

One family branching out together

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Newsletter No 5

Dear Parents & Carers

We started off last week with snow on the ground which brought great excitement to our children, as can be seen from the photographs below. A timely reminder to please ensure that your children are suitably attired for the cold weather with hats, scarves and gloves please. If we encounter severe weather, or an emergency that prevents school from opening, we will send all parents and carers a text via ScholarPack to advise that this is the case, as soon as is practicably possible to do so, once the emergency has been fully assessed and it is deemed that no other option than to close school is found to be viable.





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.

We are truly sorry that we had to postpone the original THRIVE parents' meeting but we didn't receive the expected attendance target from parents, so the decision was made to rearrange the meeting for Thursday, 5th December at Barlow from 4.00pm

until 4.30pm. Sorry for any inconvenience caused to the parents who were expecting to attend the original meeting but to justify staffing such meetings we need to have a significant number of attendees.

Please be informed that it is not our intention to cancel or postpone meetings but we have not had a realistic attendance target for parents at Barlow for the meeting on the 5th December, **so we have no alternative but to offer to hold the meeting at Hensall School instead on Thursday, 5th December at 5.00pm until 5.30pm for all of our federation parents who wish to attend.** A TEAMS link will be sent out before the meeting for parents who wish to join remotely and if you are unable to attend the meeting in person or via TEAMS, it will be recorded and shared with you afterwards. **Please email Mrs Briggs by Friday, 29th November to advise that you will be attending the Parents' Meeting at Hensall and please include any question(s) that you would like to be addressed during the meeting, so that they can be added and addressed during the meeting.**

If you are happy with the information that you have received, please sign and return the parent consent which came home with your child recently, or alternatively wait until after the meeting to sign and return the consent form. **Thank you for helping us to support your children.**

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

Young Voices – Concert Video

The Young Voices admin team have advised that parents can pre-order the 2025 Concert Video from now on, so don't miss out!

[Pre-Order](#) the Concert Video Today! Don't Miss Out!

Get ready for an unforgettable experience!

We're thrilled to give you a sneak peek into what's in store for your choir and their families at the Young Voices concert in 2025!

Please let your choir parents know that they can pre-order the concert video and lock in your special price of **£12.99** at yv25film.co.uk

Relive the memories for years to come.

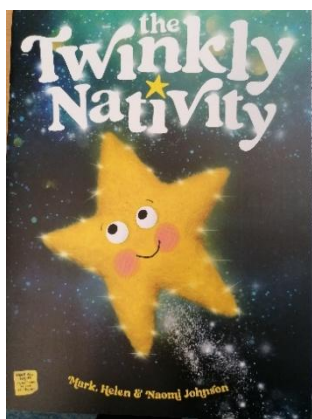
Flu Vaccinations **REMINDER** for Reception to Year 6 Pupils



Vaccination UK

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





We are pleased to be able to invite Parents, Carers, Grandparents and family members to watch our KS1 (Reception to Year 2) production of The Twinkly Nativity. After further deliberation regarding where best to hold the performances, for the benefit of the children who are performing, it has been decided that they will be held in school.

There will be 3 performances (as detailed further below) with tickets limited to 4 per family across the performances in the first instance, with a 40-seat capacity per performance (first come, first served) which can be booked across the 3 performances. There will be a waiting list for any spare tickets.

Tickets will be available to book via ParentPay at a cost of £1.50 per adult, with the proceeds going towards the BPASA. Tickets do not need to be purchased for babies and toddlers who need to sit on an adult's lap but children attending who will need to be seated will need a ticket purchasing.

If you have a family member attending who needs special seating or access arrangements due to disability, please contact Mrs Briggs by email, so that this can be arranged.

Priority for the evening performance will go to working parents, so please bear this in mind when booking your tickets.

Please note that for many of our children this is the very first performance that they have done to a live audience, so please bear this in mind, as they are very young. Refreshments will be served at the end of each performance for a cash donation towards the BPASA funds and they will also be selling raffle tickets (so please send in any bottle and chocolate donations towards this please).

We ask that phones are switched to silent once entering the performance and strongly request that videos and photos are not taken during the performance. A photo of your child in their costume will be taken by a member of staff and emailed to parents via ScholarPack.

Our children and staff have been practising hard already to put on this special performance for your delight, so we *ho ho hope* that it is a thoroughly memorable occasion for everyone, so please enjoy the performance. We thank you for your support.

Wednesday, 11th December - 1.00pm - 2.00pm

Thursday, 12th December - 1.00pm - 2.00pm and 5.30pm – 6.30pm

Christmas Film Night -Tuesday, 17th December 3.45pm – 5.20pm



Mrs Parris and Mrs Cammack have kindly offered to facilitate the showing of The Muppet Christmas Carol (U rating) with a hot dog, sweet treat and a drink during the interval.

Please either sign up for your child(ren) to attend via ParentPay for the cost of £5 per child, or email Mrs Briggs to advise that your child is attending Kids' Corner, so that they are included free of charge. The limit is for 35 children in total to attend from Reception to Year 6. All bookings will be on a first-come, first-served basis, so please sign up quickly to avoid disappointment.





CHRISTMAS DINNER – **Monday, 9th December 2024**

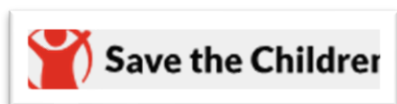
Roast turkey or **Quorn fillet (V)** with roast potatoes, Brussel sprouts, carrots, peas, chipolata sausage, sage & onion stuffing, gravy & cranberry sauce.

Dessert – Christmas Jumper Inspired Shortbread

Please note: - Due to the high volume of dinners cooked on this day this is the **only** hot meal option available, so if your child is booked for a panini or jacket potato on this day, you will need to inform Mrs Briggs if they will be having a packed lunch or Christmas dinner instead please. Please note that Christmas Dinner is swapped with Pizza on Wednesday 11th December, so please also email Mrs Briggs to advise if your child's dinner choice will change on this date also.

The cost is free for children in receipt of FMS and those in Reception to Year 2 and for all other children the cost is £2.85 which is the current school meal price and will be charged with your child's other school meals during this week via ParentPay. **Please advise Mrs Briggs of your child's dinner choices by Friday, 29th November via admin.barlow@wrfed.co.uk**

Christmas Jumper Day



We are supporting Christmas Jumper Day on the same day as our Christmas Dinner, **Monday, 9th December**. For a donation of £1 per child (on ParentPay) which goes towards Save the Children, your child may wear a Christmas jumper. Please see below how you can recycle your old Christmas jumpers, clothing and accessories, in time for Christmas Jumper Day.



PLEASE ASK YOUR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES TO JOIN IN AND SEND THEIR UNWANTED CHRISTMAS CLOTHING AND ACCESSORIES TO YOU TO INCLUDE IN THE SWOP SHOP.



Christmas Post Box



Recently, Mrs Briggs sent our families a list of pupil names in class order via ScholarPack which can be used for children and families get into the Christmas spirit to send Christmas cards to one another. Our School Ambassadors will empty the post box every Friday and distribute the cards. The post box will be in the Resources Room from **Monday, 9th December** with the last post being distributed on **Friday, 17th December**.

Feast Christmas Activities

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Free activities
for
children and young people
this school holiday.

Packed with sport, art, fun and food, there's something for everyone.

Everyone in North Yorkshire from Reception to Year 11 (Year 13 if SEND) can join in, with FREE places available for eligible children and young people.

Discover what's on offer at **feastNY.org**

NORTH YORKSHIRE TOGETHER **HolidayActivities**
Department for Education **NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL**

SCAN ME

If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals, or has been selected by the school to be eligible to receive free Feast vouchers, please look out for an email directly from Feast with your voucher details. You can use your voucher to visit the Feast website and book the available activities for your child.

All parents have been sent the flyer to the left via ScholarPack recently, so please check you inboxes for further details.

Please click on the link below for further information.

[FEAST Christmas Activities 2024](https://www.feastny.org)



BPASA NEWS



Christmas Crafts

On Wednesday, 4th December some of the BPASA ladies will be joining us to make Christmas Crafts with the children. This is a free event for the children, which we thank them for providing.



If you would like to help out at the Christmas Fayre or have any family members who would like to do so, please email barlowpasa@outlook.com for further details, or to sign up.

If you know anyone who would like a stall at the event for a cost of £10 each, please also ask them to email barlowpasa@outlook.com to book.



Please feel free to send in chocolate and alcoholic and non-alcoholic bottles for our Christmas Raffle. The more, the merrier!

Raffle tickets are £3 per strip or £10 for 4 strips, available on ParentPay and to purchase during the Nativity.



Hot Chocolate Reminder

As the weather gets colder, we do hope that you enjoy our Hot Chocolate Fridays!

Please order your Hot Chocolate Friday drinks by 2.00pm every Friday.

If you have forgotten to pay and have had a hot chocolate, please remember to go back onto ParentPay and pay, as forgotten payments all add up to a loss for the BPASA funds. Thank you.

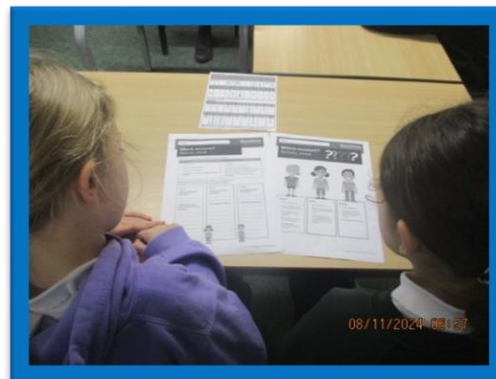
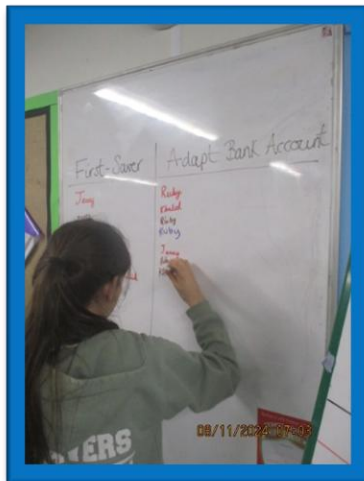


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RECENT EVENTS

Talk Money

Recently in Class 3, Mrs Winder led a lesson whereby the children spent some time considering the different types of bank accounts that are available and discussed the features of each. The children were given the profiles of three people, all with different financial goals and were asked to match them with the account that would benefit them the most. The lesson encouraged the children to talk about money and how important it is to look after it and spend it wisely.



Royal Opera and Ballet Workshop - 8th November 2024



The children in Year 2 took part in a Discovering Opera workshop provided by Royal Opera and Ballet. During this live lesson, the children watched LIVE performances of songs from famous operas by artists of the Royal Opera! They were joined by over 380 schools across the country to sing famous opera songs and even got to go behind the scenes in the props and costume departments to see how props, scenery and lighting transform the stage.

The Live Lesson aimed to make opera fun and accessible to children by encouraging the children's creativity and confidence, building the students' cultural capital and allowing pupils to explore different genres of music to enhance their musical education. The children had a fantastic time and loved exploring using their voice in the genre of opera! However, all our ears are still recovering from the powerful notes!



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Positive Noticing Day

On the 13th November 2024, the SEN/ Pastoral team hosted Positive Noticing Day. Children wrote tags for their peers and teachers recognising just how special and valued they are. 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. Many have made positive noticing a regular thing and is something we are striving to incorporate into our setting. As a team, we were immensely proud of our pupils and loved seeing the smiles on their faces when they wore their tags with pride. We hope you enjoy reading the children's tags and seeing just how valued our children are in our community.



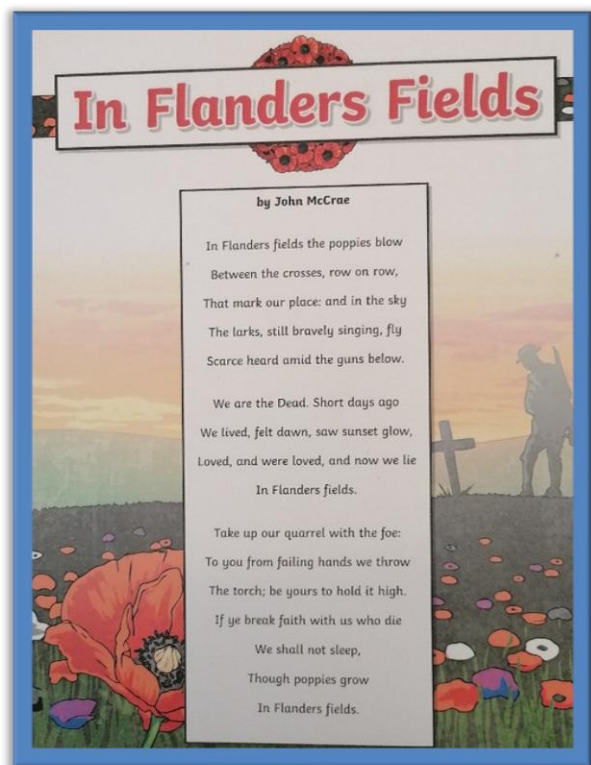
Remembrance

Thank you to all the children who purchased Royal British Legion memorabilia from our Poppy Sellers, Flo and Charlie, who set up their daily pitch during playtimes and were fantastic salespersons. It could even be said that Flo could probably persuade Eskimos to buy snow! Flo conducted some research on the sales that she made with Charlie and obtained some reviews from happy customers. Eleanor said "I feel happy because we are raising money for charity." Harvey said "I feel excited because Remembrance Day is important." Cece said "I feel great because I love that it was for Remembrance Day." Due to the donations being dropped directly into the collection boxes, we are not sure how much money was raised, so we are awaiting an update from the Royal British Legion. Thank you for your support and donations.



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Children in Need – Friday, 15th 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.'

We raised a total of £62 for this worthwhile cause, so thank you for your donations. Look out for a photo in the Selby Times featuring some of our children in their costumes.

We're there for you- BBC Children in Need



Parents' Evening Appointments



Thank you for booking and attending our Parents' Consultations both last night and on Thursday. Our teachers are eager to share your child's progress with you and to give positive, constructive feedback. Every appointment is scheduled to last 10 minutes only, so please do not feel that teachers are being abrupt with you if the appointment ends sharply. If you are unable to attend, please email Mrs Briggs to advise.

Monday, 25th November from 3.40pm until 6.20pm (all classes) – past event

Thursday, 28th November from 3.40pm until 6.20pm (all classes) – future event



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SPORT

Cross Country – Friday, 8th November

Our KS2 children were both excited and nervous to be attending the Cross Country event which was held at Read School. As you can see from the table below, Barlow School have some fantastic runners, who are all pictured with their certificates, along with Hattie who was happy to hold up Heidi's certificate in her absence! Well done to all of the children who took part, you are all winners!



Year 3/4 Girls

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|---|---------|--------------|---|----------|--------------|
| 1 | Georgia | Barlow | 1 | | Barkston Ash |
| 2 | | Barkston Ash | 2 | | St Joseph's |
| 3 | Ophelia | Burton | 3 | | Barkston Ash |
| 4 | | Barkston Ash | 4 | Marshall | Chapel |
| 5 | Cora | Barlow | 5 | Asa | Burton |
| 6 | Halle | Chapel | 6 | | Barkston Ash |
| 7 | | Barkston Ash | 7 | Blake | Barlow |
| 8 | Katy | Chapel | 8 | Oliver | Chapel |

Year 3/4 Boys

Year 5/6 Girls

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|---|--------|--------------|---|-------|---------|
| 1 | Lily | Hensall | 1 | Max | Hensall |
| 2 | Ayva | Burton | 2 | Brody | Hensall |
| 3 | | Barkston Ash | 3 | Will | Hensall |
| 4 | Heidi | Barlow | 4 | Seth | Chapel |
| 5 | Sophia | Barlow | 5 | Ruben | Hensall |
| 6 | Eva | Barlow | 6 | Ellis | Hensall |
| 7 | Lily | Burton | 7 | Oscar | Barlow |
| 8 | Lacey | Barlow | 8 | Jude | Burton |

Year 5/6 Boys

Georgia said "The Cross Country was hard with lots of children who kept trying to overtake me but I kept sprinting."

Oscar said "I hoped that my Mum would give me some chocolate biscuits if I finished in the top 8 and she did!"

HOUSEKEEPING

Dog Reminder



We had an unexpected guest this morning on the school site in the form of a puppy. Whilst it was uneventful, we feel that this is an opportunity to remind our families about dogs in the school environment.

At school we understand that the addition of a dog to a family is a fantastic way of getting your children involved in caring for what is really, another member of the family.

However, apart from Twig our School Therapy Dog which has gone through rigorous training and risk assessment processes, we must remind parents that for the safety of our children, dogs of any breed or size are not allowed into the school grounds at any time. We also request that they are kept away from the pedestrian gate and Kids' Corner entrance, during the start and end of the school day, whilst children are entering and leaving school. We thank you for your cooperation.



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Parking



Please can parents, grandparents and other family members refrain from parking on the paved areas at each side of the car park entrance, as these are **strictly reserved** for staff parking and signs will be there to remind you shortly. Also, we have been asked by nearby residents to kindly request that parents and carers please bear them in mind when parking your vehicles, so as not to block driveways please.

It would be much appreciated if you can share this information with grandparents and other family members who visit the school either to drop off or pick up your children. **Thank you for your consideration.**

Childcare Vouchers



If you are a parent who is entitled to claim any type of Childcare Voucher such as Co-op, Edenred, Tax Free Childcare, etc, please email Mrs Briggs on admin.barlow@wrfed.co.uk with a copy of your payment receipt, so that we can match it to your corresponding transaction in our bank account.

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 %**

| House | Percentage | Rank |
|--------------|-------------|------------|
| Attenborough | 94.4 | 3rd |
| Kahlo | 92.4 | 4th |
| Moore | 97.9 | 2nd |
| Rashford | 98.4 | 1st |

50 children in the 100% Club for the fortnight!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs E V Briggs,
Admin Officer



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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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| Thursday, 28 th November 2024 | Parents' Consultations - All classes - 3.40pm - 6.20pm |
| Tuesday, 3 rd December 2024 | Twig and Mrs Hall visiting all classes – 9.00am |
| Wednesday, 4 th December 2024 | BPASA making Christmas Crafts with children - 1.30pm - 3.00pm - Free |
| Thursday, 5 th December 2024 | THRIVE Parents' Meeting at Hensall School - 5.00pm - 5.30pm (or on TEAMS) |
| Thursday, 5 th December 2024 | BPASA Committee Meeting at Barlow Village Club from 7.00pm - All Welcome to attend |
| 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 |
| Monday, 9 th December 2024 | Christmas Post Box set up in the Resources Room |
| Tuesday, 10 th December 2024 | KS1 Nativity Rehearsal (Reception, Year 1 & 2) – School Resources Room - 1.30pm - 3.00pm |
| Wednesday, 11 th December 2024 | KS1 Nativity (Reception, Year 1 & 2) - School Resources Room - 1.00pm - 2.00pm |
| Thursday, 12 th December 2024 | KS1 Nativity (Reception, Year 1 & 2) - School Resources Room - 1.00pm - 2.00pm |
| Thursday, 12 th December 2024 | KS1 Nativity (Reception, Year 1 & 2) - School Resources Room - 5.30pm - 6.30pm |
| Tuesday, 17 th December 2024 | Christmas Film Night - Muppet Christmas Carol - 3.45pm - 5.20pm |
| Friday 20 th December 2024 | Class Christmas Parties – 1.30pm - 3.30pm |
| Friday, 20 th December 2024 | Christmas Post Box - final card distribution by School Ambassadors |
| 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 |
| W/C 27 th January 2025 | National Storytelling Week |
| 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, 6 th March 2025 | World Book Day |
| Thursday, 13 th March 2025 | Open Afternoon for Prospective Nursery/Reception New Starters with Parents - 1.15pm - 2.45pm |
| Friday, 21 st March 2025 | World Poetry Day |
| Friday, 21 st March 2025 | Comic Relief |
| 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 |
| Friday, 28 th March 2025 | Mother's Day |
| Wednesday, 2 nd April 2025 | International Children's Book Day |
| 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 |
| Thursday, 8 th May 2025 | VE Day |
| W/C 19 th May 2025 | Walk to School Week |
| Monday, 19 th May 2025 | Phototronics – Class, Individual, Sibling, Reception, Year 6 photographs taken – from 9.00am |
| 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 | World Environment Day |
| 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 |



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| Friday, 13 th June 2025 | Father's Day |
| Monday, 23 rd June 2025 | World Rainforest Day |
| 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

