

One family branching out together

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Newsletter No 1



We hope that you all had a lovely summer break, although it is long behind us, and managed to rest and relax in readiness for our new school year. We hope that you are all well-established families into your new family routines, as the children are now established in their new classroom routines. A big Barlow welcome to our new children and their families. In Class 1 we welcome Zach, Ffion, Bobby, Beatrix and Eliza. In Class 3 we welcome Ella.

As it is the beginning of the new school year this edition of the newsletter features a lot of information and housekeeping information to keep you informed. We are developing a new format and style for our newsletters to be launched soon, so watch this space!

Emergency Contacts

Mrs Briggs will soon be sending out Pupil Update Forms to pupils in years 1 to 6, so that you can complete your most recent emergency contact details and update us with any other important information that we need to know about your child(ren). In the meantime, and during the school year, if you have any new phone numbers, new contacts who can collect your child from school, or any updates to medical or family circumstances, please email Mrs Briggs at admin.barlow@wrfed.co.uk. In line with our school policies, all information received is treated in the strictest confidence.

Parking

To ensure the safety of our school community, we thank you for please taking notice of the following points: -

- **Please** park safely and avoiding the yellow parking cones which are placed to allow families and children who walk to school alone, a clear view of the road to enable them to cross safely.
- **Please** respect our school neighbours (and they will respect you), avoiding parking across driveways, always allowing them access to and from their vehicles and properties.
- **Please** do not park in the Car Park after 8.00am in the morning to drop off children at Kids' Corner, as staff, delivery and visitor vehicles are moving around the Car Park.
- **Please** do not park on the paved areas at each side of the Car Park gates as this is reserved for staff.
- **Please** refrain from performing U-turns in the Car Park entrance, or from blocking the Car Park entrance.



Contacts With Staff

If you need to have a face-to-face conversation with your child's class teacher, please call at the end of the day to do so, as the beginning of the day is focused on teaching. Alternatively, please email Mrs Briggs on admin.barlow@wfed.co.uk to make an appointment with your child's class teacher or send an email that can be forwarded to your child's class teacher to be responded to directly. Of course, emergencies are an exception!

Arrivals and Departures



Our school Pedestrian Gate is opened from 8.45am daily until 9.00am and is manned by staff. Now that we have settled into our new classroom routines, please can parents drop their children off through the gate to walk to their classes unaided. If you feel that your child is unable to do so, please speak to their teacher directly to discuss further.

The normal school day ends at 3.30pm and the Pedestrian Gate is opened daily from 3.25pm, so that parents may line up outside their child(ren)'s classes to collect them. If you are going to be late for any reason, or another person who isn't on your Collection Permission Form is collecting your child(ren) from school, please ring Mrs Briggs to advise.

Free School Meals

Parents may be able to receive Free School Meals, so if you think that you may be eligible, please follow the link below to our website to find out how to apply.

[Qualifying for Free School Meals | Barlow Primary School \(barlowschool.org.uk\)](https://barlowschool.org.uk)



Universal free school meals for infants

If your child is in Reception, Year One or Year Two they are automatically entitled to a Free School Meal, funded by the government. Parents who are on benefits and meet the above criteria are still encouraged to apply for free school meal funding, known as pupil premium funding. This benefits the school and helps increase your child's attainment. So please follow the link above and find out how to apply.

If you find that you would like to look at the menu again to make new choices for your child's school meals or would like them to swap from packed lunches to school meals, as the weather gets colder, please email Mrs Briggs for a copy of our current menus which can also be found on our website. Our school dinner menus change from Monday, 6th November and copies will be sent home with your children before the end of this half-term for you to make your choices. [School Meals | Barlow Primary School \(barlowschool.org.uk\)](https://barlowschool.org.uk)

Uniform

Although it is the beginning of a new school year, our staff have spent unnecessary time matching children up with uniform items that have not been labelled. Please can all parents make a big effort to at least mark their children's initials in their uniform items. Please initial or label all uniform items, coats, PE kit, wellingtons, shoes in Class 1, book bags, bags and all water bottles. The children are encouraged to take responsibility for their own possessions in school and by marking items they are helped locate their belongings. Our staff cannot be held responsible for lost or misplaced uniform items that have not been initialled or labelled.



During playtimes and lunchtimes, the children like to play on the field which can be wet and muddy. If you would like your children to be able to do so, please send them to school with a pair of wellingtons (initialled or named inside) and pegged together. On wet days, children who do not have wellingtons available will not be able to play on the grass, as the mud is carried into classrooms.

Please refer to the extract from our Uniform Policy below for your further information

CHAPEL HADDLESEY SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY (barlowschool.org.uk)

Makeup

No makeup or nail varnish is allowed in school. If a child arrives at school with makeup or nail varnish, they will be asked to remove it at the earliest convenience.

Jewellery & Body Art

No jewellery, except a watch and small earring studs, are allowed in school. It is a health and safety hazard on the playground and in PE lessons and can cause distress to the child if such jewellery is mislaid. If jewellery, other than a watch and earring studs are worn, the pupil will be asked to remove it and hand it to the teacher. It will be returned to the parent/carer at the end of the school day. This includes charitable wristbands, unless consent has been given by the school. Body art, in the form of temporary tattoos and transfers, is also unsuitable for school.

Outerwear

Within the uniform catalogue from our suppliers, a school fleece jacket and a waterproof jacket are on sale. Both of these items are only to be worn for outdoor play and are not to be worn in place of a school jumper or cardigan. These are entirely optional items for families in place of, or as well as, a coat.

'Hoodies' (hooded tops) present a hazard in the playground and are not appropriate in school. The only exceptions to this are:

- School Ambassador Hoodies, awarded on loan to pupils selected to represent the ethos and values of the school as 'ambassadors',
- a Year 6 Leavers' hoodie, ordered from school, which can be worn by Year 6 children in their final year of school.

Electronic devices

Mobile telephones, i-pods, communication watches or similar devices are not allowed in school. They are not covered on the school insurance and therefore, any family sending them in an overnight bag for a stay at a second home, do so at their own risk. The teacher should be made aware so that any device can be signed in at the office until the end of the day when it will be returned to the child.

Hair

Extreme haircuts, coloured hair, hair extensions and oversized hair fashion accessories are not appropriate for school. They may cause a hazard in the playground and a distraction in class. Pupils with long hair must have it tied or free from their faces during school.

Spare Clothes

It is recommended that all children in Class 1 have a spare full set of clothes in their PE bag in case of accidents. This eliminates parents having to drop fresh clothes at school in the event of a toileting accident or water play.



Food Policy

Please refer to our Food Policy [MODEL SCHOOL FOOD POLICY \(barlowschool.org.uk\)](https://barlowschool.org.uk) and in particular to the extract below: -

Water

Fresh, chilled drinking water is available for all pupils throughout the day and pupils will be encouraged to drink water at frequent intervals. All packed lunch pupils have access to water at lunch time meaning there is no need for an additional drink to be brought as part of a packed lunch. Pupils are encouraged to bring a water bottle every day that they can refill as necessary. Bottles go home at the end of every day to be washed and returned. **No drinks other than water will be brought into school by pupils unless recommended by a doctor for medical needs. Please refrain from adding ANY medications to your child's water, unless the necessary Medicine Form has been completed and handed to your child's class teacher, along with the water bottle.**

Break time snacks

The School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme (SFVS) provides a free piece of fruit or vegetable to every 4 to 6 year old attending a state-funded school. We usually receive enough fruit to be able to offer this to all our Nursery children too. Pupils in other year groups can bring in a healthy snack for morning breaktime. This can be a piece of fruit or vegetable, or a plain rice cake. Children eating these snacks outside must stand still whilst eating them to reduce the risk of choking.

Online Safety

As a federation we subscribe to an Online Safety Newsletter for parents which has been emailed out to you last week, along with a booklet entitled Parental Controls 2023 for your information. Please see the link below to our website: -

[Microsoft Word - Online Safety Newsletter Primary September 2023 The White Rose Federation 04-09-2023.docx \(barlowschool.org.uk\)](#)

[Parental Controls booklet 2023 \(barlowschool.org.uk\)](#)

[Online Safety for Parents | Barlow Primary School \(barlowschool.org.uk\)](#)

Class Newsletters



Class newsletters are added to our website and emailed to parents half-termly, so please don't miss vital information about your child's learning journey and how you can support this at home, by ensuring that your child(ren) is super-prepared for school life and events. Please note the PE days for each class and support our teaching by sending your child to school wearing their PE kit on these days. Earrings to be taken out at home or covered with tape please. Long hair is to be tied up always during the school day also.

Thank you for your support.

Nursery [PowerPoint Presentation \(barlowschool.org.uk\)](#)

Reception [PowerPoint Presentation \(barlowschool.org.uk\)](#)

Year 1 [PowerPoint Presentation \(barlowschool.org.uk\)](#)

Class 2 (Year 1 – 3) [PowerPoint Presentation \(barlowschool.org.uk\)](#)

Class 3 (Year 5 – 6) [PowerPoint Presentation \(barlowschool.org.uk\)](#)





Online Learning Resources

Please see the range of online resources listed below that we subscribe to in school which you can access for home learning at any time for your children, to enhance their learning experience. Individual login details will be sent home with your child(ren) imminently. **Please contact Mrs Briggs if you are unable to login, or access any of your accounts once you have received the login details.**

Thank you for switching online to help your child's learning journey.

Tapestry - Nursery and Reception

<https://tapestryjournal.com/>

Purple Mash – Year 1 - 6

<https://www.purplemash.com/>

Numbots - Reception and Year 1

<https://trockstars.com/>

Times Table Rock Stars - Year 2 - 6

<https://trockstars.com/>

Bug Club - Nursery - Year 6

<https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/>

Microsoft Teams - Years 2 - 6

Homework for Class 2 and 3 will be a combination of paper-based and Teams work. Your child has been allocated a user name and simple password to log in. Should you have any problems logging in, please speak to the class teacher initially to check the details.



MarvellousMe

MarvellousMe is an app, which tells you about the wonderful things that your child is learning and pings you when they have been praised for good work or for presenting a great character skill. Our teaching staff will be using the MarvellousMe app, so we hope that it will help to show how marvellously your children are doing. Letters have been sent out to all parents and carers with instructions of how to set up the app. **Please contact Mrs Briggs if you are unable to login.**

Please see the link to our website below which has all the information you need to know about MarvellousMe: -[MarvellousMe | Barlow Primary School \(barlowschool.org.uk\)](https://barlowschool.org.uk/marvellousme)



Families Magazine

Our school subscribes monthly to Families Magazine, a fantastic resource containing educational tips for parents and fun activities. This month the magazine contains a great education feature, along with a popular What's on Guide to plan your autumn days out in the North Yorkshire region. Please click on the link below to read the magazine which is also available in paper format, to be sent home with your children, as soon as it arrives: -

[Families Magazine | Barlow Primary School \(barlowschool.org.uk\)](https://barlowschool.org.uk/families-magazine)

[Families North Yorkshire Sep/Oct 23 - Digital by Families Magazine - Issuu](#)

After-School Clubs

Here is a reminder of the letter which was sent home recently, offering our programme for this half-term (Autumn 1). **We still have places available at every Club, so please visit ParentPay to book a place (or email Mrs Briggs if your child is attending Kids' Corner afterwards).**

To confirm a place, payment must be made on ParentPay before the start date of each club.

All places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. If your child is ill or if school needs to cancel a club session, a refund for the session will be credited to your ParentPay account at the end of the term.



Please note that in partnership with Kids' Corner, for children who would like to attend a club and then attend Kids' Corner afterwards there will be no cost for the after-school club. If this is the case for your child(ren), please book your places by emailing me directly and not via ParentPay. Please also advise Kids' Corner, so they know to expect your child into their care after the school club has finished.

Day	Club	Finish	Year	Cost	Information
Monday	Young Voices Club (Miss Yeomans)	4.30pm	3 to 6 (children who will attend Young Voices in February 2024)	£3 per week	£18 on ParentPay 6 weeks (from 18.09.23)
Monday	Music & Movement (Miss Nunn)	4.30pm	1 & 2 (limited to 10 places available)	£4 per week	£24 on ParentPay 6 weeks (from 18.09.23)
Tuesday	Sports Club (Miss Pickard)	4.30pm	2 to 6 (limited to 20 places available)	£4 per week	£28 on ParentPay 7 weeks from 12.09.23
Thursday	Cooking Club (Mrs J Smith)	4.30pm	3 to 6 (Please bring a 'takeaway' type container) Limited to 8 places available	£4 per week	£28 on ParentPay 7 weeks from 14.09.23

Year 6 Leavers

On Monday, 24th July we held our annual Year 6 leavers service. The children performed a play written by Mary and leavers' prayers that they had written. They listened to the words of their parents who had sent information into school about their school journey, along with photos of them as babies and on their first day at school (much to the embarrassment of some).



All of the children received a traditional Barlow bear and Leavers' autograph/notebook which was kindly funded by the BPASA, as well as some other small gifts. We would like to thank Mrs Moore for attending to represent the BPASA and thank the BPASA for their gift contributions and for the balloons and banner that they provided which helped to make the service even more special and were much appreciated.

We also would like to thank all of the Year 6 parents and grandparents for their support and hope that those who were able to attend, enjoyed it as much as the children did.

We wish all our Year 6 pupils every success in their journey through high school and we will miss them immensely.





Crucial Crew and Selby Superbowl Visit

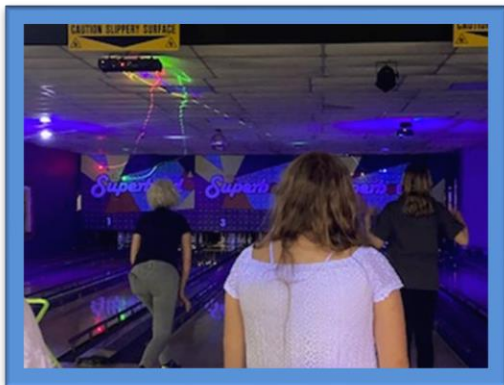
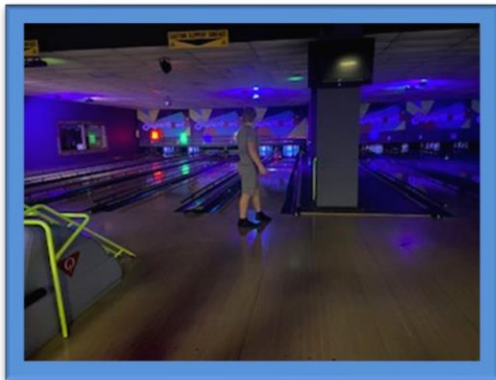


On Wednesday, 19th July, our Year 6 Leavers joined our other federation school children to attend Crucial Crew in York which, hosted by North Yorkshire Police, providing the children with workshops to teach them about Fire & Water Safety, Drug Dangers, Alcohol and Anti-Social Behaviour. Other partners to the day were the School Nurses who talked to the children about the worries of starting secondary school, Youth Justice who discussed Anger in the Home, IDAS (Domestic abuse service) and City of York Council who addressed Road Safety. We are grateful to the BPASA for donating £5 per child toward the cost of the trip.

Before returning to school the children visited Selby Superbowl to enjoy a friendly but competitive game of bowling and Laser-tag, followed by a pizza meal and cake.



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BPASA News

The latest BPASA Committee Meeting was held on Thursday, 14th September at Barlow Village Club, getting the new school year off to a great start. Please click on the link below which charts the income and expenditure of the BPASA from January until July 2023. As a school we are very grateful to all of the BPASA members who are working tirelessly to provide useful, quality resources for the children.



[pta-fundraising.pdf \(barlowschool.org.uk\)](https://barlowschool.org.uk/pta-fundraising.pdf)

Please also check out the BPASA website page below which detail minutes of the meetings, how to access their Facebook page and how to express and interest to join them.

[Parent Teacher Association | Barlow Primary School \(barlowschool.org.uk\)](https://barlowschool.org.uk/parent-teacher-association)

Summer Picnic



The last day of the school term on **Monday, 24th July** couldn't have been marked in any better way than with the BPASA Summer Picnic which took place during the afternoon with lots of stalls below and a special treat of an ice cream for every child from visiting Selby Ices, also funded by the BPASA. All the funds collected from the day were credited to the BPASA Funds from the stalls below : -

Gift Bag Tombola

Raffle

Pre-owned Uniform

Books



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

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

The whole school attendance for the fortnight: **94.43%**

House	Percentage	Rank
Attenborough	93.7	4th
Kahlo	98.9	2nd
Moore	94.0	3rd
Rashford	99.9	1st

58 children in the 100% Club for the fortnight!

Yours sincerely,
Mrs E V Briggs,

Admin Assistant





Please also refer to the website for our full school years: -

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

Calendar page of our calendars for the next 2

Tuesday, 19 th September 2023	Morning - Twig visiting Classes with Mrs Hall
Friday, 22 nd September 2023	Selby Times – photographing New Reception Starters
Thursday, 5 th October 2023	BPASA Meeting – 7.00 Barlow Village Club – All Welcome
Tuesday, 10 th October 2023	Morning - Twig visiting Classes with Mrs Hall
Friday, 13 th October 2023	9.30am - 11.30am Nursery Open Morning for Prospective New Families
Thursday, 26 th October 2023	Flu Vaccinations – Reception to Year 6 - Details to be advised to parents
Friday, 27 th October 2023	School Ends for Half-Term – 3.30pm
Monday, 6 th November 2023	School Opens for Autumn Term 2 – 9.00am
Friday 17 th November 2023	9.30am - 11.30am Nursery Open Morning for Prospective New Families
Tuesday, 5 th December 2023	Flu Vaccinations – For children who were previously unable to attend
Friday, 22 nd December 2023	School Closes for Christmas – 3.30pm
Monday 8 th January 2024	Staff Training Day – School Closed
Tuesday, 9 th January 2023	School Open for Spring Term 1 – 9.00am

New Dates Added

Important to remember

School Holiday Dates



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