

One family branching out together

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Dear Parents & Carers

It has been a busy couple of weeks with a lot of sporting and other events in school, so please continue to read all about it! Please check the calendar on the last page, to ensure that you and your children don't miss out on any upcoming events, and you are aware of any calendar changes (Thursday, 11th July BPASA Olympics Event - 2.00pm - 4.00pm). Mrs Briggs sends reminders to parents for as many activities as possible, but the onus is on parents to be calendar-aware please.



We are sorry to see Miss Lindley our Teaching Assistant in Class 1 leave us at the end of this term and we would like to say thank you for being part of our team and for making such a difference to the education of the children that she has worked with. We always knew that she would be with us for a small window of time and we're grateful that her one year with us turned to two. We wish her all the best as she considers her next career move and we will say a proper goodbye to her on the last day of term.

Young Voices 27th January 2024

We are pleased to announce that our federation will be joining Young Voices next year, so please talk to your children from Year 3 - 6, to ask if they would like to attend the Young Voices Club from September. The club will be £4 per week which will help to contribute towards all of the children receiving a Young Voices T-shirt and towards the cost of the coach. It is a fantastic event which parents and children alike enjoy.



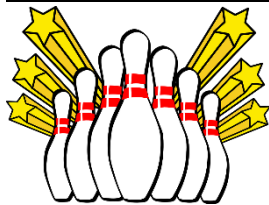
Clubs Information



Please note that children who attend Kids' Corner **are only able to attend an afterschool club if their parent has emailed Mrs Briggs via admin.barlow@wrfed.co.uk** to book a place. This is so that they can be added to the club register to keep in line with safeguarding and fire policies. Thank you for your cooperation.



Year 6 Federation Leavers' Trip – Monday 15th July 2024



The children in Year 6 across our federation have been booked to go to Xscape to have a game of tenpin bowling and a meal together. Further details and costs will be emailed to parents in a letter very soon.

Film Night – Wednesday, 3rd July 2024

Mrs Alnajjar and Mrs Parris invite the children from Reception to Year 6 to join them next week from 3.30pm until 5.20pm to watch Rio (rated G for all audiences). If you would like your children to attend, please visit ParentPay to book them a place at a cost of £5 each. Kids' Corner children will be attending free of charge and will be automatically booked into the viewing. The children will enjoy watching the film with a break for a hot dog, crisps, drink and sweet treat. Please note that the absolute maximum number of attendees is 35, on a first-come basis, so book early to avoid disappointment please.



Online Safety Awareness



We have been advised by our local PCSO Joe Spooner that parents should look out for their children accessing or trying to access the following website “Y99.in” which is a site being frequented by young children. There are no checks or verifications on the site and the children simply have to create a username to access it. Once in, they are sent messages plying them with compliments, often inappropriate, before being asked very quickly for indecent images. Many have received some concerning images/footage themselves. **Please be aware of this and check all of your child's electronic devices and phones.**

Housekeeping

Parking Cones

Just a reminder that the parking cones are placed in the front of school daily to prevent cars parking, thus ensuring that parents and children crossing the road have a clear view of the traffic as they cross.

- Please **do not** move, or remove the parking cones so that you can park your vehicle. Moving or removing them to park your car to collect your children can put another child or person at risk.
- Please **do not** perform u-turns along the front of school, or in the car park entrance.
- Please **do not** park on the concrete areas just outside the car park, these are reserved for staff, contractors and visitors.



If you have grandparents who drop off or collect your children from school, please share this message with them. **Thank you for keeping our families safe.**

Personal Belongings and Toys

On certain days, children are able to bring in special items from home, such as books, certificates, special toys or objects so that they can ‘show and tell’ their classmates all about them. These are sent in at your own risk and will be kept by the class teacher and sent back home with your child the same day. Sometimes, children sneak into their pockets little toys and trinkets to bring to school; these may become unintentionally lost or damaged, causing distress to your child and an unnecessary distraction in the classroom during learning. **Thank you for your cooperation.**



Parent Pay - End of Term



It is always prudent for parents to check their ParentPay account at least weekly, to ensure that pupil dinner accounts are settled and if there are any other ad hoc items that have been added, such as BPASA Frosty Friday ice lollies or raffle tickets.

Our accounts are operated as a business with the stipulation that no more than £30 per child is owed, at any time. If you find that you are experiencing difficulties to clear your balance at any time, please contact Mrs Briggs and

make a payment plan, rather than worry about a large account balance.

All balances MUST be cleared by Friday, 19th July please so that our accounts are up to date when the school closes and it will be the end of our 2024 school year. **Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.**

School Uniform

Our Uniform Policy covers lots of information about the summer uniform in school and also covers our stance on make-up or nail polish during the school day. Synthetic nails are not suitable for school, making it difficult for children to write properly and type on the laptop, to access online learning in the classroom.



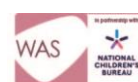
Our children are encouraged to look after their own personal belongings, including uniform items in school, so it helps enormously if all items are labelled, (including initialling shoes in Class 1). Any un-named uniform is kept in each class for the children to claim. Parents are welcome to check-in with class teachers to find their child's un-named uniform items and at the end of the term it will be on display on the last day of term for parents to look through. Any uniform items or personal belongings left behind at the end of term will be added to the pre-owned uniform which will be up for sale before we close for the summer break.

Recent Events

Father's Day Celebration in Class 1 – Monday, 17th June



Last week Class 1 enjoyed celebrating Father's Day. We spent time making biscuits and making cards as gifts for our Daddies. We invited Daddies and Grandpas into school to surprise them. We worked hard on a special performance, singing songs to make our daddies smile and even dancing too! It was lovely to have a full house for our performance. Thank you to all those who could attend!



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OLYMPIC DAY – THURSDAY, 11TH JULY 2024 – 2.00PM – 4.00PM

 **Summer Fun
Olympic Style**

Before Parent, Adult & Staff Association

All games are free of charge!!





- Olympic Medal toilet roll race
- Free Cupcake for each child
- Refreshments Available
- Gold Medal Toss
- Olympic Ring Throwing Game

Olympics Coloured Raffle
A colour raffle is simply, a hamper with prizes all in the same colour!
We have chosen the colours of the Olympic Rings for our hampers.

Other raffle prizes available:

- Tickets for 4 people to Stockheld Park
- Voucher for Olivia's Tearoom
- William's Den Voucher

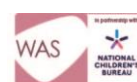
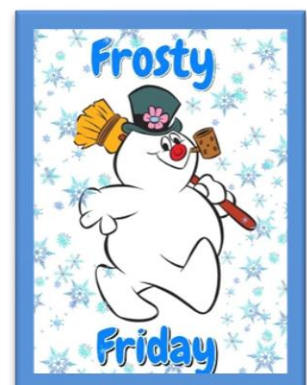
Raffle tickets are on Parent Pay, £1 a strip or cash on the day.
Raffle will be drawn at the event.



If any parents, grandparents, or other family members are free on this day and would like to help out in any way, please email barlowpasa@outlook.com. Thank you.

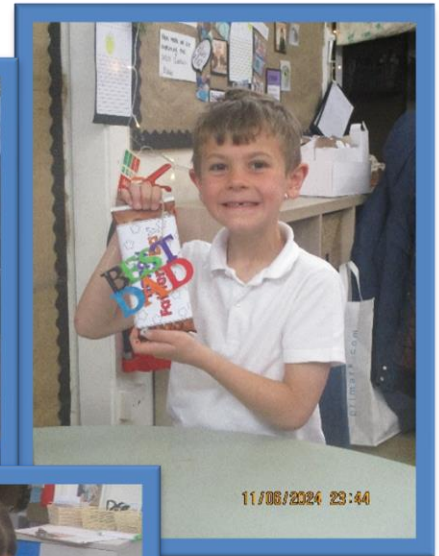
Frosty Fridays Reminder

Purchase your ice lollies on ParentPay by 2.00pm every Friday until the end of term, for a cost of £1 each (up to a total of 5 per child for additional family members) to go towards BPASA funds. To keep it simple, our School Ambassadors give each child a token when their parent has paid, to be redeemed against the same amount of ice lollies.



Dad's and Lad's Gifts

On Wednesday, 12th June, Mrs Dobson, Mrs Dodds and Mrs Durham from the BPASA joined our children to make gifts for the Dads and Lads in their lives. The children thoroughly enjoyed making their gifts whilst chatting to their friends, raising **£51.38** towards the BPASA funds.



SPORTING NEWS



Federation Sports Day – Thursday, 6th June

Congratulations to Burton Salmon, this year's Federation Sports Day winners, who took the trophy home from hosts and last year's winners, Barlow. During the event, pupils in Key Stage Two (Years 3-6) from Barlow, Burton Salmon and Chapel Haddlesey participated in Sprint, Egg and Spoon, Skipping and Bean Bag races, winning points for their schools. The event resulted in Chapel coming in third place with 15 points, Barlow in second with 24 points and Burton Salmon winning with 26 points. Thank you to all of the children who took part and showing great sportsmanship throughout the morning, you should all be very proud of yourselves for taking part.

'I loved seeing some of the friends that I made at Robinwood' – Mia, Class 3.

'The chanting for our schools was great; it was close but Burton were good winners' – Henry Class 3.



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Barlow Sports Day – Thursday, 13th June 2024

We were focused on a few days of weather watching prior to sports day, due to how unpredictable it was leading up to the event. Luckily the weather was perfect and the afternoon commenced, once the children, parents and carers were settled in.

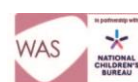
We are sure that those in attendance will agree, that all of our pupils behaved exceptionally well and participated in the Sprint, Egg and Spoon, Skipping and Bean Bag races superbly. There were some lovely examples of pupils showing their perseverance, determination, courage and friendship throughout the day.

Well done to our winners 'Attenborough' (Green Team), who scored 25 points during the day!



Also, a big thank you to everybody who attended. We all appreciated your help in taking the chairs back to classrooms, displaying great teamwork and for being good sports in the adult's race (well done to our winner, Mr Moore aka Edie and Henry's Dad). Thank you to the ladies from the BPASA for providing the refreshments, raising **£39.75** on the day and for helping to award stickers to the children on the finish line. Also, a thank you to Mr Grassam, our super Volunteer, who helped out in many ways during the day.

'It was a bit scary seeing so many adults on the field, but it was a really good day. I definitely need to work on my skipping next year!' Ralphie, Class 3



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Bean Bag Rounders

On Thursday, 20th June, some of our Year 1 and 2 children travelled to Tockwith to join other schools for a Bean Bag Rounders Tournament. As they left school to join the minibs, they were abuzz with excitement and anticipation for the coming event. Our children worked together, showing outstanding teamwork, ensuring joint 3rd position. Well done Team Barlow!



Swimming Festival – Tuesday, 11th June 2024

Some of our Year 5 and 6 children from across the federation took part in a Swimming Festival recently at Tadcaster Swimming Pool and our children gave their best efforts, coming joint 3rd in the competition.

Some parents joined the event to spectate and Mrs Dodds emailed to say “What a wonderful time I had at the swimming festival, it was lovely to watch Lacey and her classmates have so much fun swimming and interacting with their peers from Chapel and Burton Salmon. All the children and the way in which they behaved made me feel so proud to be a parent of children within the federation. Thank you so much for giving our children the opportunity to take part in these tournaments and the organisation it takes.”



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Yorkshire Water – Water Safety



Years 3-6 took part in an online Water Safety talk, hosted by Yorkshire Water on the 18th June. During the talk, the children were shown the hazards of a range of water sources that they may come across. Hazards around canals, lakes, rivers, ponds, coastlines and reservoirs were discussed, along with advice on what to do in an emergency. The children were taught that they should ring emergency services if they see someone in trouble, and that they should float (like a starfish) and preserve energy, calling for help, if they find themselves in trouble.

Our pupils were particularly excited as we got a shoutout from the hosts for a fantastic answer!

'I learned that there are waves underwater and machinery in reservoirs, which look safe. There are also a lot more dangers in water than I thought' - Regan.

'The thing that stood out to me was the underwater machinery in reservoirs.' - Phoebe.



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

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

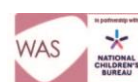
The whole school attendance for the fortnight **93.8 %**

House	Percentage	Rank
Attenborough	94.3	3rd
Kahlo	96.8	1st
Moore	91.9	4th
Rashford	94.7	2nd

58 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: -

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

[NYC Term Dates 2023-2024](#)

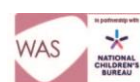
[NYC Term Dates 2024-2025](#)

Tuesday, 25 th June 2024	Parents' Open Evening for those joining Reception in September - 4.30pm - 5.30pm
Wednesday, 26 th June 2024	1 st Visit - Reception New Starters visit unaccompanied in Class 1 - 9.15am to 10.30am
Wednesday, 26 th June 2024	Art Workshop – Class 2 & 3 - Please remember to send an old shirt or t-shirt
Tuesday, 2 nd July 2024	Year 5 and 6 Puberty Information Session with Mrs Lindley - Afternoon
Wednesday, 3 rd July 2024	2 nd Visit - Reception New Starters visit unaccompanied in Class 1 - 9.15am to 11.45am
Wednesday, 3 rd July 2024	Summer Film Club - Rio (U rated) - Years R to Y6 - 3.30pm - 5.30pm
Wednesday, 10 th July 2024	3 rd Visit - Reception New Starters visit unaccompanied and staying for lunch in Class 1 - 9.15am to 1.10pm
Thursday, 11 th July 2024	BPASA Olympics Event – 2.00pm – 4.00pm – all welcome and any help appreciated
W/C 8 th – 12 th July 2024	Brayton Academy Transition Week - Current Year 6 pupils to attend
Friday, 12 th July 2024	BPASA Olympics Event - 2.00pm - 4.00pm - parents welcome to attend
Monday, 15 th July 2024	Year 6 Federation Leavers' Trip to Xscape Castleford - letter coming home
Tuesday, 16 th July 2024	Open Classrooms - 3.00pm - 4.00pm - parents welcome to attend
Wednesday, 17 th July 2024	Crucial Crew - Federation Year 6 pupils to attend - 09.00 - 12.30pm
Thursday, 18 th July 2024	Reception & Year 1 visit to RHS Harlow Carr in Harrogate - all day
Thursday, 18 th July 2024	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly – 10.00pm - 11.00am - families & BPASA welcome to attend
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 at 3.30pm
Monday, 22 nd July 2024	School Closed - Training Day
Monday, 27 th January 2025	Young Voices Choir – Sheffield Arena – Years 2 to 6

New Dates Added

Important to remember

School Holiday Dates



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