

One family branching out together

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Newsletter No 6

Dear Parents & Carers

This is our final newsletter of 2024 and what a busy year it has been in school so far. By the time you read this most of our Christmas events will have taken place and the children and staff will be well and truly ready to put their feet up, relax and enjoy the festivities. Wherever you are and whatever you are doing this Christmas and New Year, all the staff, children and governors wish you a very Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you all full of energy and raring to go, on **Tuesday, 7th January 2025**.



Goodbye Anne



One of our governors, Anne Edwards, has recently stepped down from her role of co-chair. Anne originally served as a governor at Burton Salmon and moved over onto our Governing Body when we federated with Burton Salmon in 2019. She has supported the school throughout numerous Ofsted and SIAMS inspections and then into academisation.

We are very grateful for Anne's commitment to our schools and thank her for everything that she has done. She has been an active member of our governing body and will be thoroughly missed.

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

Please don't forget that it's Christmas Film night tomorrow with Mrs Parris and Mrs Cammack. We know that the children will be in for a relaxing night watching a well-loved film.
Please note the time that the film ends, so that you are ready to collect your children.



Year 3 and 4 Multiplication Checks



As you may be aware, the children will complete a Multiplication Check in the summer term of Year 4. To help to prepare them for this, please could we ask you to practise times tables with your child at home. If your child is in Year 3, it will also be beneficial for them to start practising now. This will not only help with the Year 4 Multiplication check but also with their learning in class.

Here is a list of online resources that can help with this revision:

1. **Times Tables Rockstars** – <https://play.ttrockstars.com> - All children in Key Stage 2 have a login for Times Tables Rockstars. If you have lost your login, please contact your child's teacher.
2. **Maths Chase** - <https://www.mathschase.com/> - A fun game that helps children to build their times table fluency.
3. **Maths Frame** - <https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/category/7/multiplication-and-division> - Maths Frame is a bank of online mathematic resources that you can access from home.

The more children practise, the more confident they will feel. We will contact you with more information as we get closer to the check.

Thank you for your continued support.

Online Safety Newsletter December 2024

This month with Christmas nearly here and with some possibly receiving new technology or related games, there is a reminder about importance of setting up appropriate parental controls. Also featured: -



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Cyberbullying

Talkie App Information

Roblox Information

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Thrive-Online



We are sincerely sorry that our recent attempt to host our THRIVE parents' meeting via a Teams link on Thursday, 5th December didn't thrive too well! A power cut took place at Hensall School where the meeting was hosted, 5 minutes into the meeting, preventing the online meeting from continuing. However, Miss Northway battled on in the dark and is preparing an electronic presentation to be shared with parents in due course, so we thank you for your patience.

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 presentation to sign and return the consent form.

Thank you for helping us to support your children.

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Dinner Menu Change

On Wednesday, 18th December the main school dinner will be chicken instead of sausages, so please advise Mrs Briggs if your child needs to change their usual menu.



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Class Christmas Parties



During the afternoon of Friday, 20th December, all of our classes will have their class Christmas parties. Snacks and treats will be provided by the school. Children may come to school dressed in party clothes which should be suitable for the school environment and within following guidelines please: -

- Sensible shoes, no high heels, long hair tied up.
- No crop tops or short skirts.
- T-Shirt logos/pictures should be suitable for the school environment.
- No make-up, nail polish or false nails.
- Please send children to school in the usual winter coats/waterproof jackets.
- Please send children to school with their water bottles and school bags.

HOUSEKEEPING

No Parking



Despite plenty of reminders being sent out to parents, we still receive regular reports of parents and carers parking in the Car Park and paved area outside and performing U-turns in the Car Park entrance. Please **refrain** from doing so for the safety of children and families who may be crossing.

Please share this message with grandparents, friends and family members who also drop-off and collect your children. **Thank you.**

End of Term ParentPay Settlements

As we are approaching the end of term, please may parents be reminded to check your ParentPay accounts and settle any dinner monies owing and any ad-hoc payment items such as Nativity tickets. Account balances should keep below £10 always, so if you know that you have gone over the balance and need to set up a payment plan, please contact Mrs Briggs at admin.barlow@wrfed.co.uk to do so.



Cutlery Request



Please can you ensure that children who are having packed lunches bring any necessary cutlery with them in their lunch boxes, as we are finding that our school cutlery is diminishing and may be taken home in packed lunch boxes by mistake. If you are replacing your cutlery at home over the Christmas period, or any other time of year, please donate your old cutlery to school, we are always in need of dessert and teaspoons, knives and forks. Thank you.

RECENT EVENTS



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Class 1 Firefighter's Visit

The children in Class 1 welcomed the local firefighting team into school recently to build on the work that they have been doing in class about 'People Who Help Us'. The firefighters parked their fire engine in the car park and showed the children around the appliances that are kept within. They took out some equipment for the children to handle, including a special saw. They asked if any of our children had smoke alarms in their homes and explained how important they are. In some circumstances the Fire Service will supply and fit smoke and carbon monoxide alarms free of charge, so please see the following link for further information.



**NORTH YORKSHIRE
FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE**

[Smoke and carbon monoxide alarms - North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service](#)

[Safe at home - North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service](#)



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KS1 Nativity

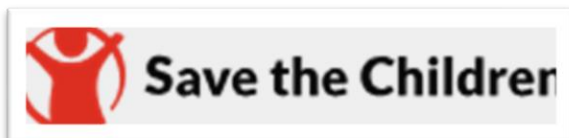
Thank you to everyone who attended the KS1 Nativity performances last week and we hope that you enjoyed them as much as the children did. A big thank you to Miss Nunn, Miss Yeomans, Mrs Cammack and Mrs Robbins for guiding the children through their rehearsals and for getting them ready on time for their performances. Also, thank you to the BPASA who served refreshments and sold Christmas Raffle tickets at the end of the performances raising **£180.50**.

The Nativity ticket sales were donated to the BPASA, raising a further **£174** towards their funds.

Individual photos of the KS1 children in their Nativity costumes will be emailed to parents via ScholarPack, so please check your emails for these arriving.



Christmas Jumper Day



We supported Christmas Jumper Day on the same day as our Christmas Dinner for a donation of £1 per child (on ParentPay) raising **£34**. Thank you to all who donated

Christmas Dinner - Tuesday, 9th December

Our cook Brigitte worked extra hard to provide a festive treat for our staff, children, BPASA and visitors on Tuesday, 9th December. We all tucked into our Christmas dinners, after Beatrix in Class 1 said 'Grace'.

Everyone looked splendid in their Christmas jumpers to support Save the Children and Brigitte made special Christmas jumper biscuits to celebrate this, along with her other tasty Christmas cakes, as can be seen in the photographs.



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BPASA NEWS



Swap Shop

There was minimal interest in the Christmas jumper, clothes and accessories Christmas Swap Shop but it was worth a try, so thank you if you contributed or attended.

Christmas Card Competition

Pictured are Lewis H, Oliver and Scarlett who won the BPASA Christmas Card Competition and were presented with prizes by Mrs Dobson, Mrs Durham, Mrs Dodds and Mrs Hefford. Well done.



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Crafts for Christmas

Christmas Crafts

On Wednesday, 4th December Mrs Durham, Mrs Dodds, Mrs Dobson and Miss Cooper joined us to make Christmas Crafts with the children. They spread themselves out amongst the classes to provide this free event for the children; we thank them for giving up their time.



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Christmas Raffle



The winning raffle tickets were - bottle hamper, Mrs Durham (pictured), chocolate hamper, Zac in Class 1, toy hamper, Jenny (a friend of the Dodds family)

The Christmas Raffle plus monies raised from the refreshments sales at the KS1 Nativity raised **£275.50** towards BPASA funds.

Christmas Fayre

The Christmas Fayre took place at Barlow Village Hall on Saturday, 7th December and was a big success raised a total of **£187.42** for BPASA funds.

There were many stalls to visit and it was a busy and successful evening.

Harvey is pictured here with the Elf that won at the Christmas Fayre when he correctly named it as Joy.

Blake and Lewis' Grandma won Guess the Number of Sweets in a Jar with the correct number of 37.



Hot Chocolate Fridays

The last Hot Chocolate Friday will take place this week on Friday, 13th December after school. Please pay on ParentPay.

So far this has raised a lip-smacking **£64.07** towards BPASA funds.



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SPORT

Dodgeball – Friday, 29th November



On Friday 29th November, some of our Year 1 children had the opportunity to visit Read School to take part in a Dodgeball Festival. The children really enjoyed this new experience and it was lovely to see them all trying their best at something new and working as a team. We ended up in 6th place overall. Well done to all!

Attendance Matters!



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

Whole school attendance target is: **97%**
The whole school attendance for 3 weeks **95 %**

House	Percentage	Rank
Attenborough	91.9	4th
Kahlo	96.1	3rd
Moore	97.3	1st
Rashford	97.1	2nd

46 children in the 100% Club for 3 weeks!

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

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	Class 2 Visit to Yorvik Viking Centre
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
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



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