

One family branching out together

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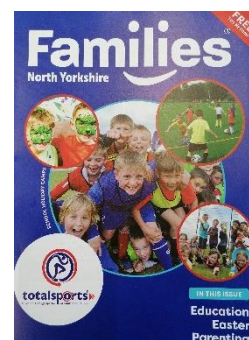


This morning we said 'farewell' and 'safe journey' to our children in Class 3 who are attending the Robinwood Residential this week, along with our other federation schools. It will be quiet in school this week but Robinwood will not, as the children will find it hard to contain their excitement when they arrive to experience the numerous activities and adventures that await them. Great memories will be made by all on this visit, and we can't wait to hear all about it when they return to school.

Families Magazine

A copy of the March/April edition of Families Magazine will be making its way home with your child and can be found on our website by clicking on the link [Families Magazine | Barlow Primary School \(barlowschool.org.uk\)](http://Families Magazine | Barlow Primary School (barlowschool.org.uk))

This edition features some great nature activities to motivate the children and enjoy during family walks. The 'What's On' section has some ideas of places to visit to help you plan for some of the events and activities locally. Also featured are ideas for Easter egg hunts and Easter crafts which may help with some ideas for our upcoming Easter competitions that we are hosting in school.



Sports for Schools



We have recently taken delivery of **£550** worth of sports equipment from the funds raised by our children last year when we invited a Sports for Schools, England Badminton Player, Jenny Wallwork to join us for the day. As you can see, some of our children enjoyed helping to unpack the items which will be a fantastic addition to the resources for our sports provision. **A big thank you to all of the children who took part in the event and for your generous donations at the time.**



Wateraid Charity

Thank you for your donations on the 9th February when the School Council chose to support this worthy cause, **£87.50** was raised.



BPASA EasyFundraising



Just a reminder that the BPASA have set up an Easyfundraising link to help raise funds for the school to go towards resources for your children. If you click on the link below and add the app to your phone to use when you shop for your favourite brands they donate as you spend with them, earning valuable money towards the BPASA funds. The total raised up until February 2024 was a healthy **£124.60**, so thank you for your support, from Naomi, Maria, Charlotte, Fran and Leanne.

[Fundraising](#) | [Charity Fundraising Online](#) | [You Spend Online, Brands Donate](#) | [Easyfundraising](#)

Parents' Evening Appointments

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who joined us in school last week for their child's Parents' Consultations. We do hope that you found them to be a positive and informative meeting with your child's Class Teacher. Please remember that our Class Teachers are always open to meet with parents and carers, as and when required, if you would like to talk with them about your child. Please book a mutually convenient appointment for a phone-call, Teams or face-to-face appointment by phoning Mrs Briggs or emailing admin.barlow@wrfed.co.uk.



Dinner Menus



A final reminder that the dinner menus will change to Summer/Autumn after the Easter holidays. The deadline for handing them in passed last Friday, so please dust off your copy, complete and return to school, if it is still sat at home. If you have already sent in your completed menu, many thanks. Any child who returns to school after Easter will be given the standard school dinner of the day, until their menu has been returned (unless they have a packed lunch with them). **Thank you for your cooperation.**

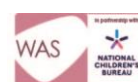


Easter Reminders



BPASA Easter Bonnet Competition – Monday 18th March

Just a reminder that entries for this competition at **£1 each** are available on ParentPay the proceeds of which will go towards purchasing a wet/dry vacuum cleaner for the Dining Room. The BPASA will be awarding 1 winning entry per class with entries to be brought into school on the morning of the competition.



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

Just a further reminder that Easter Film night for all children from Year 1 to 6 is very popular and needs to be restricted to 35 children in total (including Kids' Corner). Bookings are being taken now on ParentPay at a cost of £5 per child and will close when the numbers reach capacity.

Easter Egg Decorating Competition - Wednesday, 20th March

A further reminder that entries for this popular competition are available on ParentPay at a cost of £1 per child with prizes

to be awarded to 1 winner in each class. Please send in your entries into school on the morning of the competition.



BPASA Easter Raffle – Thursday, 21st March



The BPASA have now sent out strips of raffle tickets home to you 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.

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 - REMINDER

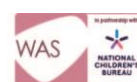
The competition will be in 3 entry groups, KS1 children (Nursery to Year 1), KS2 (Years 2 to 6) and Parent and Child. The winners will be judged in the afternoon and awarded with their prizes by the BPASA prior to the Bake Sale with winning bakes being sold, along with any further baked donations that 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

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

A big thank you to our BPASA mums, Naomi, Charlotte, Maria and Leanne who spent the afternoon in school, working with our children to make potted plant gifts for their 'Mothers and Others'. Beautiful primroses of many varied colours were provided by Refresh Your Garden, a new, local company. A total of **£77.50** profit was made towards the BPASA funds and every plant was sold.



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CLASS 1 Mother's Day Surprise

On **Thursday, 7th March** the children in Class 1 enjoyed celebrating Mother's Day. We spent time making biscuits cards as gifts for our mummies. We invited mummies, nanas and grandmas into school to surprise them. We worked hard on a special performance, singing songs to make our mummies smile and even dancing too! It was lovely to have a full house for our performance. Thank you to all those who attend, making Class 1 full to the brim with our special guests!



World Book Day

We had a fabulous range of characters arriving for World Book Day on **Thursday, 7th March** when we celebrated and explored the world of reading in every class. None of our children were late to school on this morning, meaning that Greybeard (aka Mrs Briggs) didn't have to make them walk the plank. Every class spent the majority of the day enjoying and celebrating reading and discussing books, authors and characters.



Our Cook, Miss Franks spent a lot of extra time making a special World Book Day caterpillar cake and Queen of Hearts jam tarts for the occasion.



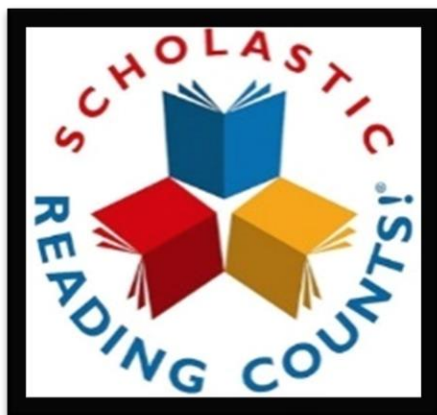
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Scholastic Book Club



World Book Day tokens have been sent home with your child to be used against your purchases either in bookstores or online via our own Scholastic Book Club, detailed 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 April 15th, 2024**.

Football Tournament

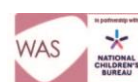
It was a busy day for some of the Class 3 children on **Thursday, 7th March**. As well as World Book Day they left school to attend a Football Tournament with other children from The White Rose Federation. The schools taking part were Barlow, Barkston Ash (2 teams), Burton Salmon, Chapel Haddlesey and St Joseph's. Barlow played well as a team in every one of the 5 rounds, finishing in a very esteemed joint 2nd place with Chapel Haddlesey! Everyone taking part were winners and they were exhausted at the end of the match, showing how much effort they had put in.



1st	Barkston Ash – Team 1
2 nd	Barlow
2 nd	Chapel Haddlesey
4 th	Barkston Ash Team 2
5 th	Burton Salmon
6th	St Joseph's

Class 1 ZooLabs

On **Friday, 8th March**, we had some exciting visitors in Class 1 from Eleanor and a company called ZooLabs! We were able to take a closer look at some exotic animals - an African snail, a leopard gecko, a ball python, a hissing cockroach, an Australian tree frog and a tarantula! We listened carefully to all of the interesting facts about each animal and we were delighted to be able to touch and hold some of them. We learnt about how important it is to look after the animals in our world and what we can do to help them.





Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

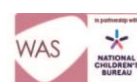
Good attendance is linked to success in all aspects of life!

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

The whole school attendance for the fortnight: **95.96 %**

House	Percentage	Rank
Attenborough	97.8	1st
Kahlo	96.7	3rd
Moore	95.9	4th
Rashford	96.8	2nd

60 children in the 100% Club for the fortnight!



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Yours sincerely,
Mrs E V Briggs,
Admin Assistant



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 \(barlowschool.org.uk\)](https://barlowschool.org.uk)

[NYC Term Dates 2023-2024](#)

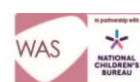
[NYC Term Dates 2024-2025](#)

Tuesday, 12 th March 2024	Twig and Mrs Hall Visiting – 9.00am
Wednesday, 13 th March 2024	Robinwood Residential Return – Approximately 4.50pm
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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, 22nd March 2024	School Closes for Easter
Thursday, 4 th April 2024	BPASA Committee Meeting – 7.30pm at Barlow Village Club – All welcome
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
Tuesday, 16 th April 2024	Primary (Reception) National Offer Day
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
Tuesday, 21 st May 2024	Open Morning for Prospective Nursery & Reception Children – 9.30am – 11.30am
Friday, 24 th May 2024	School Closes for May Half-Term
Monday, 3 rd June 2024	School Opens - Summer Term 2
Tuesday, 18 th June 2024	Open Morning for Prospective Nursery & Reception Children – 9.30am – 11.30am
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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