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Newsletter No 9

Dear Parents & Carers,

We hope everyone had a lovely week's break and are rested and ready for a busy half-term.

Staff Update

Miss Nunn is currently at home recovering following illness and will be absent for this half term. She thanks you for all your well wishes and will begin a phased return when she is able to return. Mrs Raspin will teach the class until she returns, alongside the established Class 1 team.

Mrs Briggs is currently absent, and the office is being covered by staff from across the federation of schools.

Mrs Parris is recovering at home following a knee replacement. She is recovering well and will start her phased return in the near future.

After School Clubs

Our Street Dance Club with Dance Instructor Libby from First Steps PE starts tonight as does the popular Cookery Club with Mrs Smith. There are still places on these to start next week. I have adjusted the ParentPay payment item so parents can adjust the payment down to £20 for any children who start next week instead.

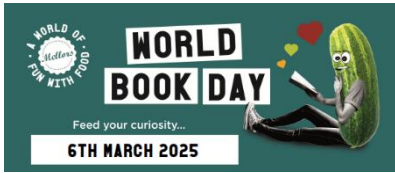
Sports Hall Athletics

On Thursday 13th February the children in Class 3 attended a Sports Hall Athletics event at The Read School along with 7 other schools in the Sports Cluster. The activities were split between track and field events and each child got to do a minimum of three events, with at least one from track and one from field. The children all put in 100% effort and really encouraged and supported each other at the event, which was great to see.

Hensall Primary won the event, with Burton Salmon in 4th, Barlow in 5th and Chapel Haddlesey in 6th out of the 8 schools and the children were really pleased with that result. Well done Class 3!

The next event is the Year 3 & 4 Quik Sticks Hockey festival on 7th March at Hensall school where six children will be selected to represent the school. There will be other opportunities in the future for those not selected to attend an event.

World Book Day



Every child in school will be receiving their £1 World Book Day token today and this can be used in store or online up to and including 23rd March 2025. You can use them in exchange for one of the free books listed on the token or to get £1.00 off a book at participating retailers.

Thursday 6th March is World Book Day. We are asking our children to come dressed as their favourite character from a book on this day.

The staff will be bringing in and sharing their **favourite childhood book** with the children, as well as giving the children an opportunity to read through and share their own favourite books in class with each other.

As it is PE for Class 2 and 3, we will ask that these children also have a PE change of clothes to get changed into/out of so that they don't ruin the clothes that they come dressed in, and to ensure that they are dressed appropriately for their PE session.

You may have seen yesterday the news about our PTA arranging some special 'Barlow Bars' for World Book Day.

These are themed around the Wonka Bars in Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and are priced at £2 each. The Barlow Bars may contain a Golden Ticket with lots of great family prizes on offer and treats in school such as an extra breaktime for your class, no homework for a week, lunch with a teacher and be a teaching assistant for the day.



They are available to pupils and family members by pre-ordering them on ParentPay, with the cut off date being Monday at 4.00pm. Good Luck!



There is a special World Book Day themed lunch on Thursday 6th March. If your child normally has the main meal, they will automatically be given the Pirate-Cruncher chicken burger; if they normally have the veggie option, they will be given Noah's golden Quorn nuggets. Please let the office know if your child normally has a panini, jacket potato or packed lunch and they would like to change to one of the main options or if they would normally have the main meal and would like to change to a panini, jacket potato or packed lunch.

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Poppy's fundraiser

Poppy, a pupil in Class 2, is doing something really worthwhile for charity and is having over 30cm cut off her hair & donating it to The Little Princess Trust. The hair will be used to make real hair wigs for children who do have or have had cancer. It costs over £700 to build one wig from the donated hair, so she is fundraising alongside it too.

She has so far raised a whopping £535 so far. Here is the link to the Just Giving Page - [Poppy's Just Giving Link](#) Well done Poppy – we are all really proud of you.



Themed Menu Days

During the year Miss Franks caters for some special themed menus, a reminder of which will be sent out to parents prior to the event. The usual paninis and jacket potatoes, fruit and yoghurt are also available on these days. Here are the themed menus that we have planned for the rest of the term: -

Friday, 21st March – Comic Relief

Fishfingers or Quorn nuggets and chips with seasonal vegetables and Red Nose biscuits

Friday, 4th April - Easter

Fish or cheese pinwheel and chips with seasonal vegetables and Easter buns

Booking an appointment for Parents' Evening for Class 2 and 3

From Monday 2nd March 2025 at 8.00am, you will be able to sign up online via SchoolCloud to book a face-to-face Parents' Evening appointment for your child. These sessions are going to be held on Monday 24th March and Thursday 27th March from 3.40pm – 6.20pm. Please ensure you visit <https://barlowschool.schoolcloud.co.uk> to book your appointment, to discuss your child's progress with their teacher. The window to book appointments closes at 9.00pm on 23rd March 2025.

As Miss Nunn is absent from school, the parent evening appointments for Class 1 children will be available to book after Easter when Miss Nunn returns.

If you have any problems booking an appointment, please contact Mrs Charlton in the Chapel Haddlesey school office on 01757 270282 who will be able to book one for you.

Comic Relief/Red Nose Day

This year Comic Relief is celebrating 40 years of fundraising on Friday 21st March 2025. We would like to support this worthy charity by asking children to come to school dressed in red clothing. Please don't feel obliged to purchase anything special, non-uniform clothing is also an option. Non-uniform clothing should be suitable for the school environment and within following guidelines please:

- Sensible shoes, no high heels, crocs
- 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, long hair tied up

Donations can be made via ParentPay from 17th March 2025.



Invite from Channel 4's Junior Bake Off

My name is Hannah, I'm a Casting Researcher at Love Productions; the production company behind The Great British Bake Off, The Great British Sewing Bee and The Great Pottery Throw Down. I am delighted to say that we have recently opened applications for the 11th series of **Junior Bake Off**; a Channel 4 programme that celebrates the culinary talent and ambition of the younger generation in Britain. I am currently contacting schools in the hope that you can help us spread the word regarding this exciting opportunity to students.

Interested bakers can apply online at - www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk We are looking for young budding bakers between **9-15 years old**. Filming would take place from July 2025, but our **applications close on Sunday 23rd March 2025**.

Please do feel free to contact me on **0207 067 4833**, should you have any questions regarding the above. Best wishes, Hannah

Childcare Vouchers

Could we please ask any families who use Childcare Choices vouchers to send school a screen shot of your payment to help us allocate your funds quickly. Since moving to Pathfinder, we do not have the same visibility of payments, which can cause a delay in us adding the payment manually to ParentPay. If you could also let us know what you would like the split of the payment to be if you are paying for more than one thing, for example after school club, breakfast club etc.

Leadership Update - Health & Safety Review

As part of our Health & Safety responsibilities, the school buys into the services of Local Authority Health & Safety team. They visit the school once a term to review our policies, risk assessments and procedures that might impact on the health & safety of the children and staff. This includes lots of areas, some of which are security and safety of the site, fire and lockdown procedures and risk assessments for all aspects of school life.



Our most recent inspection was in January 2025, and I'm pleased to report that there were no major concerns identified. Joel Davis, H&S Risk Advisor reported "I was very impressed by the commitment shown within the School to Health and Safety, and by the positive and proactive approach taken by yourself and staff".

The report is shared with governors and staff and the small points raised on the report will be reviewed and actioned this term.

Road Safety update from local MP Keir Mather

Good afternoon,

I'm contacting you today to thank you for your correspondence on 20mph speed limits around schools.

Thank you for your continued engagement on this important issue. From the responses I've received, it's clear that there is unanimous support for a change of policy.

I've called on North Yorkshire Council to take a common-sense approach and to implement 20mph speed limits in the areas immediately surrounding our schools.

The Executive Member for Highways has assured me that a response on this will be



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forthcoming and that he will be providing an update on this, and on other school road safety measures, very soon. As soon as we have a response, I'll ensure that this is shared with you.

Best wishes,

Keir Mather MP
Member of Parliament for Selby and Kippax

My clothing discount

To celebrate the start of 2025, Myclothing.com are offering a 10% discount off all school uniform orders.

Code: UNIFORM10%

Expires: 31/03/2025

New Menus



Our school dinners are prepared by Miss Franks and offer a great variation of choices and value for money.

So that dinner registers can be compiled in good time, a copy of the Summer/Autumn 2025-26 school dinner menus were emailed out to all parents and a paper copy was also sent home per child. Please can you complete and return your menus, remembering to add your child's name where stated on the form and ticking the bottom box, if you would like a copy sending home. Alternatively, if your child will be bringing packed lunches only to school, please write this on the front sheet of your menus and return them to school.

Please note that these menus will start from w/c 21st April 2025 on Week 1.

BPASA NEWS

Please check out our Facebook page, or our school website page for further news and information. Thanks to everyone who supported the Valentine's Disco on the last day of term. It was well-attended, and the children all had a good time.

We met with Mr Rich and Mrs Marwood this week to organise the events for the rest of the academic year. We have our 'Barlow Bars' on sale for World Book Day which are selling fast on ParentPay for £2 each.

For Mother's Day, we will be in school on the 28th March offering three options for Mother's Day gifts for Mums, Step-Mums, Grandmas or any other important lady in your child's life! There will be more information about this in March.

At Easter we plan to have an Easter raffle, a bake sale and competitions for the children to decorate a hard-boiled egg and an Easter Bonnet.

Mr Rich was excited about an entrepreneurial opportunity for the children where each class is given £10 as a start up grant and they can spend this money as they please to raise as much as they can for their school. We are looking forward to seeing what ideas they come up with!

The summer term also sees Father's Day shop, similar to last year's and Walk to School Week! Our Friday Ice Lollies sale to start off the weekend will be available in the summer and we are just considering what to do for our end of year treat.

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If you feel you are able to offer to help out at the Mother's Day event on the 28th or with the Easter raffle, please do let school or any member of BPASA know – your help would be greatly appreciated.

[BPASA Facebook Link](#)

[Parent Teacher Association | Barlow Primary School](#)

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](#)

[NYC Term Dates 2025-26](#)

Thursday, 6 th March 2025	World Book Day
Thursday, 6 th March 2025	World Book Day Dinner - Build a Burger (chicken or veggie) – Parents to advise Mrs Briggs of any menu changes.
Friday, 7 th March 2025	Quick Sticks Hockey Festival - Hensall School - Year 3 & 4 children to attend in the afternoon
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
Friday, 21 st March 2025	Comic Relief Dinner – Existing Menu with Red Nose Biscuit – Parents to advise Mrs Briggs of any menu changes
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	BPASA Mother's Day Gift Making - 1.00pm - 3.00pm - Parents to purchase via ParentPay
Wednesday, 2 nd April 2025	International Children's Book Day
Thursday, 3 rd April 2025	Class 1 (Reception & Year 1) Visit to Lotherton Hall - All day
Thursday, 3 rd April 2025	Open Classrooms - 3.00pm - 4.00pm - All parents and family members welcome
Friday, 4 th April 2025	LA Tri Golf – Hosted by Barlow – KS1 from Hensall and Chapel Schools - afternoon
Friday, 4 th April 2025	Easter Dinner – Existing Menu with Easter Buns – Parents to advise Mrs Briggs of any menu changes
Friday, 4 th April 2025	School Closes - Easter
Tuesday, 22 nd April 2025	School Opens - Summer Term 1
Friday, 2 nd May 2025	Tag Rugby Festival at Selby Rugby Club – KS2 attending in the afternoon
Monday, 5 th May 2025	School Closed - Bank Holiday
Thursday, 8 th May 2025	VE Day
Friday, 16 th May 2025	LA Quidditch Games at Chapel Haddlesey School – Year 3 & 4 to attend in the afternoon
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
Tuesday, 24 th June 2025	PC Spooner - County Lines Assembly - Year 6
Monday, 14 th July 2025	Crucial Crew Visit (To Be Confirmed) - Year 6
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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