

## One family branching out together

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### Newsletter No 6

Dear Parents & Carers

A belated Happy New Year and a hearty welcome to Spring Term 1 from all of the staff at Barlow School. We hope that your children are refreshed and energised after the Christmas break and ready for the next part of their learning journey with us.

This term we give a big Barlow welcome to 3 new Nursery children into our school community, Ava, Joe and Harper, as they start their learning journeys with Miss Nunn and her Class 1 team. Our choir are looking forward to Young Voices next week, so please look out for the letter with full details being emailed via ScholarPack if your child and family are attending.



# HOUSEKEEPING

### Toys and Personal Items

Since the Christmas break, we have seen a rise in the number of toys and personal items being brought into school with some of our children. Please do not let children bring anything other than their school bags, schoolwork or reading books into school. Toys and personal items can be a distraction to class learning and we wouldn't want to be held responsible for loss or damage to such items, so it is much better that they are left at home to avoid upset. The only additional toys or items that are acceptable to bring to school are items for 'Show and Tell' sessions which your child's class teacher will make the children aware about.



Please can we clarify that smart watches, phones or other electronic gadgets are not suitable for school (for the same reasons above) and should be left at home please.

We also request and remind you to please name all of your child's PE Kit, uniform and all other personal items, so that they can be easily reunited, if they are misplaced during the school day.

We thank you for your continued support and understanding.





We are looking to recruit Relief Midday Supervisory Assistants to assist during school lunchtimes from 12.00pm until 1.00pm. If you are interested, or know a friend or family member that is, for further details please email Mrs Briggs at [admin.barlow@wrfed.co.uk](mailto:admin.barlow@wrfed.co.uk).

### Driving Near Miss Incident



We have recently been notified from a Barlow resident that one morning recently he was walking his dog and was narrowly missed by a car driver. The car, travelling at speed into the village on icy roads skidded to avoid him and his dog, leaving him very shaken. The road that enters the village from Barlow Common area is particularly treacherous after a cold night due to the standing water on the bends. We are making you aware of this incident as a reminder to please be careful and mindful of other road users, pedestrians and villagers when driving in, out and around Barlow.

If you find that you need to report an incident of speeding or careless driving in or near the village please contact the following authorities:

[Barlow Parish Council](#)

[North Yorkshire Police Road Safety Advice and Incident Reporting](#)



A regular complaint the Neighbourhood Policing Team receives is parking outside of schools during drop off and pick up times.

To ensure the safety of the children we ask all parents and guardians to adhere to parking restrictions set outside each school.

When picking up or dropping off children at schools, you should do the following:

- Allow yourself plenty of time as the area is likely to be busy.
- Do not park on yellow zigzag lines and ideally avoid parking opposite them.
- If you decide to park further away, please be considerate of residents and avoid blocking driveways or access ways.

Dangerous parking outside school gates has long been an issue locally with repeated calls for patrols made to police on social media.

More patrols are set to be targeted as part of our patrol plan over the coming weeks. Your assistance is appreciated with this matter.

Message sent by PC Nicholas Woods (Selby)



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## End of School Collections



We have had a number of parents who have recently arrived late to collect their child(ren) from school. Please be reminded that the pedestrian gate opens at 3.25pm daily and all children who are not attending either Kids' Corner or an Afterschool Club must be collected at 3.30pm. Our teachers have meetings, marking and Afterschool Clubs to lead at the end of the school day, so in ensuring that you are prompt to collect your children is important. For Afterschool Clubs children need to be collected promptly at 4.30pm please. We do understand that sometimes an unavoidable emergency may affect the prompt collection of your child, in which case, out of courtesy, please phone the school office to advise that you will be late. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Class Newsletters

Here are the links to our latest class newsletters for your information which were emailed to all parents earlier in the week. Please keep a copy handy to refer to.

[EYFS Spring Newsletter](#)

[Year 1 Spring newsletter](#)

[Class 2 Spring Newsletter](#)

[Class 3 Spring Newsletter](#)



## Online Safety



We are sure that many children were incredibly lucky to receive mobile phones, tablets and other electronic devices for Christmas that they can use to link to the internet and to download apps. Bearing this in mind please see our latest information for parents on our website, keeping you informed about the latest apps and safety features and tips to help keep your children safe online: -

[Online Safety for Parents | Barlow Primary School](#)

[What parents and educators need to know about Tik Tok](#)

[Online Safety Newsletter January 2025](#)

## Button Battery Safety

As a parent or carer, are you aware of the dangers of the small button batteries that are used in a lot of gadgets, including toys, string and nightlights, small remote controls, car key fobs, musical cards and books, light up toys and novelties, digital scales and thermometers. Please see the factsheet link below for details.

[Button Battery Health & Safety](#)

## Valentine's Menu on 14<sup>th</sup> February

Our Cook, Miss Franks will be cooking a Valentine's Day Dinner with love on the last day of half-term.

**Fishfinger in a roll or Quorn nuggets with chips and vegetables, Valentine's cupcakes and biscuits**

The usual jacket potatoes and paninis will also be available on this day, along with fruit and yoghurt.



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Please contact Mrs Briggs by emailing [admin.barlow@wrfed.co.uk](mailto:admin.barlow@wrfed.co.uk) to advise of any menu changes for your child(ren) on this day.

### **NHS Pharmacy First Service – Update**

Did you know that the NHS Pharmacy First Service enables children and adults to get convenient access to healthcare advice and treatment where appropriate, for seven common conditions without the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment? Accessing the service may mean that we can help children feel better and get back to school as quickly as possible, as well as supporting parents/carers to also get better if they are unwell with one of the conditions covered under the service.



There is no need to make an appointment; parents or carers can pop into their local Boots pharmacy with their child and ask for help under the service.

Support for the following conditions can be accessed under the service, free of charge (unless NHS prescription charges apply):

Common condition	Patient eligibility
Earache	1 to 17 years
Impetigo	1 year and over
Infected insect bites and stings	1 year and over
Sore throats	5 years and over
Sinusitis	12 years and over
Uncomplicated urinary tract	Women 16 to 64 years
Shingles	18 years and over

Please click on the link to our website for further information.

[How Pharmacies Can Help - NHS](#)

# PASTORAL

**Selby SEND Hub**  
**Early Years SEND Drop-in's**  
on

- Tuesday 28th January 2025 12.00-1.00pm**
- Tuesday 11th February 2025 12.00-1.00pm**
- Tuesday 4th March 2025 12.00-1.00pm**
- Tuesday 18th March 2025 12.00-1.00pm**
- Tuesday 1st April 2025 12.00-1.00pm**

Please feel free to book a TEAMS appointment with your SEND Hub, Early Development Specialist Teacher (EDST) on any of the above dates within the specified times This is an opportunity for you to speak directly with your EDST for HKRC about any SEND related queries

Each appointment will be for a maximum of 30 minutes.

**To book your appointment at the next 'Drop In' email [lorayne.farrington@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:lorayne.farrington@northyorks.gov.uk)**



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Please ensure that your email is received by the previous Wednesday including a sentence about what you would like to discuss. You will then be emailed your allocated time slot to speak to your EDST via TEAMS.

## RECENT EVENTS



On Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> January, we were lucky and excited to be joined by local, award-winning children's author and poet, Christina Gabbitas, who visited all our federation Schools. During the visit Christina shared two of her stories from the 'Felicity Fly' series, reading passionately with the character voices and singing some of the songs within the stories. The children absolutely loved listening to Christina, with Ralphie from Class 3 commenting, 'I loved Christina's enthusiasm. I really enjoyed the broccoli voice, it was really funny!'

Christina continued to tell the children about her own experiences at school and her journey to becoming an author. Christina advised that she writes about things that inspire her in the world around her and has written a lot of books for her own children. She talked to the pupils about her top writing tips, including making notes of the world around her in notebooks and carrying out research into topics that she enjoys. Christina then answered some great questions from pupils, such as:

- 'What was the most difficult book to write?' - Georgia (Class 2)
- 'Did you always want to be an author, even when you were at school?' Freya (Class 2)
- 'What do you enjoy the most about your job?' - Phoebe (Class 3).

Before Christina left, she shared her [website](#), where children can find out more information about Christina's early life experiences, her books and her journey to becoming an author. We were kindly gifted two of her books, 'Mohna Lott' (a book about a girl who moans) and 'Roo and Sarge' (two dogs in a local dog rescue home) to the school.

*"I had an amazing time touring the four schools.*

*Visiting as an author is an excellent opportunity to help foster a passion for reading.*

*I truly believe in the magic of storytelling and the way it can animate characters. It's wonderful to see that the children still cherish the stories I wrote over a decade ago."*



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# BPASA NEWS

A further £91.10 has been collected towards BPASA funds from the Cashpot for Schools account which was launched before Christmas via the Asda Rewards App. Thank you for claiming your rewards to help our school.



# SPORT



## Sophia is a Knock-Out

On Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> January, I (Sophia from Class 3) attended Barlby Leisure Centre to box in a boxing match against my opponent, another young girl from Wakefield. Our match was the first of the evening with over 306 people in the audience to watch us perform. I was a little bit nervous, but I went up anyway and did the best that I could. There were 3 rounds to the match, at 1 minute each. I won the match and was presented with a big trophy and was so proud of myself. I am looking forward to my next match on the 1<sup>st</sup> February.

During boxing matches the referee is in control and can intervene to stop the match if he thinks that an opponent is struggling to defend themselves, or becomes overpowered by their opponent. Also, as a boxer I am aware of the risks involved when boxing and I am prepared to take them, so that I can enjoy this sport. Part of my training is to learn to 'slip' which is a technique used to dodge your opponent to avoid their punches.

We look forward to hearing of Sophia's next match and wish her the best of luck.





Some of our Year 5 and 6 children are excited to be joining other schools in the Sports Cluster, to attend a Football tournament on Friday afternoon this week. If you child is attending, please look out for the emailed letter sent to you via ScholarPack with full details of the event, for your information.

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 2 weeks **95.9 %**

House	Percentage	Rank
Attenborough	<b>98.6</b>	<b>1st</b>
Kahlo	<b>96.4</b>	<b>2nd</b>
Moore	<b>94.9</b>	<b>3rd</b>
Rashford	<b>94.8</b>	<b>4th</b>

**56** children in the 100% Club for 2 weeks!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs E V Briggs,  
Admin Officer





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

Thursday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2025	Open Afternoon for Prospective Nursery/Reception New Starters with Parents - 1.15pm - 2.45pm
Friday, 24 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Year 5/6 Football Tournament at Sherburn High School - Afternoon
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, 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2025	Visit to Selby Abbey to study geography - Class 2 - 9.00am to 11.30am
Tuesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Mrs Hall and Twig Visiting - Morning
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	Class 2 Visit to Yorvik Viking Centre
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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