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One family branching out together

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Newsletter No 9

We hope that you had a lovely half-term break and that the children are rested, ready for the exciting and busy run up to Easter. Spring has truly sprung and we have an awful lot planned in and out of school, so please avoid 'FOMO' (Fear of missing out!) and refer to this newsletter and to the calendar on the back page of this newsletter as a reminder not to miss anything! The weather is still unpredictable, so please continue to send your children to school with coats, hats, scarves and gloves, as they need be sent out to play outdoors during playtimes and lunchtimes, to have a well-earned break from their studies.



Polite Parking Reminder



As we had a visit from Keir Mather MP recently, we learnt what he had to offer our children in school when he was invited to talk to our children about the main issues that affect them, one of them being speeding. Please read the article further below to hear how the children posed questions for Mr Mather.

Leading on from speeding, it is noted that we still have parents and carers (so please share the newsletter with friends and family members so that they are aware) who try to park as near to the parking cones as possible and as a result, run them over! We know that this happens, by the number of parents who call into the office regularly to report that they have seen parents and carers do this. Take a look at the cones yourself and see how they are damaged. This is NOT acceptable and more conscious care should be taken when parking please. As you are all aware the parking cones are placed at the front of school and near the Car Park to help our older children (who cross alone) and families cross the road safely with a clear view of the road and approaching vehicles. The cones are there to be avoided, so please park AS FAR AWAY FROM THEM AS POSSIBLE. **Please bear this mind the next time that you park near to the cones that they are expensive to replace – a child's life, on the other hand, is priceless.**

We kindly request that parents, carers and staff use their judgement and common courtesy when parking in the public roads near to our school. Please respect residents and avoid blocking driveways, also avoiding blocking resident's cars in, if they are parked outside their properties, so that they are able to drive away, as required.



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If you are parking along a narrow road, where parking wholly on the road would stop other cars, and particularly emergency vehicles, from getting through, then it is a sensible option to park elsewhere and providing you are not blocking a wheelchair user or pram/pushchair from using the pavement.

According to the RAC, it is perfectly legal to park outside someone's house, unless the vehicle is blocking a driveway, or a wheel is over a dropped kerb. Where no parking controls exist, drivers do not have an 'automatic spot' for parking outside their homes.

If your vehicle is on your driveway and another car is parked on a public highway and blocking your access out of your driveway, the council has the power to act.

First Steps Football Club



We are pleased to be able to advise that First Steps Sport are hosting a Football Club, every Thursday after school until 4.30pm. This is available to pay for the first block of 8-weeks on ParentPay, starting this Thursday 29th February, until the 2nd May. Our Coach is Olivia Rasdale and she has joined us recently and will be with us every Thursday to teach PE and to lead the Football Club.

Parents' Evening Appointments

All parents and carers have received an email last week with information about our new booking system, SchoolCloud. As detailed in the email, we are holding face-to-face parents' evening appointments on: -



Monday 4th March from 3.40pm - 6.30pm (all classes)

Tuesday, 5th March from 3.40pm - 6.30pm (all classes)

The appointments last for 10 minutes per child (strict timing) and they are to give positive feedback, allowing your child's class teacher the opportunity to share your child's fantastic work and progress and discuss their next steps. Please take advantage of this opportunity and book your meetings, as soon as possible, on a first-come, first-served basis.

SchoolCloud allows you to choose your own appointment times with teachers and you will receive an email confirming your appointments. The booking window will close on **Friday, 1st March at 12.00pm**. Should you wish to make any changes after this date, or encounter any booking problems, please contact the school office. Either parent can book an appointment and for our families with separated parents, there is the option for both to make an individual appointment. Please visit <https://barlowschool.schoolcloud.co.uk/> to login and make a booking. If you have any problems booking in, please email Mrs Briggs and she will assist you. **Please note that Dance Club with Miss Nunn and SATs Booster Club with Mr Rich will be cancelled on Monday, 4th March due to Parents' Consultations and refunds will be processed on ParentPay for Dance Club.**

Dinner Menus



The dinner menus will change to Summer/Autumn after the Easter holidays, so please look out for the new menus copies coming home with your children this week (1 per family). Miss Franks, our Cook has tailored the new menus, according to the most popular meals that our children enjoy, so we do hope that you like them. It would be much appreciated if you could either send the completed menus back to school by **Friday, 8th March** so that they can be collated, or email Mrs Briggs to advise that your child will be having packed lunches only. Many thanks in advance for your cooperation in getting your menus back to school quickly.



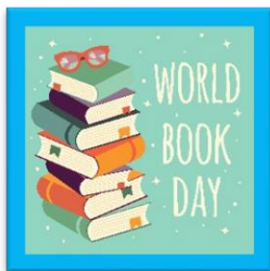


Easter Events



Mother's and Other's Day – Wednesday, 6th March

Our BPASA members will be spending the day in school to work with our children to provide Mothers and Others potted plant gifts with our children. Your children are invited to make a potted plant gift that they can give to their Mothers and Others. The cost will be £1.50 per gift, available to book and pay via ParentPay, up to a total of 4 gifts per child. Please make your purchases on ParentPay by no later than **Friday 1st March 2024** and spread the love to your Mothers and Others.



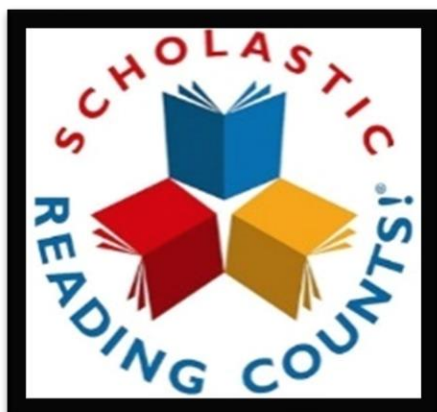
World Book Day – Thursday, 7th March

We invite our children to dress for the day as their favourite book characters for World Book Day which will be celebrated in school. Please ensure that the costumes and footwear are suitable for the school day. All of the children will receive a Book Token. We cannot emphasise strongly enough how important it is for children to read regularly, so that they improve their language skills, learn new vocabulary, strengthening their problem-solving skills, giving them the best chance of success in every lesson.

Please remember to sign your child's Reading Record regularly and to make full use of our Bug Club platform, letting Mrs Briggs know if you are not able to log on. **Please note, Year 5 and 6 children are taking part in a Football Tournament at Sherburn High School in the afternoon on this day, so may dress for World Book Day and bring their PE kits to change into.**

Please remember, as previously advised, there is a change to menu on this day and instead of minced beef bolognaise the main dinner will be cheese pinwheels, new potatoes, vegetables, beans and a special World Book Day cake or jam tarts. The usual paninis and jacket potato options, plus fruit and yoghurt are still available on this day but please email Mrs Briggs if your child would like to change from their usual option on this day.

Scholastic Book Club



Tied in with World Book Day, all of our children will be bringing home a Scholastic Book Club magazine, so that you can order books online which can be delivered either to home or school. Every book that is purchased by you earns a commission for our school. You can also use your World Book Day tokens against your purchases, so these will be sent home with the magazines. Please click on the link below to login and make your selections and payments online.

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 April 15th, 2024**.



BPASA Easter Bonnet Competition – Monday 18th March

This popular event will take place, courtesy of our BPASA, who will be judging the entries and awarding prizes which will be 1 winning entry per class. Please get your thinking caps (or bonnets) on and be as creative as possible with your designs which will need to be brought into school on the morning of the competition.



Easter Film Night – Tuesday, 19th March – 15.30pm to 17.30pm

Mrs Alnajjar and Mrs Parris are providing an Easter Film night for all children from Year 1 to 6. The night will begin with a showing of Peter Rabbit (PG rating) with a break for the children to enjoy a hotdog, crisps, sweet treat and juice. Booking at a cost of £5 per child will be available on ParentPay, on a first-come, first-served basis, so please book early to avoid disappointment, as we need to restrict the numbers to 35 children in total. If your child is normally attending Kids' Corner on this night, then they will join the other children at no extra cost.

Easter Egg Decorating Competition - Wednesday, 20th March

The School Council children have advised that they would like to run this popular competition and the judge will be our Cook, Miss Franks, who will also present the prizes which will be awarded to 1 winner in each class. Please let your child be as creative as possible when they create their designs which need to be sent into school on the morning of the competition.



BPASA Easter Raffle – Thursday, 21st March

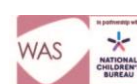


Remember the bumper Easter Raffle last year? Well, here is another chance to fill your house with chocolates and Easter eggs galore by purchasing Easter raffle tickets at £1 per strip. The BPASA will be sending out strips of tickets home with a slip to complete and return to school, either with cash or to be added to ParentPay. Additional strips will be sold by the BPASA members for cash in the week leading up the raffle draw, or they can be requested by emailing Mrs Briggs. Please ensure that your raffle ticket stubs, cash and slips are handed back to school by no later than **Friday, 15th March**. The raffle will be drawn by the BPASA members at 3.00pm on Thursday, 21st March.

Good luck and remember, you've got to be in it to win it. The BPASA are welcoming any donations of Easter eggs and chocolate treat prizes for the raffle, if you would like to send them in with your children as soon as possible please, they will be gratefully received.

BPASA Easter Bake-Off and Sale – Thursday, 21st March

Our families are invited to put on their Mary or Prue heads for The Big Barlow Bake-Off. The competition will be in 3 entry groups, KS1 children (Nursery to Year 1), KS2 (Years 2 to 6) and Parent and Child. The winners will be judged in the afternoon and awarded with their prizes by the BPASA prior to the Bake Sale with winning bakes being sold, along with any further baked donations that you can send into school on this day at the end of the school day from 3.30pm. **Please remember when producing your creations that we are a nut free school!**



Recent Events

Class 2 and 3 Visit to Magna – Thursday, 1st February 2024

To enhance our Science studies in Class 2 and Class 3, we planned a joint visit with Chapel Haddlesey School to Magna Science Adventure Centre, near Sheffield. Please click on the link to read our website account of the visit.

[Class 2 and 3 Visit to Magna - Thursday 1st February 2024 | Barlow Primary School \(barlowschool.org.uk\)](#)



Internet Safety Week in school – Monday 5th to Friday 9th February

Please click on the link below to read about this special week in school and to find out more about how you can help your child to keep themselves safe online.



[Internet Safety Week - w/c 05th February 2024 | Barlow Primary School \(barlowschool.org.uk\)](#)

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

BPASA Valentine's Disco

On Friday, 9th February we had our **LOVELY** Valentine's Disco! 💖

We had a fabulous time decorating Valentine's day cards, playing the Lollipop Game, Musical Hearts and Hearts and Bows! 💃💕

We ate hotdogs and cupcakes 🍩

We decorated the room with the children's personalised hearts, Ann and Melissa from Barlow Club picked out the winners and runner's up.



The winners were:

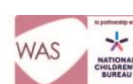
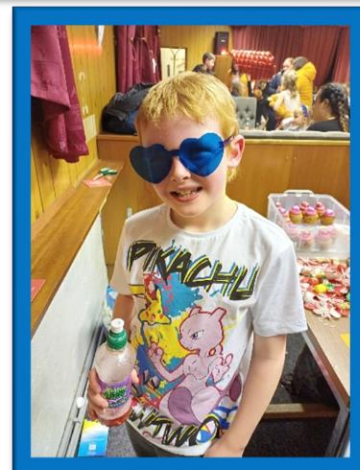
Isla, Blake, Freya, Rhys and Olivia

The runner's up were:

Oscar, Sienna and Georgie

We ended with an impromptu Dancing Competition, won by Henry W who danced his little Valentine's heart out!

Thank you for everyone who supported the event, which was deemed a great success, raising a worthy **£153.50** profit



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Young Voices 2024

On Wednesday, 21st February, 36 children from across The White Rose Federation joined over 5000 participants to attend the Young Voices concert at Sheffield Arena, following weeks of preparation at their individual schools with their dedicated Young Voices Club Leaders. The children were both nervous and excited to get on the coach, to be taken to their destination at Sheffield Arena, along with thousands of other enthusiastic choristers from around the country. Upon arrival the children were greeted by the Lead

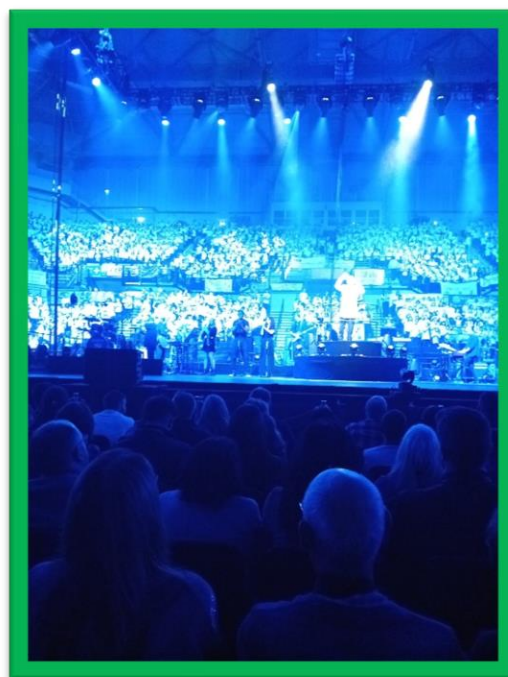
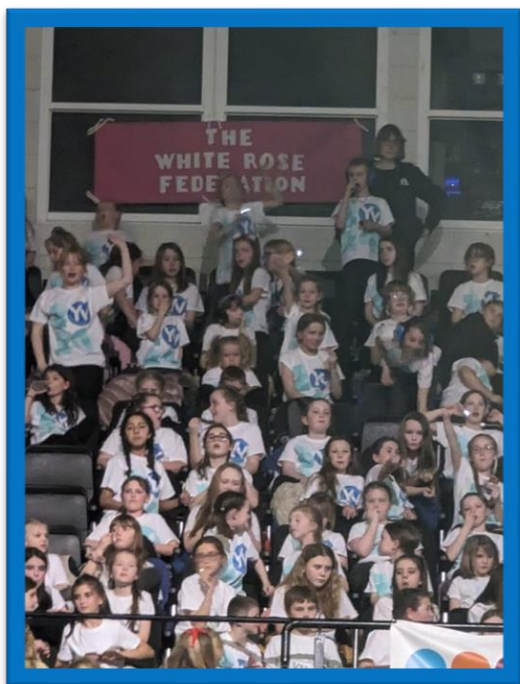
Conductor, David Lawrence and his band to begin rehearsals before the big show.

As the children performed their nerves were calmed as they sang to pop hits and numbers from Disney musicals and danced along with the beat of the music in fine form in front of a capacity audience. They were joined for the show by various artists and performers, including headliner Nandi Bushell, a 13-year-old drumming sensation, MC Grammar and Urban Strides.

The children arrived home around 11 hours after their initial departure from school and were still buzzing with the excitement of the day when they arrived home.

Mrs Titterington, Federation Class Teacher and SENDCO said "This was an incredible experience for our pupils, being part of such a spectacular choir, singing and dancing together with thousands of other children in a packed arena. The hard work and dedication in their rehearsals led to their enthusiastic, vibrant performances on the big day. This is something that they can be proud of and that they will always remember throughout their lives. The atmosphere was incredible, and the pupils sang and danced with endless energy. They did so well, we were very proud of them and we can't wait for Young Voices 2025."

We had many families who travelled to the Arena as audience members and who commented what a fabulous event it was with The White Rose Federation easily in sight. The children would like to thank their families for attending, the Young Voices Club Leaders who coached them leading up to the performance and the staff members who attended to keep the children safe and well-looked after on the day of the concert and Mrs Charlton for navigating the complicated booking system to expertly administrate the tickets, t-shirts and coach bookings.



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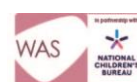
Keir Mather - Selby and Ainsty MP visit – Thursday, 8th February

We were lucky enough to invite our local MP Kier Mather 'The Baby of the House' to join us in Class 3 and he accepted the invitation willingly! Whilst he was with us, Kier took a tour of the school to meet our children, then spoke to the children in Class 3 about why he became an MP, the best bits about his job and the challenges of the role. The children then put some very challenging questions to Kier, asking what he planned to do for our local area and what his impact had already been in the time he had been in office.

Finally, our School Ambassadors put forward a proposal to Kier, showing pictures they had taken of the road outside of school, highlighting the issues with speeding cars and parking. Our Ambassadors put forward that a 20mph zone would be helpful to be added to the road directly outside the school, a zebra crossing could be put in to help children cross safely, or speed bumps could be added in the village, especially near the school. Kier was very grateful for the ideas presented to him and impressed at how much work the children put into thinking about the issues that are very important to them. He took the project away to action with the promise of a video to be sent to school, to show him discussing the children's ideas in Parliament.

'I think that the MP visit was very interesting and inspiring. I also now want to be an MP.' - Phoebe

'I can't believe that Keir is actually going to talk about our ideas in Parliament, I am so proud of our school for trying to make this change.' - Sophia



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

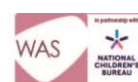
Whole school attendance target is: **97 %**

The whole school attendance for the week: **93.3 %**

House	Percentage	Rank
Attenborough	99.5	1st
Kahlo	94.6	2nd
Moore	90.2	4th
Rashford	92.5	3rd

59 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: -

[School Term and Holiday Dates | Barlow Primary School \(barlowschool.org.uk\)](#)

[NYC Term Dates 2023-2024](#)

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Tuesday, 26 th February 2024	Twig and Mrs Hall Visiting - 9.00am
Thursday, 29 th February 2024	Robinwood and SATs Meeting for Year 5 & 6 Pupils and Parents - Mr Rich's Class - 3.30pm to 4.30pm
Tuesday, 4 th March 2024	Parents' Consultations - All Classes - 3.40pm to 6.30pm - parents to book via SchoolCloud
Tuesday, 5 th March 2024	Parents' Consultations - All Classes - 3.40pm to 6.30pm - parents to book via SchoolCloud
Tuesday, 5 th March 2024	Open Morning for Prospective Nursery & Reception Families - 9.30am - 11.30am
Wednesday, 6 th March 2024	BPASA Mothers and Others Day - BPASA in school all day to make potted plant gifts
Thursday, 7 th March 2024	World Book Day - Menu Change - Please advise Mrs Briggs
Thursday, 7 th March 2024	World Book Day - Dress as your favourite book character (no charity donation)
Thursday, 7 th March 2024	Football Tournament - Sherburn High School - Yr 5 & 6 - 12.30pm - 2.30pm
Friday, 8 th March 2024	ZooLabs Visiting Class 1 for a Creature Workshop - Morning
Monday, 11 th March 2024	Robinwood Residential Depart
Tuesday, 12 th March 2024	Twig and Mrs Hall Visiting - 9.00am
Wednesday, 13 th March 2024	Robinwood Residential Return
Thursday, 14 th March 2024	High 5's Netball at Barkston Ash School- Years 2 to 6 - 12.30pm - 2.30pm
Friday, 15 th March 2024	Comic Relief Red Nose Day - Non-uniform for donation to charity
Monday, 18 th March 2024	BPASA Easter Bonnet Competition - Entries to be sent into school on the morning
Tuesday, 19 th March 2024	Film Night – Peter Rabbit - Year 1 to 6 - 15.30pm - 17.30pm (Kids' Corner to attend)
Wednesday, 20 th March 2024	School Council Easter Egg Competition - Entries to be sent into school in the morning
Wednesday, 20 th March 2024	Class 3 visit to Interfaith Centre – details to be confirmed
Thursday, 21 st March 2024	BPASA The Big Barlow Bake Off - Entries to be sent into school in the morning and judged by the BPASA in the afternoon before the Bake Sale after school from 3.30pm
Thursday, 21 st March 2024	BPASA Easter Raffle - Drawn at 3.00pm – (last tickets sold on Friday, 15 th March)
Thursday, 21 st March 2024	Menu Change - Build Your Own Burger - change to original menu - please advise Mrs Briggs
Thursday, 21 st March 2024	Quick Sticks Hockey Festival (Federation) at Sherburn High School - Year 3 & 4 - 12.30pm - 2.30pm
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
Tuesday, 9 th April 2024	New Summer/Autumn Menus start from Week 1
Friday, 19 th April 2024	PCSO Joe Spooner - Making Communities Safer - Federation Presentation - Yr 1 to 6
Wednesday, 24 th April	Police Regional Cyber Protect Van - Class 2 and 3 - Afternoon
Monday, 6 th May 2024	School Closed - Bank Holiday
Thursday, 16 th May 2024	Census Day Menu - Roast dinner with vegetables and carrot cake - please advise any changes
Monday, 13 th - Friday, 17 th May 2024	KS2 SATs Tests
Monday, 20 th May 2024	Phototronics - Class, Individual and Siblings Group Photographs - To Be Confirmed
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	Menu Change - At the Beach - change to original menu - please advise Mrs Briggs
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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