

One family branching out together

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It has been a very long but enjoyable half-term and the weather is definitely on the turn, so please ensure that your children are prepared for school every day and attend wearing coats, scarves, hats and gloves (suitable for school) if necessary. We still have a couple of weeks to go until we break up, so please check our calendar of events at the end of this newsletter and ParentPay to ensure that your child(ren) can take part in all events that are offered in the next couple of weeks. We hope that all our families have a safe and happy half-term break and that you enjoy all that you do together.



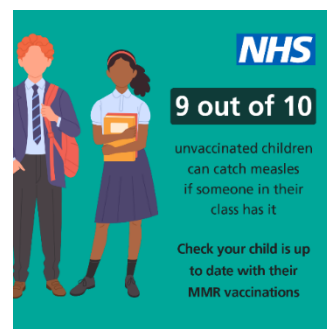
Warm Welcomes



Although the weather is turning cold, we offer a warm welcome to Ava in Class 2 and her brother Vernie in Class 1. We know that the whole family will be welcomed within our Barlow School community.

MMR NHS Information

Over 102,000 children starting primary school in England are at risk of catching measles. With millions of children across the country going back to school this week, NHS England is urging parents to check that their children are up to date with their MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella) vaccinations in the wake of measles cases rising across the country. Childhood vaccination rates have fallen over the past ten years and this week statistics show that over 102,000 children aged four and five years old starting in reception are not protected against catching measles, mumps and rubella. Measles is highly infectious and if left unvaccinated, nine out of ten children in a classroom can catch the disease if just one child is infectious. If you are unsure if you or your child are up to date, check your child's red book or GP records and make an appointment to catch up any missed doses. For more information on the NHS vaccination schedule, please visit [NHS vaccinations and when to have them - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)





Cough Sweets

Cough sweets or lozenges should only be sent into school for your child(ren) if absolutely necessary please and following the advice below:

- Please ensure that yourself or your child either hands them to a member of staff on the morning gate duty, or directly to their class teacher (Please refrain from putting them into your child's bag, as other children could have access to them!).
- The sweets will be given to your child, as per the dosage instructions on the packet, to be eaten whilst they are safely sitting down, thus preventing a choking hazard.

Bonfire Dinner – Tuesday, 7th November 2023

Please note that this will be a change to our normal menu on the day but the usual panini, jacket potato, fruit and yoghurt choices are still available, so please email Mrs Briggs if your child(ren) normally have a packed lunch but would like the Bonfire Dinner or any other choice of menu different from their usual choice on this day.



PORK OR QUORN SAUSAGES (BANGERS) IN A ROLL WITH POTATO WEDGES, BEANS AND VEGETABLES AND A CATHERINE WHEEL BISCUIT FOR PUDDING.

Autumn/Spring Menus



Brigitte, our Cook has worked hard to put together our new school meal menus which will run from Monday, 6th November until W/C March 18th, 2024. Copies have been sent home to all individual children and families on one menu (please mark each sibling clearly on the one menu). Please can all parents complete your menus and return them, marking at the bottom where advised, if you would like a copy sending back home with your child. If your child is having packed lunches, please send your menus back to school, marking them as 'packed lunches only.' **To enable the new dinner registers to be compiled ready for the new half-term, please mark and return them to school by no later than Friday, 20th October.** Many thanks for your cooperation.

After-school Clubs

Our after-school clubs continue after half-term, as per the schedule below, starting on Monday, 6th November and ending on Thursday, 14th December 2023. Due to Parents' Consultations there will be no clubs on Monday, 13th November and the prices have been adjusted accordingly.

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.

Refunds will only be given if your child is ill or if school needs to cancel a club session and this will be refunded on 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	£15 on ParentPay 5 weeks (no Club on 13.11.23)
Monday	Music & Movement (Miss Nunn)	4.30pm	1 & 2 (limited to 10 places available)	£4 per week	£20 on ParentPay 5 weeks (no Club on 13.11.23)
Tuesday	Sports Club (Miss Pickard)	4.30pm	2 to 6 (limited to 20 places available)	£4 per week	£24 on ParentPay 6 weeks
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	£24 on ParentPay 6 weeks from

Harvest Festival

We celebrated our Harvest Festival in school on Wednesday last week, led by our Worship Group and on Monday, 16th October we welcomed two special guests to our morning Worship, Nigel Currey from Selby & District Foodbank and Maria Dodds who represented the BPASA. Nigel brought in 2 bags of donated food and explained to the children how this was the amount of food that is given to one person to sustain them for a three to five-day period. He explained how the food is organised and distributed in the Foodbank and how the volunteers work tirelessly, not only to stock the shelves and distribute the food but also to offer advice to customers regarding what benefits they may be entitled to claim. Over 90% of the food distributed by the Trussell Network on behalf of the foodbank is donated by the public. Many thanks to all of our families, whose contributions will be much appreciated by customers of Selby & District Foodbank.



Nigel Currey, Chairman of Trustees for Selby and District Foodbank said: -

“We depend very heavily on donations from local people and this years’ Harvest Festival donations have been amazing. We are grateful for donations of food from many Schools including **Barlow CE Primary School, from where I collected 63.7ks of donated food this week.** Many thanks to all those involved at Barlow. As demand at Foodbank increases, donations of both food and money from School and Church Harvest Festivals boost our stocks to enable our volunteers us to meet this demand. We have several Harvest Festival donations still to collect and we appreciate the efforts of all who have given so much to us in the past few weeks and for that still to be collected. Well done everyone.”



For further information regarding how to give or receive from Selby & District Foodbank, please follow the link [About | Selby & District Foodbank](#)



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Parents' Evening Appointments

All parents and carers are invited to make an appointment with their child's class teacher on the following dates via our online booking system SchoolCloud:

Monday, 13th November from 3.40pm until 6.20pm (all classes)

Thursday, 16th November from 3.40pm until 6.20pm (all classes)

SchoolCloud allows you to choose your own appointment times with teachers and you will receive an email confirming your appointments. Please visit the link below which will enable you to set up your own login details and book appointments. <https://barlowschool.schoolcloud.co.uk/> Please email Mrs Briggs at admin.barlow@wrfed.co.uk if you have any problems with your bookings.

Please note the booking system opens at 16.55pm on Tuesday, 24th October and ends at 13.55pm on Friday, 10th November 2023.

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 one of the many choirs taking part on the day. **Please can parents note that their adult audience tickets and pupil T-Shirt (complete with torch) orders have been added to ParentPay and are due to be paid as soon-as-possible.**



Archaeologist's Visit

Georgia, Year 4 said "Dr Piper told us how she dug up old objects that were buried in the ground. She told us she went to a mountain in Spain, and she let us hold the items she found."

Recently, our KS2 children had the pleasure of welcoming Dr Steph Piper into their classes from the University of York. Dr Piper visited our federation schools, after literally stepping off a plane from Lebanon on an archaeological dig! Dr Piper talked to our children about archaeology and all the places that she has worked and visited, whilst doing the job that she is very passionate about.

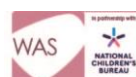
Henry, Year 3 reported "When Dr Piper went up the mountain in Spain, she found an old spoon and tools such as a trowel. She showed us the oldest one, which she still uses to dig. She told us that the items she finds sometimes get on displays in museums."





KS2 Sport Cluster Event – Thursday, 12th October 2023

"On Thursday 12th October 2023 a Cross Country competition took place. It started at Sherburn High School with 8 schools competing. Firstly, Barlow School children got on the bus and started chatting excitedly! Many of the conversations were about how we were all buzzing with excitement and nerves. Mrs Lindley raised her voice over the children's cries of laughter to take the register and we set off for the competition. We arrived at the competition and lined up on the field and sat down on the grass, ready to compete. The children lined up on the starting line for each race and we were off! All of the races finished, and we were able to relax at last. Many children didn't win but they tried their hardest and you don't need a medal to show what place you come, it's the taking part and teamwork that matter." from our roving reporter, Phoebe (Class 3). Please see the photos of the afternoon, along with the results further down.



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Position	Year 3/4 Girls (1200m) Winning time; 5 min 29sec		Year 3/4 Boys (1200m) Winning time; 4 min 55sec		Year 5/6 Girls (1500m) Winning time; 6 min 38sec		Year 5/6 Boys (1500m) Winning time; 5 min 59sec	
	Name	school	Name	school	Name	school	Name	school
1 st	Heidi	Barlow		Tockwith	Mia	Barlow		Barkston
2 nd		Tockwith		Barkston		Barkston		Burton
3 rd		Tockwith		Tockwith		Barkston		Chapel
4 th		Barkston		Tockwith		Tockwith		Barkston
5 th		Barkston	Rhys	Barlow		St.Josephs		Tockwith
6 th		Barkston		Barkston	Sophia	Barlow		Barkston
7 th		Chapel		Burton		Burton		Tockwith
8 th		Burton		Tockwith		Tockwith		Chapel
9 th		Tockwith		Tockwith		Barkston		Barkston
10 th		Tockwith		Chapel		Tockwith		Tockwith



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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: **96 %**

House	Percentage	Rank
Attenborough	91.47	4th
Kahlo	95.11	2nd
Moore	96.33	1st
Rashford	93.21	3rd

49 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>

<nycc-school-term-dates-calendar-2023-24-final.pdf> (barlowschool.org.uk)

Friday, 20 th October 2023	Deadline for new school meal menus to be completed and returned to school
Thursday, 26 th October 2023	Flu Vaccinations - Reception to Year 6 - Details to be advised to parents
Friday, 27 th October 2023	Class 3 Visit to Eden Camp – children to arrive at 8.50am (school uniform to be worn)
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
Thursday, 2 nd November 2023	BPASA Meeting – Barlow Village Club at 7.00pm – all welcome
Monday, 6 th November 2023	School Opens for Autumn Term 2 - 9.00am
Tuesday, 7 th November 2023	Bonfire Lunch – change to menu
Saturday, 11 th November 2023	St Wilfrid's Church - Autumn Fair - 10.00am to 1.00pm
Monday 13 th November 2023	Parents' Consultations – All Classes – 3.40pm to 6.20pm
Thursday, 16 th November 2023	Parents' Consultations – All Classes, 3.40pm to 6.20pm
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
Monday, 11 th December 2023	Christingle Making and Worship – BPASA Members to help – 1.30pm to 2.30pm
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	All Classes – Christmas Parties - 1.15pm – 3.15pm
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



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New Dates Added
Important to remember
School Holiday Dates



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