

## One family branching out together

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### Newsletter No 4

Dear Parents & Carers

We welcome you back to school, towards one of our busiest half-terms in the school year, leading up to Christmas. It helps enormously and cuts down the number of reminder texts sent out to parents if you can please remember to check ParentPay weekly, for any new payment items which signal forthcoming events in school, along with emails which are sent via ScholarPack throughout the week. Please enjoy reading further to discover our upcoming events and to find out what has occurred in school recently.



### Nappy News



We're pleased to share the news that Mr Rich and his partner welcomed a baby girl to their family during the half-term. They are all now back at home and adjusting to their new life together, so we send them all our warmest wishes. Mrs Winder will teach Class 3, whilst Mr Rich is on paternity leave and he will return to school on Monday 18th November. Should you have any concerns or queries during this period of time, please speak with Miss Nunn, who is stepping up as Senior Teacher. A member of SLT will also be on site each day should you need any further assistance.

### 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, 25<sup>th</sup> November from 3.40pm until 6.20pm (all classes)  
Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> November from 3.40pm until 6.20pm (all classes)

SchoolCloud allows you to choose your own appointment times with teachers and you will receive an email confirming your appointments. Please visit the link below which will enable you to set up your own login details and book appointments. <https://barlowschool.schoolcloud.co.uk/> Please email Mrs Briggs at [admin.barlow@wrfed.co.uk](mailto:admin.barlow@wrfed.co.uk) if you have any problems with making your bookings or need to book an appointment outside of the scheduled dates.

**Please note that the booking system closes at 1.30pm on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> November 2024.**



## Positive Noticing Day



This year, the SEN and Pastoral team are proud to announce that our Federation will be taking part in Positive Noticing Day on **Wednesday 13th November 2024**. The event has been introduced by educational behavioural specialist, Paul Dix who is the Author of 'When the Adults Change'.

*For the last few years, Positive Noticing Day has been celebrated by hundreds of schools, colleges and other educational settings. It has helped to bring about improvements in their learning culture, their peer-to-peer relationships and the sense of community throughout the year.*

The day sees children notice their peers and celebrate the attributes that make our pupils special. They will wear tags that showcase their specialness for the day as a way of our children recognising how special they are. Over the past couple of years, there has been a big push towards getting the community and parents involved in the day; notes on bananas, post-it notes with special messages in their lunchboxes, on their water bottles and even parents attaching their own tags to their child's uniform that notices how special they are. It may seem like something small but the impact is huge! If you want to find out more about Positive Noticing Day, then you can learn more by following this link: [Positive Noticing Day 2024](https://www.positivenoticingday.com)

## Thrive-Online

We recently emailed a letter containing some exciting news with you about a new initiative we are introducing at our school: Thrive-Online®. This innovative approach aligns with our commitment to equipping our children with essential skills and strategies that will enable them to engage fully with life and learning. Our aim is to support each child in reaching their full potential, both academically and personally.

Thrive-Online® is a digital platform designed to promote emotional health and well-being in children. It focuses on helping children recognise and manage their emotions, cultivate positive relationships, and develop resilience in the face of challenges. By using this programme, we hope to enhance the overall school experience for our pupils, ensuring they feel supported and empowered.

The benefits of the Thrive-Online® approach are significant. Through targeted activities and assessments, pupils will gain insights into their emotional development, which can help them navigate social situations, cope with stress, and build self-confidence. This, in turn, can lead to improved concentration in the classroom and an increased enthusiasm for learning. We believe that by fostering emotional intelligence, we can create a more positive school environment where every child can thrive.

As part of the Thrive-Online® programme, we will be developing small group and individual intervention plans for some pupils, as well as whole-class profiles for each class. These plans are similar to reading and maths catch up interventions but focus on emotional health and well-being. They will be tailored to meet the specific needs of each child, providing personalised support based on their unique emotional profiles. To implement plans beyond whole class level, such as individual and group plans, we kindly ask for your permission.

Please see the link to our website below and we also invited parents to a meeting in school on **Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> November from 3.45pm to 4.45pm**. We do hope that as many of you as possible can attend.

[Thrive-Online | Barlow Primary School](#)

## Online Safety – Latest News for Parents and Carers



Please click on the link below to access the latest Online Safety Workshop that was recently hosted. It has some excellent relevant content for parents.

[Online Safety Workshop for Parents October 2024](#)



## Pastoral Support

### 10 Top Tips: Supporting Young People to Build Emotional Resilience

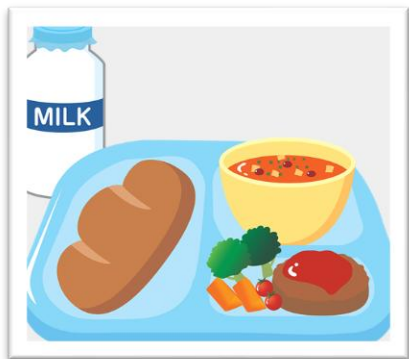
With increasing societal pressures, many children struggle with managing emotions, facing challenges and processing failure in a healthy way. The National College have produced a guide to provide practical strategies for parents to help children develop resilience and foster confidence, adaptability and a positive mindset.

Please click on the link below to visit our website:

[WUW Emotional Resilience Guide](#)



## Free School Meals



If you are unsure whether or not you may be entitled to Free School Meals, please click on the link below to the North Yorkshire Council website and complete the online form.

You can use this form to check whether your child, aged between 4-16 years old, is eligible for free school meals. If your child is eligible, your application for free school meals will be automatically submitted and we will advise your child's school of your eligibility. If free school meals are granted, we will also use the information you have provided to assess your child's eligibility to free home to school transport under the councils extended rights transport criteria.

**You do not need to complete this form if your child(ren) is already receiving free school meals.**

All children are eligible for free school meals if they're in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2. We still ask that you apply using this form to prevent your child's school missing out on additional funding for the school.

[Free School Meals Application Link](#)

## Bonfire Dinner – Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> November

Our Cook, Brigitte made a banging bonfire dinner which was enjoyed very much by the children, as can be seen from the photos below. Brigitte's bonfire buns were also a great success with everyone, Flo in Class 2 said "The bonfire buns were delicious." Freya in Class 2 said "The Bonfire Lunch made me very happy." Thank you, Brigitte for our delicious school meals, they are really appreciated.



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#### Flu Vaccinations **REMINDER** for Reception to Year 6 Pupils



Vaccination UK

Vaccination UK is attending our school for flu vaccinations on **Thursday, 21st November**. If your child is ill on the day the vaccination team will email you directly to advise the dates and times of any catch-up clinics.

For your child to receive their Nasal flu vaccination in school, please complete a **YES** consent form using the link below.

<https://yny.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2024/northyorkshire>

If your child **cannot** have the Nasal spray, the injectable flu vaccine is available, and you will be able to choose that method on the consent form.

If you **DO NOT** wish for your child to have a flu vaccination, please complete a **NO** consent via the same link.

#### Applying for a place in Reception – September 2025



For school Reception places in September 2025, you can make your application for a place for your child at a North Yorkshire primary school, **between Saturday 12th October 2024 and Wednesday 15th January 2025**. Please note that we will be holding an Open Afternoon on **Thursday 21st November from 1.30pm - 2.45pm**, for anyone interested in places for either Nursery or Reception places for their child. Please share this information with any interested friends or family members. To book an Open Afternoon visit, please email Mrs Briggs on [admin.barlow@wrfed.co.uk](mailto:admin.barlow@wrfed.co.uk)

[Starting primary school and junior school | North Yorkshire Council](#)

#### Children in Need – Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> November



BBC Children in Need believes that every child should have the chance to thrive and be the best they can be and the campaign this year is focusing on 'Making Life Lighter for Children.'

For a donation of £1, children may wear (school suitable) non-uniform of yellow, spots or both to support this charity. [We're there for you- BBC Children in Need](#)

Thank you to all of the children who sent back their My Art Project artwork, so that the proofs could be produced. Please look out in school bags for the proofs being returned to your child, so that you can place your orders online in time for Christmas delivery. Please follow the instructions on the order proofs carefully, **especially checking that they have spelt your child's name correctly on the proof**. All orders must be placed no later than **midnight on Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024**.



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Books make great Christmas gifts, so why not start your Christmas shopping early and visit Scholastic and earn money for school?

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 November 29th, 2024.**

## BPASA NEWS



ParentPay will be open weekly so that you can pay for your hot chocolates.

Every Friday ParentPay will close at 2.00pm, so please book by this time.

Please note – **DAIRY FREE OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE**

The BPASA can be found preparing and serving the hot chocolates from the Staff Room at the side of Class 2 at the end of the school day.

**Parents please advise your child weekly if you have paid for them to have a hot chocolate.**

### Pumpkin Party News

What a spooktacular night we had at our Pumpkin Party on Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> October. There were plenty of spooky costumes. We had a great time playing the Lollipop Stick game and Hook a Cauldron and we had the best time making our own potions to take home with Zoe the Witch.

Last but not least of all, a special **THANK YOU** to all of our Committee members and volunteers who gave up their time to make the night a spooky success. Thank you for all the parents whose contributions made a scary **£369.62.**



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## RECENT EVENTS

### Open Classrooms

Thank you for attending our Open Classrooms on the afternoon of Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> October. The children really enjoyed having you in school to look at their books and to see some of their work displayed on the classroom walls. They especially enjoyed showing you around their classrooms. We look forward to having you all in again in April next year.



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## Harvest Festival



On Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October we celebrated the Harvest Festival. Many thanks for the bumper stack of food that we received from our families during our Harvest Festival which took place just before half-term.

Pictured with our Harvest contributions and the children from The School Council is Nigel Currey, Chair of Trustees at Selby & District Foodbank who attended to speak to the children about the work of the Foodbank.

Nigel said "I

was delighted to visit Barlow Primary School and receive the generous donations to the Foodbank. Foodbank operates all year round, and the boost given to our stocks through local Schools and Churches donating their Harvest Festival gifts is most welcome. We hope too that those who give have a closer link to those who, for whatever reason, are not able to afford enough food for themselves or their family. So well done Barlow Primary School from your local Foodbank."



## About | Selby & District Foodbank

## Dark Nights



On Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> October Laura Simpson from North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service came to talk to the children from Years 3 to 6 about 'dark nights' and how they can keep themselves safe. Laura also discussed Bonfire night safety. Laura said, "The children listened wonderfully as we discussed the dangers of the darker nights now upon us! This included how we can stay safer by wearing bright clothing and always using lights on our bikes."

Phoebe in Class 3 said "It was very interesting and I think that everyone has learnt a lot about how to keep

safe during dark nights." As you can see from the photo, George is demonstrating how the children were taught how to Stop, Drop & Roll, if they were unfortunate enough to catch fire.



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### Road Safety

On Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> November PCSO Joe Spooner joined our children to talk to the children in Years 1 to 6 about road safety and how they can keep themselves safe whilst scooting, cycling and crossing the road.

Our children were given extra guidance regarding crossing the road, to look and listen especially carefully as some electric cars cannot be heard!

The children were interested to learn about electric scooters and that in the UK, most electric scooters are **not yet permitted for use on public roads**. The scooters that are allowed on public roads can only be driven if you have a (moped) driving licence. A **minimum age of 16 applies**.

The use of an electric scooter by children is **only allowed on private property**. Driving on public roads is not allowed. PCSO Spooner was impressed with the questions that the children posed for him, and Phoebe in Class 3 said "I learned many things about where to ride my bike on the road, how to look out for traffic and how to cross the road safely. Everyone definitely learnt that electric scooters are illegal and should not be ridden on public roads."



## HOUSEKEEPING

### Afterschool Clubs



We still have spaces for children to join the following afterschool clubs: -

Monday - Music & Movement for Year 1 & 2 - **may stop if members don't increase**

Thursday - Multi-skills Sports Club for Years 2 to 6

Thursday - Cooking Club for Years 3 to 6

To book a place, please visit ParentPay, or if your child attends Kids' Corner afterwards, please email Mrs Briggs on [admin.barlow@wrfed.co.uk](mailto:admin.barlow@wrfed.co.uk) to advise.

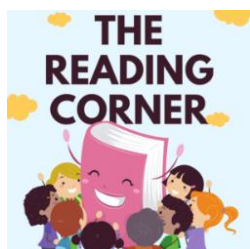
### Swimming Lessons

Thank you to the parents of children in Years 3 to 6 for remembering straight after half-term that swimming takes place during a Monday afternoon, **up to and including the 16<sup>th</sup> December**. Mrs Briggs did not need to call any parents, to ask for swimming kit to be brought to school! We do hope that the children enjoyed their first swimming lesson and continue to benefit from learning this important life-skill.

If you would still like to pay your swimming contributions, please visit ParentPay to either pay the weekly fee, or the full amount. **Thank you to those parents who have already paid.**



### Reading Book Replacements



The children in every class have Bug Club reading books sent home weekly, along with some free reading books belonging to each class library. The Bug Club reading books come in a set, so if one of a set is lost or damaged they prevent other children from using the book. In school we encourage our children to look after the books that they read, so if a Bug Club, or class free-reading book is lost or damaged, we will be charging £6 per book to parents, so that we can replace them. **Thank you for supporting us to look after our books.**



### ParentPay Reminder

Thank you for your patience this week whilst our current ParentPay bank account was swapped over and sorry for any inconvenience that it may have caused.

Please can parents remember to check your ParentPay accounts weekly and ensure that all dinner balances (which are entered onto ParentPay every Friday) and any ad-hoc payment balances are paid promptly. Our school accounts are run exactly the same as any other business accounts and as such we are only able to allow a total balance of **£30 per child** to be outstanding at any time. If at any time you find that you are finding it difficult to pay, please do not let your account balance get out of hand, instead contact Mrs Briggs to make a manageable payment plan.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.



### Uniform Matters



A big thank you to the parents who have taken the time-consuming task of labelling your child's school uniform and other belongings. You wouldn't believe how helpful this is to our staff, enabling them to concentrate their time on teaching. Please do continue to label EVERYTHING. Our children are encouraged to look after their own belongings in school which sometimes results in them going home inadvertently with another child's uniform item. Please can all parents check their child's belongings regularly for nametags, to ensure that they have their own items and not those belonging to a classmate. If

you do find anything not belonging to your child, please return it to your child's class teacher, so that it can be returned to the correct child.

We do not have the capacity to store lost property in school, so items which are labelled and found loose around school, or in classrooms are returned to their rightful owners. Unfortunately, items that are not labelled will be put in a central location where parents can sift through at their leisure. **Many thanks for helping us to match your children up with their belongings.**

### 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 week **97 %**



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House	Percentage	Rank
Attenborough	98.4	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Kahlo	97.1	4 <sup>th</sup>
Moore	99.4	1 <sup>st</sup>
Rashford	98.8	2 <sup>nd</sup>

**61** children in the 100% Club for the week!

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

Monday, 11 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Remembrance Gathering - whole school (pupils only) - 11.00am
Tuesday, 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Twig and Mrs Hall Visiting all classes – 9.00am
Thursday, 14 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	THRIVE Parents' Meeting – 3.45pm – 4.45pm – all welcome to attend
Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Children In Need – Non-Uniform Charity Event – wear yellow, spots or both for £1 donation
W/C 11 <sup>th</sup> - 15 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Anti Bullying Week
W/C 18 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Road Safety Week
Thursday, 21 <sup>st</sup> November 2024	Flu Immunisations - Reception to Year 6 for children who have parental consent - 9.00am
Thursday, 21 <sup>st</sup> November 2024	Open Afternoon for Prospective Nursery/Reception New Starters with Parents - 1.15pm - 2.45pm
Monday, 25 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Parents' Consultations - All classes - 3.40pm - 6.20pm
Thursday, 28 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Parents' Consultations - All classes - 3.40pm - 6.20pm
Tuesday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2024	Twig and Mrs Hall visiting all classes – 9.00am
Wednesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	BPASA making Christmas Crafts with children - 1.30pm - 3.00pm
Monday, 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Christmas Jumper Day - Charity Event for Donations to Operation Christmas Child
Monday, 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Christmas Dinner - Pupils, Staff & Governors
Tuesday, 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	KS1 Nativity Rehearsal (Reception, Year 1 & 2) TBC - Barlow Village Club - 1.30pm - 3.00pm
Wednesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	KS1 Nativity (Reception, Year 1 & 2) - Barlow Village Club - 1.00pm - 2.00pm
Thursday, 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	KS1 Nativity (Reception, Year 1 & 2) - Barlow Village Club - 1.00pm - 2.00pm
Thursday, 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	KS1 Nativity (Reception, Year 1 & 2) - Barlow Village Club - 5.30pm - 6.30pm
Tuesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Christmas Film Night — Muppet Christmas Carol - 3.45pm - 5.20pm
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Class Christmas Parties – 1.30pm - 3.30pm
Friday, 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	School Closes for Christmas Holidays
Monday, 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Training Day - School Closed
Monday, 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	School Opens - Spring Term 1
Thursday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2025	Open Afternoon for Prospective Nursery/Reception New Starters with Parents - 1.15pm - 2.45pm



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W/C 27 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	National Storytelling Week
Monday, 27 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Young Voices Choir - Sheffield Arena - Years 2 to 6
Friday, 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	School Closes - Half-Term
Monday, 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	School Opens - Spring Term 2
Thursday, 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	World Book Day
Thursday, 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Open Afternoon for Prospective Nursery/Reception New Starters with Parents - 1.15pm – 2.45pm
Friday, 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2025	World Poetry Day
Friday, 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2025	Comic Relief
Monday, 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Parents' Consultations - All classes - 3.40pm - 6.20pm
Thursday, 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Parents' Consultations - All classes - 3.40pm - 6.20pm
Friday, 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Mother's Day
Wednesday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025	International Children's Book Day
Thursday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2025	Open Classrooms - 3.00pm - 4.00pm - All parents and family members welcome
Friday, 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	School Closes - Easter
Tuesday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025	School Opens - Summer Term 1
Monday, 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	School Closed - Bank Holiday
Thursday, 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	VE Day
W/C 19 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Walk to School Week
Monday, 19 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Phototronics – Class, Individual, Sibling, Reception, Year 6 photographs taken – from 9.00am
Friday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2025	School Closes - Spring Bank Holiday
Monday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2025	School Opens - Summer Term 2
Thursday, 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	World Environment Day
Thursday, 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Barlow Sports Day - Parents and families welcome - 1.15pm - 3.00pm
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Barlow (Back-up) Sports Day - Parents and families welcome - 1.15pm - 3.00pm
Friday, 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Father's Day
Monday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2025	World Rainforest Day
Friday, 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	School Closes - Summer
Monday, 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2025	School Closed - Training Day
Tuesday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2025	School Closed -Training Day

New Dates Added

Important to remember

School Holiday Dates



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