

One family branching out together

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It is getting towards the end of term and we have managed to get through two dry Sports Days before the weather has turned cold and wet again. As the weather is so unpredictable, please can parents and carers ensure that your children are prepared for the inclement weather and send raincoats and water bottles into school daily. We are down to our last three weeks of the current school year and, as we draw to a close, we have a very busy few weeks, as we say our goodbyes to our Year 6 children and welcome our new Reception new starters. Please take a few minutes to read our newsletter and the handy calendar on the last page, to keep up-to-date with our events.



Rising Stars

Please celebrate the two children from each class below who are our Rising Stars this week.

Class 1

Blake is such a wonderful asset to Class 1. His enthusiasm to progress with his learning is a delight to see. I absolutely love watching him flourish in his writing and be so eager to share his work with others. His kindness and care for everyone is truly wonderful. Well done Blake!

Oscar is such a fantastic member of Class 1. He has a real skill for making those around him smile. I have been so impressed with his love for learning over the past few weeks. He loves to sit down and practise his writing and is excited to share this with his friends. I love how he always tells us he is proud of himself. You have been wonderful Oscar, well done you!



Class 2

Cora - For working so hard on your maths work on shape and for trying so hard with your story writing too.
Rhys - For showing incredible perseverance in all areas of the curriculum.

Class 3

Erin - For always showing great creativity and enthusiasm in lessons.

Mia Sp - For excellent perseverance shown in maths this week when answering problem-solving questions about timetables.



Park Road & Park Lane Barlow – Carriageway Surfacing Works

We have been informed by NYC that the above works will be taking place and are currently programmed to commence on 12th July and will be carried out under a full road closure between the hours of 09.00 - 15.30 for a period of 14 days. As this directly affects school start and end times, we have been in contact with NYC to request further information. Please see the attached map with the red coloured roads marked as those which will be closed. Families will be able to access school by parking at the fork as you drive into the village or on Brown Cow Road and walking on the footpath. If you are unclear, please consult the office. We will keep you updated on our communications with NYCC in due course.



Is my Child too Ill for School?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school when they are unwell, so please check out the link below which has been added to the School Health section of our website, regarding *Is my Child too Ill for School?*

If you do keep your child at home, it is important to either phone school as soon as possible, or leave a voicemail or email admin.barlow@wrfed.co.uk, to inform us that your child will be absent, giving the reason. The reason for absence is important as we have to code the absence in our register and so that we can confidentially advise any vulnerable members of our school community if a communicable infection has been present in school.



We thank you for your cooperation.

[School Health | Barlow Primary School \(barlowschool.org.uk\)](https://barlowschool.org.uk)

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)



Pedestrian Gate

The Pedestrian Gate at the front of school shall be closed at 3.40pm daily to ensure that the school site is secure, so please ensure that if you are still on site after this time that you close the gate behind you when leaving, ensuring that the maglock is engaged.

Kids' Corner Morning Drop Off

Please can all parents and carers remember that the Car Park is out of bounds from 8.00am onwards and to park outside school and walk children to the Kids' Corner entrance at the back of the Car Park. We have numerous kitchen and other site deliveries in school after 8.00am, so the restriction is in place to keep your children safe. *Thank you for your cooperation.*



Charity Non-Uniform Day – Diabetes UK

On **Friday the 7th July** we invite our children and staff to donate to Diabetes UK in return for dressing up in bright clothes (suitable for school). Evie and Mia Sh in Class 3 are always looking for ways to help others and came upon this idea, as Evie has a close relative who suffers with Type 1 Diabetes and realised that some people won't have the resources in the way of information or funding to help them manage this condition. If you would like to give your support, please donate via ParentPay.

DIABETES UK
KNOW DIABETES. FIGHT DIABETES.



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Sports for Schools – Athlete Visit

The children were all very excited to welcome top athlete, GB Badminton player, Jenny Wallwork to our school on **Friday, 23 June 2023**.

Jenny was virtually born into the sport! Her mum played for England and her dad was an international badminton coach for 15 years. Jenny travelled the globe playing badminton and became number 5 in the world. Her most recent achievement was winning silver in the 2010 Commonwealth Games in the mixed doubles. [Jenny Wallwork - Sports for Schools](#)



Jenny was so kind when she arrived and lead a sponsored fitness circuit with all pupils from Nursery to 6 and followed up with an inspirational assembly, and question and answer session. The aim of the event was to inspire the pupils to be more physically active, but just as importantly, encourage them to discover and pursue their passion in life. Our children and staff found Jenny to be warm, enthusiastic and highly motivational, making the afternoon a great success. The event connected the pupils to an extraordinary athlete role model whilst raising funds to improve physical activity in the school, while also supporting both athletes and para-athletes, so that they can continue to inspire the next generation. Thank you to every family who secured sponsorship for your child, raising the fantastic total of **£1107** (as per today's date).

Some of the children in Class 3 commented on Jenny's visit below:-

Bailey - "It was a nice change to hear from a successful athlete about how she persevered and made a living out of her dream sport."

Erin - "I learnt that badminton is the fastest racquet sport."

Halle - "Myself and a few of my friends did another round of the circuit with Jenny and some of the younger children in school. We helped encourage the younger children. I did 15 push ups and was given a blue wristband for my efforts. I also got a signed wristband for helping with the younger children!"

Evie - "It was really different to what I expected it to be and I had so much fun!"





KS2 Federation Sports Day

On Tuesday, 27th June we welcomed all of the children from Year 3 to 6 across our federation to join us for a Sports Day which was a huge success. Luckily, the weather held off and we were able to complete the sprint, bean bag and skipping races with friendly competition being engaged in by all competitors. Each pupil competed individually against their peers from schools across our Federation, but they were also competing to gain points for their schools too.

Every pupil at Barlow demonstrated superb behaviour, perseverance and effort during the whole afternoon. After all of the points were added up, we found out that Barlow won the event! Chapel Haddlesey came in second with Burton Salmon finishing in third place. **Well done to everyone who took part, you all gave a great representation of yourselves and of our school.**

Annelise - I enjoyed being with my friends from the other schools and catching up with them.

Scarlett - It's not about winning, it's about having fun. My favourite part was when I got to see all my friends with a big smile on their faces when they did really well.



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The White Rose Federation Art Showcase

Due to low numbers attending, we have taken the decision to postpone the booking at the Royal Opera House in York for the Art Showcase until next summer. We hope by giving parents more notice of the date for next year, we will be able to generate enough support to make it a fantastic event.

I am pleased to announce that, instead, we will be holding a Curriculum Showcase at our three schools on the same day, **Tuesday 11th July, from 3.14pm to 4.15pm**. Families are invited into school to see their children's artwork and other foundation subject work such as geography, history and design & technology, and other curriculum work that is on show on our display boards in school and in their school books.



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Extended families including younger siblings, grandparents, aunties and uncles are more than welcome to come along too. There will be light refreshments available for all. Our feedback from the children is that they are SO excited to wear party clothes so we are inviting children to bring them in on this day and to get changed before their families arrive. Our photographers in school will be making the rounds taking photos of the event with pupils and their work to share with parents at a later date.

We hope you understand our decision and are able to attend the event in school.

American Dinner

On Wednesday, 7th June the children enjoyed an American Dinner with hot dogs and burgers. Miss Rutherford set up an American-style arrangement with a special American flag cake, as you can see below.



Parent Donations

What an exciting Student Council meeting we had recently! We were delighted to have been donated an amazing amount of money (via Parent Donations to School on ParentPay) to spend on playground equipment. We discussed the types of things that we might like and the things that everyone would enjoy using during playtimes and lunchtimes. We eventually chose some new skipping ropes, different sorts of balls and some big games like snakes and ladders as well as two connect four games and a giant Jenga. We can't wait for everyone to enjoy these new resources! We also discussed that we need to work with Matthew and Riley, our Playground Monitors to ensure that these fabulous new things are looked after with respect and care each and every day!

If you would like to donate to our School Fund anonymously, you can do so via 'Parent Donations to School' on your ParentPay account. **On behalf of the School Council we thank our donors for providing this lovely equipment for the children to use.**



BPASA News

Please click on the link below for all of your BPASA information, including links to their new Facebook page and Easyfundraising, an online tool for families to access before they buy online. The website area also includes the recent minutes from meetings and coverage of all the PTA events so far this year.



Parent Teacher Association | Barlow Primary School (barlowschool.org.uk)



BPASA - Barlow Primary School Fundraising | Easyfundraising

Bag2School



We are pleased a clothes & shoe collection with Bag2School has been arranged, in order to raise funds for the BPASA.

Bag2School is the UK's leading textile recycler and fundraiser working with schools and since its inception in 2001 it has now paid out over £36 million.

It also helps the environment by helping to divert unwanted textiles away from landfill. A recent DEFRA report has shown that textile collection schemes are helping to reduce the volume of textiles discarded as municipal solid waste. However, it is a fact that as

a nation we still send 350,000 tonnes of textiles to landfill every year.

By getting involved in our **Bag2School** collection, you have an opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles in the bag provided – this can include adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, handbags and soft toys, (please refer to <http://uk.bag2school.com/> for full details). In addition to raising much needed funds it will also raise awareness amongst the children of the benefits of recycling and reuse.

Please fill a black bin liner and if you still have more, then you can use any other bag to donate your items and don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort out as well!

Bag2School will be collecting from Barlow C of E Primary School on **Wednesday, 12th July**. Please bring your bag (or bags!) to the Resources Room and help us have a really good collection.

Many thanks indeed for helping us with this unique fundraising opportunity.

Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

Good attendance is linked to success in all aspects of life!

Whole school attendance target is: **97 %**



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The whole school attendance for the fortnight: **89.6 %**

House	Percentage	Rank
Attenborough	91.8	2nd
Kahlo	84.0	4th
Moore	95.0	1st
Rashford	87.3	3rd

53 children in the 100% Club for the fortnight!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs E V Briggs,

Admin Assistant



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Please also refer to the Calendar page of our website for our full school calendars for the next 2 years: -

<https://www.barlowschool.org.uk/calendar/term-dates>

Thursday, 6 th July 2023	Reception Children 2 nd Visit to Class 1 – 9.15am to 11.45pm (Unaccompanied)
Friday, 7 th July 2023	Charity Non-Uniform Day for Diabetes UK (Evie & Mia Sh) – wear bright clothes
Thursday, 6 th July 2023	BPASA Committee Meeting – Barlow Village Club – 7.00pm all welcome
Tuesday, 11 th July 2023	Art Showcase - 3.15pm - 4.15pm - Barlow School
Wednesday, 12 th July 2023	Bags2School Collection – 9.00am – Resources Room (for BPASA funds)
Thursday, 13 th July 2023	Pupil Reports emailed to Parents via ScholarPack
Thursday 13 th July 2023	Reception Children 3 rd Visit to Class 1 and lunch – 9.15am to 1.10pm (Unaccompanied)
Monday, 17 th July 2023	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly – 2.00pm – 3.00pm Parents and Carers Welcome
Wednesday, 19 th July 2023	Crucial Crew – Federation Year 5 & 6
Wednesday, 19 th July 2023	Year 6 Leavers' Treat at Selby Superbowl – Afternoon
Monday, 24 th July 2023	Family Picnic – Parents & Carers Welcome – 12.00pm – 1.00pm
Tuesday, 25 th July 2023	School Closed for Training Day
Wednesday, 6 th September 2023	School Opens for New School Year
Friday, 13 th October 2023	9.30am - 11.30am Nursery Open Morning for Prospective New Families
Friday 17 th November 2023	9.30am - 11.30am Nursery Open Morning for Prospective New Families

New Dates Added

Important to remember

School Holiday Dates

*** Please note: We break for school at the end of the day on Monday 24th July which is a normal school day and all pupils should be in attendance.**



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