

One family branching out together

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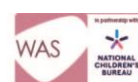
Dear Parents & Carers

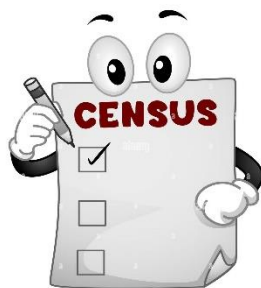
Welcome to our second newsletter of the new school year and as the weather cools off the events in school heat up, so please enjoy reading further to find out what the rest of the term brings for you and your children. As we live in an ever-changing climate, please remember to send your child to school wearing suitable clothing for whatever the weather may bring, including a coat or lightweight raincoat.

As the weather cools, why not ensure that your child has a hot meal daily by looking out for the new dinner menus that our Cook, Miss Franks has cooked up, coming home shortly. Please complete and return your child's menus promptly when they arrive home, so that their meal choices can be ready for Monday, 4th November when we return to school after the half-term break.



We are sure that you will agree that our new Reception starters look very smart in their new uniforms with Miss Nunn. Look out for their photograph appearing in the Selby Times.





On Thursday this week, it's Census Day when the school logs how many children in Years Reception, 1 and 2 have a school lunch. This single day determines the funding for our school.

Our menu on Thursday is chicken or cheese pizza with potato wedges and seasonal vegetables, or we have the usual cheese or tuna panini or jacket potato with cheese, beans or tuna (or a combination of 2 of these fillings). The pudding on the day is ginger/cup cakes or fresh fruit or yoghurt.

If your child is not down for a meal on Thursday but would like one to help us out with our numbers, please email Mrs Briggs on admin.barlow@wrfed.co.uk and we can add them on - it is all free for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2!!

Return to Sender

Last week Mrs Briggs sent out the following documents to be signed and returned to school. Please can you return any completed documents by Friday, 4th October, so that they can be added to your child's Pupil Records.



Home School Agreement (All year groups)

Child Record Form – Year 1 to 6

KS2 Acceptable Internet Responsibilities – Year 2 to 6

Food Policy



Our children from Nursery to age 5 receive free milk from Cool Milk via the Nursery Milk Scheme subsidised by Defra. Parents can purchase milk for children over the age of 5 online by visiting the Cool Milk link below. Children have their milk at the morning break each day whether it is provided by the Nursery Milk Scheme, or whose parents have paid.

[Parent-Information-Leaflet \(coolmilk.com\)](http://coolmilk.com)

Also, during morning break times, children in Reception to Year 2 can have a piece of fruit provided free of charge by the School Fruit and Veg Scheme. Children from Years 3 to 6 may bring a healthy snack to school to eat during breaktime (as detailed in our policy below): -

FOOD POLICY

Cooking Club Cancellation



Due to Mrs Smith attending vital training on the 17th and 24th October, Cooking Club will be cancelled on these dates and refunds will be issued. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.

Grandparents' Surprise – Monday, 7th October 2024

The children in Class 1 are looking forward to being joined by as many of their grandparents as possible, so that they can give them a special surprise. Parents, please share this invite with your child's grandparents and advise them that they can join us from 3.00pm until 3.30pm on this day. Our children look forward to welcoming you to their class.

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2023-2024

 **Open Afternoons**
for prospective families

Thursday, 10th October 2024
Thursday, 21st November 2024
Thursday, 23rd January 2025
Thursday, 13th March 2025

All dates 1.30pm to 2.45pm

What can we offer our families?

- ▶ A caring, family atmosphere
- ▶ A safe school environment
- ▶ Dedicated, loyal staff
- ▶ A committed governing body
- ▶ Smaller class size for Year 5 & 6
- ▶ Flexible, personalised learning
- ▶ Individual attention for all learners
- ▶ Regular progress meetings
- ▶ Mixed-age classes
- ▶ Breakfast Club and Afterschool Care in partnership with Kids' Corner
- ▶ Extended outdoor play area
- ▶ Nursery places for 3- and 4-year olds

Contact Mrs Briggs on 01757 618319 or email admin.barlow@wrfed.co.uk for further information

DID YOU KNOW? 

37 Royal Mail employees a week were attacked by dogs in 2022/23. That's a total of **1,916** posties – with some suffering permanent and disabling injuries.

Please help us prevent attacks on our posties:

- **SECURE YOUR DOG** in a different room when the postie arrives
- **NEVER OPEN THE DOOR** to a postie when your dog is not secured away
- **INVEST IN A LETTER CAGE OR EXTERNAL DELIVERY POINT** to stop bites through the letterbox
- If your dog is running loose outdoors on your premises **YOUR MAIL CAN BE SUSPENDED**



For more information, please visit royalmail.com/dogawareness

Following changes to the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 in May 2014, an owner or a person in charge of a dog, can be prosecuted if that dog attacks anyone, in any place in England, Wales or Scotland. Royal Mail can commence a prosecution if the police have failed to do so.

In partnership with Knowsley CLCs, all parent/carers are invited to an:

Online Safety Information Session

This session is delivered virtually so can be watched from anywhere! We will share the link with you privately.

Current trends – what children are doing online and what apps/games are popular amongst children.

Understanding the Risks – a look at the risks associated with using technology, in particular when using social media, online gaming & live streaming.

What can you do? – suggestions on how you can support your child with their online lives and what parental controls are available to help you.

Further Support – signposting to services that are available to help you.

WEDNESDAY 2ND OCTOBER 2024
4PM – 4.45PM



Online Safety Workshop for Parents & Carers

Please find details below of an Online Safety Workshop, delivered by our Online Safety Partners: -

Please find below the link to access the parent/carer session scheduled for **Wednesday 2nd October 2024 from 4pm until 4.45pm.**

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/1903ameeting_ZDZjNzRkOTQtNmJiNy00OGY0LWEyYmItZjM5MzEzNWJjYTk2%40threadd.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22dcdb1ea5-3b10-49a2-bf8f-5fd59edcd762%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%225772fa8f-9814-4199-ae72-9195804f833e%22%7d



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Attendees do not need to register they simply click on the link at the above time to access the session. **Cameras and voice/audio will be switched off for all attendees.** Attendees can ask questions by typing in the Q&A box, but this will be explained during the session.

The event will be streamed using Teams. Attendees can watch the live event in:

- **Teams app—desktop (Windows or Mac) or mobile.** (The Teams app is free to download if attendees would like to do that beforehand).
- **If they don't have Teams they can access it via one of the following browsers - Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge or Firefox.**

As a reminder, this session (and all our virtual sessions) will be recorded and will be subsequently shared so if somebody can't make the live session then they can watch it back at a time that is convenient to them.

BPASA NEWS



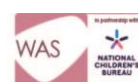
BPASA Year of Events

If you would like to volunteer at one of the below events, please email barlowpasa@outlook.com or speak to one of the BPASA Committee members. You can give as much or as little time as you want.



5 reasons to join BPASA

Come along to our meetings 1st Thursday of every month. 7:00pm. Barlow Village Club



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- Siblings welcome (please purchase the required number of tickets on ParentPay for all children attending).
- Adult supervision needed.
- No tickets needed for adults attending.

RECENT EVENTS

Muslim Visitor Returns

On Wednesday, 25th September the children from Years 1 to 6 welcomed Mr Kotwal to our school to deliver an interesting workshop giving a valuable insight into what it truly means to be a Muslim in Britain today. This experience not only deepened our understanding of the rich culture and profound religious beliefs associated with Islam, but also enriched our knowledge with a wealth of fascinating facts.

The children had the opportunity of trying on traditional Muslim attire, showcasing the diversity of clothing styles across different cultures. Mr Kotwal also brought a selection of artefacts with him and explained their value and meaning within the Muslim faith. A highlight of Mr Kotwal's visit was when he provided us with a comprehensive virtual tour of the interior of a mosque, highlighting the significance of various architectural elements and explaining the meticulous preparations Muslims make before engaging in prayer. This glimpse into the sacred space further deepened our understanding and appreciation for Muslim practices. At the end of the sessions the children were given picture worksheets to colour in highlighting the key areas of Mr Kotwal's visit.

Mr Kotwal praised how knowledgeable and attentive the children were and how welcoming they all were.





BBC 500 Words Creative Writing Club

The children attending this club (and Mrs Parris) are very excited, as the BBC 500 Words Competition was officially launched last week! They have been busy with their creative writing and have produced some amazing stories which they are excited to be reading out during our Collective Worship over the next few weeks, before the entries are submitted into the competition.

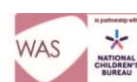
The finalists will be announced in February so we will be keeping our fingers crossed.

The children who attend took home a letter last week to be signed and returned, allowing them parental permission to enter the competition. If you have yet to return your letter, please do so by the end of this week. *Many thanks.*



SPORT

On Friday, 20th September, ten children from Class 2 joined teams from our federation and other schools to take part in a Multi-skills Sports Festival, hosted by Hensall School. The festival wasn't a competitive event where results are recorded, more an event that promotes sport, activity and involvement. However, the event consisted of groups of ten children from each school, working at the following stations: -



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Bean bag hunt Dodgeball Bench ball Combat games/ tag games

Target bowling and throwing Obstacle course including balancing activities

Pirate game/ Rob the nest (taking footballs from other teams areas with hands and feet developing dribbling and turning skills)

Cowboys and Indian's (developing movement and awareness, including over arm throwing skills)



New Attendance Guidance Leaflet for Parents

Attendance Changes Leaflet from September 2024



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Attendance Changes 2024

GENERAL UPDATE

As you know, excellent punctuality and regular attendance at school are crucial for your child's success. They are fundamental to their academic progress, social development, and overall wellbeing. With this in mind, I am writing to inform you of some important changes to attendance guidance, which are now in effect from September 2024.

The Department for Education have significantly toughened the law in relation to school attendance and have now published revised guidance which is mandatory from September 2024. Please ensure you read the following information and particularly review any holiday plans during term-time you may have as a family.

REQUEST FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Parents must request permission in advance from school for leave of absence for any reason, including holidays. Headteachers cannot grant leave during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances and cannot grant permission retrospectively. Generally, a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation would not be an exceptional circumstance, this includes the cost of the holiday. The 'H' code (authorised holiday) will no longer exist in the new absence codes, to reflect the change in policy.

If you take your child out of school without permission this may lead to enforcement action (penalty notice or prosecution).

NATIONAL THRESHOLDS FROM SEPTEMBER 2024

Schools will need to consider a Penalty Notice if a pupil misses 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a rolling period of 10 school weeks. Half of a day (am or pm) is considered as a 'session'. The threshold of 10 sessions can be met with any combination of unauthorised absence, for example, eight sessions of unauthorised holidays in term time and two sessions for other unauthorised reasons. The ten school week period may span different terms or school years, for example: 2 sessions of unauthorised absence in the Summer Term and a further 8 in the Autumn term.

STAY IN TOUCH

North Yorkshire Council (who have a statutory duty with regard to pupil attendance) are committed to improving attendance and achievement and would like parents/carers to work with us to ensure the best possible outcomes for children. We are passionate about our children's attendance and know that attending school is the most effective way to improve their life chances and future opportunities.

- We expect all children to attend school regularly and those families who struggle to send their child to school are fully supported. Please see overleaf to see how we will support this.

PENALTY NOTICES UNDER THE NEW NATIONAL FRAMEWORK

Fixed Penalty Notices will be considered when a child has missed ten or more sessions (five days) due to unauthorised absence in a period of ten school weeks.

In September 2024, Penalty Notices (fines) charged to parents will rise to £80 (if paid within 21 days) or £160 (if paid within between 22 and 28 days). Where a penalty notice is unpaid, legal action would be pursued. Under the new framework, only two penalty notices can be issued to the same parent for the same child within a three-year rolling period. Where a second Penalty Notice is issued to the same parent for the same child, the charge will be £160. If a third offence is committed within a three-year rolling period, legal action/prosecution would be considered.

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SUPPORTING ATTENDANCE

- **Attendance Goal:** We are striving for a combined target of a minimum 98% attendance for each pupil. This has a proven impact on excellent pupil performance, outcomes and life chances. Of course we look at this individually for every pupil but we have a duty to report your child's attendance to you.
- **Open Communication:** If your child's attendance dips, we will reach out to discuss potential support strategies. We will not respond to emails from parents who dislike receiving a termly attendance letter, nor will we stop sending them. We must report attendance to you in line with government policy.
- **Managing Illness:** For minor ailments, we encourage a "give it a go" approach. This builds resilience and reinforces the importance of routine.
- **Sibling Absence:** If one child is unwell, please send any siblings to school as usual.
- **Appointments:** Whenever possible, schedule appointments outside school hours. If necessary, try to book appointments that allow your child to attend part of the day. Evidence of appointments will be requested to authorise them.
- **Term-Time Holidays:** We encourage planning holidays during school breaks. This minimises disruption to learning. **We support the new government guidance in relation to the non-authorisation of holidays during term time.** Term time holiday requests will not be authorised unless very exceptional circumstances are met and reviewed by the Headteacher.

FURTHER INFORMATION

The full guidance from the DfE can be found online: Working together to improve school attendance - GOV.UK. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's school in the usual way.

Attendance Matters!

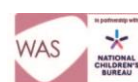


Every Student, Every School, Every Day

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

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

The whole school attendance for the fortnight **95.91 %**



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House	Percentage	Rank
Attenborough	96.6	3rd
Kahlo	98.2	1st
Moore	95.6	4th
Rashford	96.9	2nd

52 children in the 100% Club for the fortnight!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs E V Briggs,
Admin Assistant



Please also refer to the Calendar page of our website for our NYC school calendars for the next year: -

[School Term and Holiday Dates | Barlow Primary School](#)

NYC Term Dates 2024-2025



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Tuesday, 1 st October 2024	Open the Book - Bible Stories (Pupils only)
Friday, 4 th October 2024	Netball Court Orienteering at Hensall School - Class 3 -12.30pm - 2.30pm (early lunch)
Monday, 7 th October 2024	Grandparents' Surprise - All grandparents welcome in Class 1- 3.00pm - 3.30pm
Monday, 7 th October 2024	My Art Project Launched to Parents – master copies to be sent home to complete & return
Wednesday, 9 th October 2024	Phonics Meeting for Reception Parents in Class 1 - 3.45pm - 4.15pm
Thursday, 10 th October 2024	Open Afternoon for Prospective Nursery/Reception New Starters with Parents - 1.15pm - 2.45pm
Tuesday, 15 th October 2024	Mrs Hall & Twig Visit - 9.00am
Wednesday, 16 th October 2024	Phonics Meeting for Year 1 Parents - Class 1- 3.45pm - 4.15pm
Thursday, 17 th October 2024	Open Classrooms - 3.00pm - 4.00pm - All parents and family members welcome
Monday, 21 st October 2024	My Art Project - Completed artwork due to be returned by Parents
Wednesday, 23 rd October 2024	Harvest Festival - 9.10am - 9.40am (Pupils only) Food donations to Selby Foodbank
Friday, 25 th October 2024	School Ends - October Half-Term
Thursday, 31 st October 2024	Final deadline for Year 6 Parents to apply for a high school place
Monday, 4 th November 2024	School Opens – Autumn Term 2
Tuesday, 5 th November 2024	Open the Book - Bible stories (pupils only) - 10.15am - 10.45am
Tuesday, 5 th November 2024	Bonfire Dinner - Parents to advise Mrs Briggs if a change of menu is required
Wednesday, 6 th November 2024	PSCO Joe Spooner - KS1 and KS2 Road Safety Presentation - 1.15pm - 2.40pm
Monday, 11 th November 2024	Remembrance Gathering - whole school (pupils only) - 11.00am
Thursday, 21 st November 2024	Open Afternoon for Prospective Nursery/Reception New Starters with Parents - 1.15pm - 2.45pm
Monday, 25 th November 2024	Parents' Consultations - All classes - 3.40pm - 6.20pm
Tuesday, 26 th November 2024	Parents' Consultations - All classes - 3.40pm - 6.20pm
Wednesday, 4 th December 2024	BPASA making Christmas Crafts with children - 1.30pm - 3.00pm (TBC)
Monday, 9 th December 2024	Christmas Jumper Day - Charity Event for Donations to Operation Christmas Child
Monday, 9 th December 2024	Christmas Dinner - Pupils, Staff & Governors
Tuesday, 10 th December 2024	KS1 Nativity Rehearsal (Reception, Year 1 & 2) TBC - Barlow Village Club - 1.30pm - 3.00pm
Wednesday, 11 th December 2024	KS1 Nativity (Reception, Year 1 & 2) - Barlow Village Club - 1.00pm - 2.00pm
Thursday, 12 th December 2024	KS1 Nativity (Reception, Year 1 & 2) - Barlow Village Club - 1.00pm - 2.00pm
Thursday, 12 th December 2024	KS1 Nativity (Reception, Year 1 & 2) - Barlow Village Club - 5.30pm - 6.30pm
Friday, 20 th December 2024	School Closes for Christmas Holidays
Monday, 6 th January 2025	Training Day - School Closed
Monday, 7 th January 2025	School Opens - Spring Term 1
Thursday, 23 rd January 2025	Open Afternoon for Prospective Nursery/Reception New Starters with Parents - 1.15pm – 2.45pm
Monday, 27 th January 2025	Young Voices Choir - Sheffield Arena - Years 2 to 6
Friday, 14 th February 2025	School Closes - Half-Term
Monday, 24 th February 2025	School Opens - Spring Term 2
Thursday, 13 th March 2025	Open Afternoon for Prospective Nursery/Reception New Starters with Parents - 1.15pm – 2.45pm
Monday, 24 th March 2025	Parents' Consultations - All classes - 3.40pm - 6.20pm
Thursday, 27 th March 2025	Parents' Consultations - All classes - 3.40pm - 6.20pm
Thursday, 3 rd April 2025	Open Classrooms - 3.00pm - 4.00pm - All parents and family members welcome
Friday, 4 th April 2025	School Closes - Easter
Tuesday, 22 nd April 2025	School Opens - Summer Term 1
Monday, 5 th May 2025	School Closed - Bank Holiday
Friday, 23 rd May 2025	School Closes - Spring Bank Holiday
Monday, 2 nd June 2025	School Opens - Summer Term 2
Thursday, 5 th June 2025	Barlow Sports Day - Parents and families welcome - 1.15pm - 3.00pm
Thursday 12 th June 2025	Barlow (Back-up) Sports Day - Parents and families welcome - 1.15pm - 3.00pm
Friday, 18 th July 2025	School Closes - Summer
Monday, 21 st July 2025	School Closed - Training Day
Tuesday, 22 nd July 2025	School Closed -Training Day

New Dates Added

Important to remember

School Holiday Dates



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