake-up times and organising belongings the night before.

Travel Arrangements: Please review your child's travel arrangements to ensure they allow sufficient time to reach school before the start of lessons.

Positive Reinforcement: Recognising and celebrating instances of punctuality can motivate your child to maintain this habit.

We kindly ask for your cooperation in reinforcing the importance of punctuality with your child. Together, we can ensure that every student has the best possible opportunity to thrive in their educational journey.

Water Bottles

Please note that we kindly request that all water bottles brought into school are to be made of plastic not metal or glass, as this contributes to maintaining a safe and manageable environment.

Metal bottles or flask-style containers, as well as large cups, are not permitted as they may pose a potential safety risk within the classroom setting.

Thank you for your continued support with this.

Car Park

A reminder that the school car park is for staff use only. School drop offs are not permitted in the car park.

Please do not try to gain access or tailgate into the school car park.

The school car park entrance should be kept clear to allow pupils and families to walk safely into school via the pedestrian gate.

Thank you in advance.