

One family branching out together

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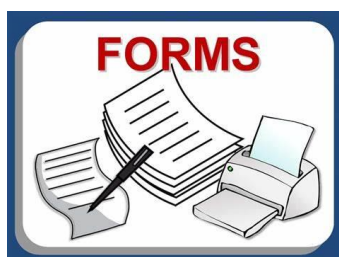
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Newsletter No 2

Although we've had a very changeable September in terms of the weather, autumn officially begins (according to the meteorological calendar) on the 1st September and ends on the 30th November! In school we mark this occasion with our Harvest Festival and our BPASA are working hard to provide a Pumpkin Party at the end of this half-term for our children and siblings. Please continue to read our newsletters to keep up to date with the latest information and calendar dates (on the last sheet).



Formalities



Please look out in bags and book bags for the following forms coming home with children from Year 1 to Year 6: -

[Student Updates](#) [Home-School Agreements](#)
[Pupil Acceptable Use Agreements](#)

It would be really helpful if parents could please complete and return the forms to school within two weeks of them being received, so that we have the most up-to-date information for your children. If you need to advise of any changes

to the contacts who collect your children from school, please email Mrs Briggs to ask for a Permission to Collect from School Form, or download one from our website using the link below: -

[permission-to-collect-from-school-form-2024_0.pdf \(barlowschool.org.uk\)](#).

For the safety of your children, please call or email Mrs Briggs to advise if you are going to be late to collect your child(ren), or if someone other than the persons on your permission form is collecting your children. Our staff will keep them at school until you can be contacted, if there is any question at all regarding the person who has been sent to collect them. Thank you for working together with us.



Current Year 6 Hoodies

Just a reminder that Classroom Clothing have a link on their website currently for parents of current Year 6 children to use, to enable you to purchase spare Year 6 hoodies, as required.

[Barlow Leavers Hoodie 2024 — Classroom Clothing](#)



Your Health Matters

It's that time of year when the normal bugs and viruses are in full flow, alongside the re-emergence of Covid. Please be extra vigilant and monitor whether your child is well enough to be in school. If your child tests positive for Covid, please inform us immediately so that we can track cases in school. **The guidance states that children who test positive should be absent for 3 days, starting after the day that the test was taken.** If you cannot test, the guidance asks for infected people to stay at home if your child has a high temperature and feels unwell. Children may return to school when they feel better and do not have a high temperature.



Vomiting and Diarrhoea

Children with diarrhoea or vomiting should stay away from school until they have not vomited or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days (48 hours).

Please visit the GOV.UK website which contains the guide below for your information: -

[A parent's guide to keeping kids healthy this school year - UK Health Security Agency \(blog.gov.uk\)](https://www.blog.gov.uk/2020/09/01/a-parents-guide-to-keeping-kids-healthy-this-school-year/)

Please also refer to our website link below which answers common questions from parents about 'Is my child too ill for school?'

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

Thank you for helping to keep our children and school community protected from spreading the above illnesses. As you will be aware we have members of our school community who are vulnerable, so you are helping to protect them too!

Harvest Festival

We will be celebrating our Harvest Festival in school on Wednesday, 11th October which will be led this year by our Worship Group. Once again, we are supporting Selby & District Foodbank, who help local people who are facing crisis. Over 90% of the food distributed by the Trussell Network on behalf of the foodbank is donated by the public. If you would like to support this worthwhile cause, please send in the following shopping list items of foods that are urgently needed by the end of the day on **Friday, 13th October**:



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The Foodbank have plenty of soup, baked beans, cereal, pasta, rice and have asked for no more of these items please. Thank you for your generosity.

For further information regarding how to give or receive from Selby & District Foodbank, please follow the link [About | Selby & District Foodbank](https://www.selbyanddistrictfoodbank.org.uk/)



Online Safety

Please refer to the latest version of our Online Safety Newsletter for parents (link below to our website).

This month considers how to set up parental controls on the Playstation, Xbox and Nintendo Switch, as well as other links to other online risks.

[Online Safety for Parents Newsletter - October 2023 | Barlow Primary School \(barlowschool.org.uk\)](https://barlowschool.org.uk/online-safety-for-parents-newsletter-october-2023/)



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Young Voices 2024

Once again, we are pleased to announce that 10 of our children will join our other federation schools at the Young Voices concert on **Wednesday, 21st February 2024**. Miss Yeomans has been leading the singing (and some dancing) during Young Voices Club on a Monday after school. The children are looking forward to the event and can't wait to be part of the many choirs taking part on the day. Please can parents note that their adult audience tickets and pupil T-Shirt orders will be added to ParentPay for you to pay.



Barlow Wellbeing Award – part of The White Rose Federation

Message from Sam Maud - The White Rose Federation Pastoral team worked hard over an 18-month period to achieve the 'Wellbeing Award for Schools'.



This reinforces our ongoing support with the children, their families, staff and local community putting wellbeing at the heart of what we do.

The three schools within the federation achieved the awards after showing their commitment towards: reducing stigma around mental health, developing strategies to improve pupil behaviour, building positive pupil wellbeing, supporting staff and parental wellbeing.

Colin Noble, the Wellbeing assessor, stated, "The strengths identified were numerous. The staff really did know their families and children (and each other) very well indeed and how their needs could best be met; and they quite tangibly cared for them deeply as individuals."

I am proud to be part of the Federation Pastoral team - our dedication and commitment to our families is special and the support we offer breaks down any barriers to learning.

We would also like to welcome Miss Eleanor Langhorn who has joined our Pastoral team on a full timetable. Eleanor will be working with myself and Miss McNichol, Federation SENDCo supporting SEND and pastoral duties across the federation.



Worship Group

Our Worship Group play an important role during our collective worship assemblies. The children were voted onto the Group by their peers in an election. We each have a day in which we open our collective worship by lighting a candle, welcoming all the children and then closing our worship with a prayer. We are also currently working on writing a new school prayer! We make suggestions about worship, taking into account the views of everyone in our school, helping to ensure that we continue to have lovely collective worship assemblies!

Maria and Leo shared their thoughts on what it means for them to be part of the Worship Group. "It's really fun because you get to do the prayer but I get a bit nervous standing up in front of the school. Next year I want to give the certificates out." Maria

"I like giving the certificates out and saying the prayers." Leo



Student Council News

This year we welcome Laura, Sophia, Brooke, Henry, Millie and Eve onto the School Council. The children were proudly presented with their green School Council badges during Collective Worship, after being voted for by their peers. We have started the new school year off with a bang, already holding several meetings to discuss future events in school and the sorts of events and activities that we wish to focus on this year. The School Council noticeboard is up and running, so our school community can see what is happening in school over the coming term. Keep an eye on the newsletters as they provide the dates and important information regarding School Council-led events. The first event on their agenda will be a non-uniform day on Friday, 27th October with proceeds donated to Help for Heroes. We are really and focused about the importance of recycling this year and how we can help our planet in school.



“My name is Laura (Year 6) and my favourite colours are beige and blue. I also enjoy meeting up with friends and family. I am so pleased that I have been chosen to represent my class on the School Council because I want to continue to make Barlow Primary a better place and I enjoy joining in with everything that is offered to me”.

“Hello, I’m Eve (Year 1) and I think that I am really sensible, I love Maths and coming to school. I am really looking forward to being on the School Council because I think that giving out the School Council certificate at the end of each day is a special thing to do! It is going to be lots of fun working with the other children, helping to make our school be the best school ever”.

School Ambassadors

Our School Ambassadors have been chosen for the year, as they have shown already that they are excellent role models. Rhys, Georgia, Henry and Mia are friendly and approachable and are available in the playground as someone for the children to talk to should they need to. They are also responsible for representing our school when visitors join us. Rhys said, “It’s fun to set a good example and the little things bring the school together.”



NYCC School Music Service Performance

Last week our children kick-started their musical journey by participating in an instrument demonstration and workshop with a team of musicians from North Yorkshire Music Service. During this demonstration, they witnessed the following instruments being played:

- Strings: Violin, Viola, Cello
- Woodwind: Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Oboe & Bassoon
- Brass: Trumpet, Cornet, French Horn, Tenor Horn, Trombone, Euphonium
- Piano, Keyboard
- Voice



As a Music Service, they offer lessons on the above instruments as well as percussion, drums, guitar, double bass, oboe, bassoon, cornet, French horn and tuba. If your child is interested in continuing their musical journey by beginning lessons on any musical instrument, please complete the slip below and return it to school. One of their team will then be in touch. If you have previously applied for lessons with the Music Service and are yet to receive a response, please do apply again.

The fees for instrumental and vocal tuition are as follows per term: Standard Group Lesson £80, Individual Tuition – 20 Minutes £156.30, Individual Tuition – 30 Minutes £219.50

Further information about the North Yorkshire Music Service and the remissions available for tuition can be found at <https://www.northyorkshiremusichub.co.uk/>. Lesson Requests can either be submitted through the following link: <https://northyorkshiremusichub.co.uk/instrumental-tuition/request-lessons-music-service/> or by returning the slip on the letter which was emailed to parents via ScholarPack by email to: newmusic.tuitionrequests@northyorks.gov.uk

We look forward to hearing from you. Kind regards, Andy, Emily, Julie, Ryan & Scott (Instrumental Lead Team North Yorkshire Music Service)

Selby Music Centre Sessions



Selby Music Centre is offering a **free** half term of music lessons on clarinets, recorders, saxophones, flutes, trumpets, trombones, violins, cellos, guitars and ukuleles, suitable for complete beginners or those that have been learning for a few months. We can lend you an instrument, if needed. We also have a fantastic youth choir for age 6 and upwards and other opportunities for more experienced musicians. Sessions are fun, friendly and held on Saturday mornings, starting September 16th.

You are invited to join Selby Music Centre!

Selby Music Centre is run by North Yorkshire Music Service and has some great opportunities for primary school aged musicians. We are based at Selby High School on **Saturday mornings** in term time, and we can offer a **FREE** half term of taster sessions, **plus** the loan of an instrument if needed. We are offering free lessons on **WIND** and **BRASS** instruments this half term! Don't miss this opportunity to learn a new skill!

9.30 – 10.45 - **Strings** (violin, viola, cello, bass) and keyboards; **guitar and ukulele** group; **NEW woodwind** (clarinets, recorders, saxophone, flutes) and **NEW brass** (trumpet, cornet, trombone etc)

These groups are suitable for complete beginners, children who have been learning instruments in class at school and more able players up to approx. grade 2 standard.

11.05 – 12.20 - Selby Youth Choir - open to all who enjoy singing age 6 upwards; senior strings (grade 2- 5); folk/rock group for guitars who can strum a few chords and more able players on acoustic or electric plus strings and wind players.

All the sessions are friendly and fun, and the children experience a range of music styles and develop their skills and confidence performing in a group.

Please contact helen.moulds@northyorks.gov.uk for more information.

Selby Sports Cluster

On Thursday, 28th September, our KS1 (Year 1 and 2) children were joined by children from Burton Salmon, Chapel Haddlesey, Barkston Ash and St Joseph's (Tadcaster) schools, for the first of this year's Sports Cluster events. Our Cluster leader, Andy Jackson, set up a range of multi-skills stations, including competitions based around throwing, co-ordination, ball skills, as well as the tactical games of 'catch the tail' and 'an introduction into tag rugby'. The children had a great time, as expressed by Eli in Class 2. "I loved the catch the tail game. It was fun doing it with other children from other schools too."





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Pumpkin Decoration Competition

On **Friday, 27th October** the BPASA are holding a Pumpkin Decorating Competition which will be an adult and child-led activity. If you would like your child(ren) to take part, please send them to school on this morning with a pumpkin with their name written underneath (no candles please). The finished entries will be displayed in school and judged by members of the BPASA. There will be a prize per class for the winning entries, provided by the BPASA. At the end of the school day the pumpkins can be collected by the children to be taken home. The competition costs £1 per child to enter and will be available to pay on ParentPay with proceeds going to the BPASA Funds.





Autumn Fair at St Wilfrid's Church, Brayton on **Saturday, 11th November** from **10.00am until 1.00pm.**

Stalls will include a raffle, tombola, toiletries, nearly new children's things and a café.

Please pop along and pick up a bargain!

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 %**

The whole school attendance for the fortnight: **95.47 %**

House	Percentage	Rank
Attenborough	98.1	1st
Kahlo	92.2	4th
Moore	97.2	3rd
Rashford	97.3	2nd

49 children in the 100% Club for the fortnight!

Yours sincerely,
Mrs E V Briggs,

Admin Assistant



2023-2024

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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>

[nycc-school-term-dates-calendar-2023-24-final.pdf \(barlowschool.org.uk\)](#)

Thursday 5 th October 2023	Census Day Burger Meal (change to original menu)
Thursday, 5 th October 2023	BPASA Meeting - 7.00 Barlow Village Club - All Welcome
Thursday, 5 th October 2023	The Snaith School Open Evening for pupils in Year 6 (current Year 5)
Monday, 9 th October 2023	Harvest Food Collection Starts – for Selby & District Foodbank
Tuesday, 10 th October 2023	Morning - Twig visiting Classes with Mrs Hall
Tuesday, 10 th October 2023	Phonics Information Meeting – Reception & Year 1 Parents – 3.45pm – 4.15pm in Class 1
Wednesday, 11 th October 2023	Harvest Festival Worship - School only
Friday, 13 th October 2023	Harvest Food Collection Ends at 3.30pm - for Selby & District Foodbank
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	Non-Uniform Day - School Council led - donations to Help for Heroes – any school-suitable, non-uniform may be worn
Friday, 27 th October 2023	Pumpkin Decorating Competition - £1 per entry to BPASA Funds
Friday, 27 th October 2023	School Ends for Half-Term - 3.30pm
Friday, 27 th October 2023	BPASA Pumpkin Party - Barlow Club - 6.30pm to 8.30pm
Tuesday, 31 st October 2023	Closing Date for High School Applications
Monday, 6 th November 2023	School Opens for Autumn Term 2 - 9.00am
Saturday, 11 th November 2023	St Wilfrid's Church - Autumn Fair - 10.00am to 1.00pm
Friday, 17 th November 2023	Children in Need - Non-Uniform, School Council led (spots & stripes)
Friday 17 th November 2023	9.30am - 11.30am Nursery Open Morning for Prospective New Families
Friday, 1 st December 2023	Design a Christmas Bauble Competition Launched - School Council led (free to enter)
Tuesday, 5 th December 2023	Flu Vaccinations - For children who were previously unable to attend
Friday, 8 th December 2023	Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children
Friday, 8 th December 2023	Christmas Dinner
Tuesday, 12 th December 2023	Design a Christmas Bauble Competition Closes
Thursday, 14 th December 2023	KS1 Nativity - Reception to Year 2 -Times to be confirmed
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 2024	School Open for Spring Term 1 - 9.00am
Monday, 15 th January 2024	Closing date for Primary School applications for Reception 2024
Friday, 9 th February 2024	School Closes for February Half-Term
Monday, 19 th February 2024	School re-opens Spring Term 2
Wednesday, 21 st February 2024	Young Voices Concert - Sheffield Arena
Monday, 11 th March 2024	Robinwood Residential Depart
Wednesday, 11 th March 2024	Robinwood Residential Return
Friday, 22 nd March 2024	School Closes for Easter
Monday, 8 th April 2024	Training Day - School Closed
Tuesday, 9 th April 2024	School re-opens for Summer Term 1
Monday, 6 th May 2024	School Closed – Bank Holiday
Monday, 13 th - Friday, 17 th May 2024	KS2 SATs Tests
Friday, 24 th May 2024	School Closes for May Half-Term
Monday, 3 rd June 2024	School Opens – Summer Term 2
Friday, 19 th July 2024	School Closes for Summer Holidays
Monday, 22 nd July 2024	School Closed – Training Day

New Dates Added

Important to remember

School Holiday Dates



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