

One family branching out together

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Newsletter No 4

We begin this newsletter with 'all things Christmas' and continue with the latest news regarding some of the exciting events which have taken place recently both in and out of school. The next half-term will be full of activities, building up gradually until we are in the full-swing of Christmas. Please remember that although we have lots of exciting activities ahead, our children still have a full timetable of lessons to get through.



Christmas Post Box – Out from Monday, 4th December

The Christmas Post Box will be taken out of our school grotto for children and families to post Christmas cards to each other from **Monday, 4th December**. Mrs Briggs will send all of our families a list of classes with all of your children's names, so that everyone has all of the information required to send Christmas cheer. The post box will be positioned in the Resources Room, emptied and sorted weekly by our school elves with the last date for posting cards on **Monday, 18th December**.

Christmas Movie Night

Returning by popular demand, Mrs Alnajjar and Mrs Parris invite the children from Reception to Year 6 to take to their seats for Christmas Movie Night on **Wednesday, 6th December from 3.30pm to 5.20pm**. The Grinch will be on show (2018 U version) for them to enjoy whilst sharing snacks.

The cost is £5 per child which includes a hot dog, crisps, juice and a Christmas treat, available to book on ParentPay. Kids' Corner staff and children are invited to attend free of charge, so if your child is attending Kids' Corner on this date, please email Mrs Briggs to advise.



Christmas Dinner – Menu Swap



Miss Franks, our Cook is pleased to announce that a feastacular Christmas dinner is on the menu on **Friday, 8th December**. Please note that due to the demands of cooking such a feast that this will be the **ONLY** school meal available on this day, so please let Mrs Briggs know if your child will be bringing a packed lunch or vegetarian option by no later than **Monday, 27th November**. Miss Franks has ensured that the menu is fully compliant for any children who have food intolerances or allergies.

*The usual Friday dinner (fish & chips) of this week will be swapped with the Christmas dinner, 6th December, so please advise Mrs Briggs if your child will be having a panini, jacket potato or packed lunch instead of the fish & chips, on **Wednesday, 6th December**. Thank you.*

Roast Turkey or Quorn fillet (V), Sage & Onion Stuffing, Roast Potatoes, chipolata sausage, sprouts, carrots, gravy. Followed by a festive biscuit or Christmas brownie (children choose on the day).

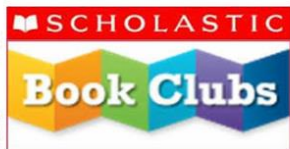
KS1 Nativity



Our children in Key Stage 1 (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) have just started to learn the songs to their Nativity, Everyone Loves a Baby! Every child will have a part to play, all as important as each other, in ensuring that the performances will be the best ever. Please look out in your child's bags and book bags, for a slip of paper which details their role and their 'lines' for the Nativity. School will provide the costumes.

You may have noticed from the calendar (on the last page of the previous newsletter) that a date of **Thursday 14th December** has already been scheduled in for the performances which we are hoping will take place at Barlow Village Club. We are also planning a further date during w/c 11th December for a further performance to take place. As soon as all of the dates and times have been confirmed, we will let parents know, so that the sale of tickets can be facilitated via ParentPay.

We have launched our latest Scholastic Book Club, just in time for Christmas! Please see the magazine which is coming home with your child and please order online using the link below.



Our new **Scholastic Book Club** is up and running! Go to <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/barlow-ce-vc/digital-book-club> to browse the latest

books and order online. For **every £1 you spend** on this month's Book Club, **our school will earn 20p** in Scholastic Rewards.

Please place your **order online by December 11th, 2023**.



Please see the link below from our website to obtain November's issue of the Online Safety Newsletter which focuses on Roblox and TikTok and what parents should know.

[Online Safety Newsletter for Parents - November 2023 | Barlow Primary School \(barlowschool.org.uk\)](https://barlowschool.org.uk/Online-Safety-Newsletter-for-Parents-November-2023)



Families Magazine

Please click on the link below to enjoy the latest digital edition of Families Magazine which focuses on the festive period with tips and hints to help you shop, get crafty with your child(ren) and find out about some upcoming festive events in your local area. If you prefer a paper copy, please look out for the magazine winging its way to you with your child(ren) this week.

[Families Magazine | Barlow Primary School \(barlowschool.org.uk\)](http://barlowschool.org.uk)



BPASA News

Please see further below to see the table of events that the BPASA are planning during the coming school year, along with news of what has taken place recently and what is still to come before Christmas.

Hot Chocolate Fridays



Hot chocolate sale (with an alternative being provided for children with an intolerance or sensitivity).

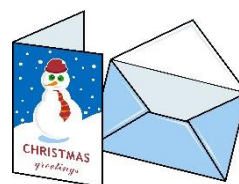
These will continue every Friday after school, until further notice. The two choices will be available to purchase weekly on ParentPay, or please send your child with cash in a named envelope. Please can parents advise their children if they have made a purchase via ParentPay, so that they don't miss their treat.

**Hot Chocolate - £1.00
£1.50**

Hot Chocolate, Marshmallows & Cream -

Christmas Card Design Competition

Every child in school has been asked to design a Christmas card for the BPASA this week, during school time. There will be a prize for the winning entry from each class and the overall winner will be chosen from the three entries. The designs will be judged impartially by Ann from Barlow Village Club and the overall winning entry will be made into a Christmas card for the BPASA to use this year. **Good luck children!**



Pumpkin Decorating Competition



A total of **£27.25** was raised for this competition which took place on **Friday, 27th October**.

We had an outstanding number of entries with great effort being taken to produce the scariest looking pumpkins ever! Every child who took part received a chocolate bar. The overall winners, judged by Mrs Marwood, who received a goody bag, kindly provided by BPASA, were:-

Lacey in Class 3

Georgie in Class 2

Ava in Class 1

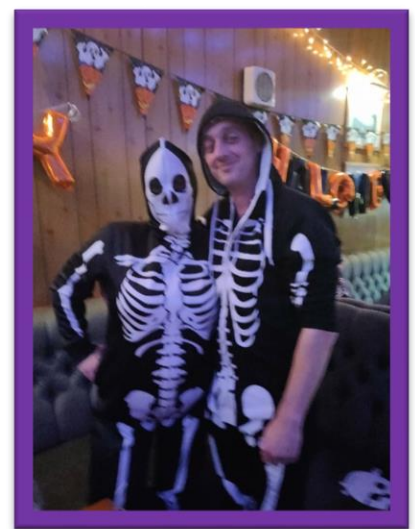


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Pumpkin Party

A big thank you to everyone, adults and children who attended and enjoyed the Pumpkin Party on **Friday, 27th October** and especially to the members of the BPASA for working hard to provide it. Everyone had a fabulous night with lots of dressing up, party games including musical statues, musical bumps and the famous heads or tails game. The lollipop game was a huge success and sold out! The children had so much fun and asked when we would be holding another party. A healthy profit of **£92.57** was made from ticket and tuck-shop sales.



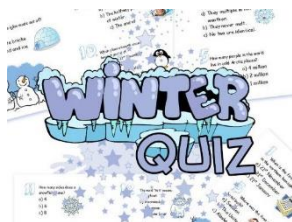
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Winter Raffle

Please see the request (below left) for Winter Raffle prizes which can be sent into school with your child from now on until **Friday, 8th December**. The prizes will be sorted into 3 groups CHOCOLATE, ALCOHOL and GIFTS FOR CHILDREN. The cost of tickets will be £3 per strip or £10 for 4 strips which will be available to purchase via ParentPay, or for cash after the performances of the Nativity.



Family Winter Quiz



A date for your diary on **Friday, 5th January 2024** from 7.00pm to 9.00pm at Barlow Village Club. Further details to follow in due course.

Help For Heroes

On **Thursday 26th** (Class 3) and **Friday, 27th October** (Classes 1 and 2) our children dressed in non-uniform of their choice, for the School Council chosen charity, Help for Heroes. A big thank you for your donations which raised a total of **£60.50** to be paid directly to this worthy cause.

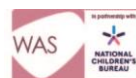
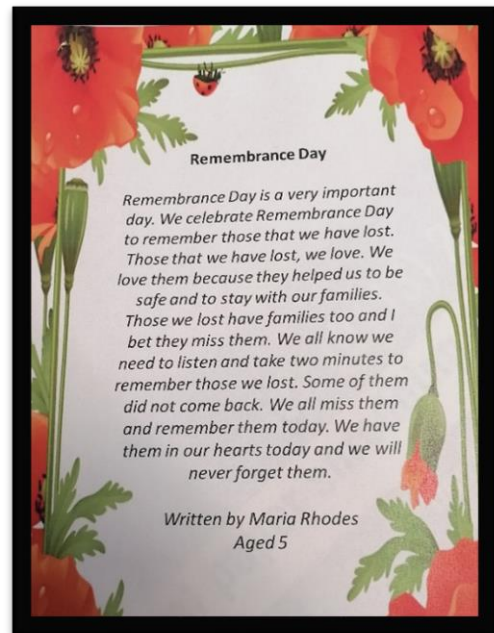


Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day is very important to our school, so that we can all mark a fitting tribute to everybody who has and does serve in the armed forces for our country and for the families who throughout the world who are currently affected by conflict.

To mark the occasion the children in Class 1 made special poppy cookies with Mrs Smith and also contributed towards the making of some beautiful poppy wreaths in collaboration with the children in Class 2 and 3. On Friday morning just before 11.00am the whole school assembled outside to read poems and to lay wreaths, ending with everyone paying their silent respects, whilst listening to The Last Post. The photos below show our fitting tribute, including the poem which Maria in Class 1 wrote herself and read out confidently, in front of the school during the service. A total of **£41.50** was raised via ParentPay for the sale of poppies, plus other cash donations in the collection box.





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Romans in Class 2

It was a bit of a tense day in school recently when Class 2 became Romans for the day and went into battle! Leading up to the day of battle, Class 2 became a creative sea of cardboard, as the children designed and then created their Roman shields, ready to test them out in battle. The children made a formation of Romans and Britons in the playground and conducted an experiment to see if the shields were strong enough to withstand an onslaught of (deadly) bean bags. We were pleased to discover that the Romans survived the attack and no staff member or child was sacrificed during the experiment. As you can see from one of the photos below, Mrs Parris is well protected by her Roman Army.

Harvey said "I liked it when we threw the bean bags at each other and it was great making our own shields."

Georgia said "I really liked painting the details onto my shield and having a practise run. I think that it would have been a bad time to live in the Roman times, as some of the people were unkind."



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On **Friday, 27th October** Class 3 made a special visit to Eden Camp Modern History Museum to experience what life would have been like on the Home Front and the Front Line.

Henry (Year 6) said "On the Eden Camp trip we saw loads of cool and interesting things, including some things that were worth millions of pounds! My favourite things were the games and tanks because the tanks were so cool and the games were fun. I loved it so much."

Eva (Year 5) said "When we arrived at Eden Camp most of us were familiar with the surroundings. We mostly enjoyed Hut 14, The Submarine. We discovered that most of the population of children during WW2 didn't like The Blitz which we saw in Hut 5 and personally, I did not like it either! The most interesting thing was probably the big room, full of old army things. I loved it."

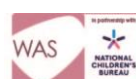
Parents' Evening Appointments



All parents and carers have been 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)

Reminders have been sent out directly from SchoolCloud to parents. If you didn't book an appointment but would still like to do so, please contact Mrs Briggs on admin.barlow@wrfed.co.uk so that a mutually convenient appointment can be made for you with your child's class teacher.





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

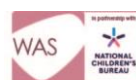
Whole school attendance target is: **97 %**

The whole school attendance for the week: **98 %**

| House | Percentage | Rank |
|--------------|-------------|------------|
| Attenborough | 100% | 1st |
| Kahlo | 96% | 4th |
| Moore | 99% | 2nd |
| Rashford | 98% | 3rd |

71 children in the 100% Club for the week!

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 \(barlowschool.org.uk\)](#)

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| 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 | Nursery Open Morning for Prospective New Families - 9.30am - 11.30am |
| Friday, 1 st December 2023 | Class 2 - Visit to Chapel School for a Viking Day - Facilitated by Murton Park - All Day |
| Friday, 1 st December 2023 | Design a Christmas Bauble Competition Launched - School Council led (free to enter) |
| Monday, 4 th December 2023 | Christmas Post Box – out for posting cards |
| Tuesday, 5 th December 2023 | Flu Vaccinations - For children who were previously unable to attend |
| Wednesday, 6 th December 2023 | Movie Night - The Grinch 2018 Version U - Reception to Years 6 welcome - 3.30pm - 5.40pm |
| Thursday, 7 th December 2023 | BPASA Meeting - Barlow Village Club - All Welcome - 7.00pm |
| Friday, 8 th December 2023 | Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children Charity |
| Friday, 8 th December 2023 | Christmas Dinner – Swapped with Wednesday's menu – Parents to advise of any changes |
| 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 |
| Monday, 18 th December 2023 | Christmas Post Box – Last date for posting cards |
| Friday, 22 nd December 2023 | All Classes – Christmas Parties - 1.15pm – 3.15pm |
| Friday, 22 nd December 2023 | School Closes for Christmas - 3.30pm |
| Friday, 5 th January 2024 | BPASA Winter Quiz – Barlow Village Club – 7.00pm – 9.00pm |
| 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 |
| Tuesday, 23 rd January 2024 | Open Morning for Prospective Nursery & Reception Families – 9.30am to 11.30am |
| Friday, 9 th February 2024 | School Closes for February Half-Term |
| Monday, 19 th February 2024 | School re-opens Spring Term 2 |
| Tuesday, 5 th March 2024 | Open Morning for Prospective Nursery & Reception Families – 9.30am to 11.30am |
| 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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