

Barlows Primary School Newsletter



Welcome to our Newsletter.

It has been an exciting month this March! We were overwhelmed by the amount of support for our Easter events including the Egg decorating competition and Easter raffle. Thank you to our all of our wonderful pupils and families for their fantastic support including: decorating eggs, donating Easter eggs, voting at our Egg decorating extravaganza and more!

We hope you enjoy reading about our pupils' activities and success during the month of March.

A Snowy Start in Liverpool!

The month of March brought some magical snowy weather to Liverpool.

As the children arrived at school, they were full of tales of early morning snowball encounters with their equally excited parents!

One pupil even managed to hand craft a wonderful mini snowman, as they arrived at school!



Liverpool Philharmonic - Sensational Symphonic Time Machine - Year 4!

Our Year 4 pupils had the opportunity to join presenter Alasdair Malloy, conductor Michael Seal and the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra onboard the Sensational Symphonic Time Machine at the Liverpool Philharmonic Hall.

The performance took the pupils on a journey through fascinating periods of world history including Ancient Egypt, the Roman Empire and the dinosaur era. This was most pupils' first experience of a live orchestra!



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Social Action - I Will Campaign with LFC Foundation - Year 5

Our Year 5 pupils have been working with the LFC Foundation on their social action campaign.

The children have been designing their own t-shirts as part of the project to recognise the important work undertaken by the NHS.



Learning outdoors in Science- Year 1

Year 1 have been taking their learning outdoors as they investigated and observed seasonal change.

The children created 'journey sticks' from plants and trees which they used when discussing seasonal change.

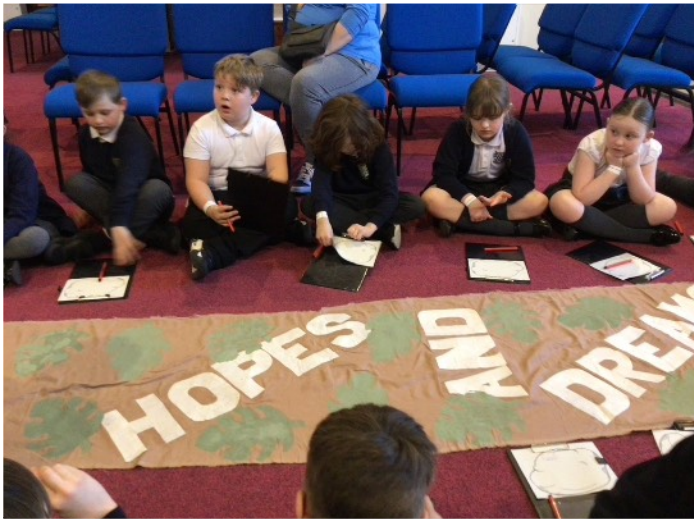




Learning about Easter celebrations at Emmanuel Church - Year 3

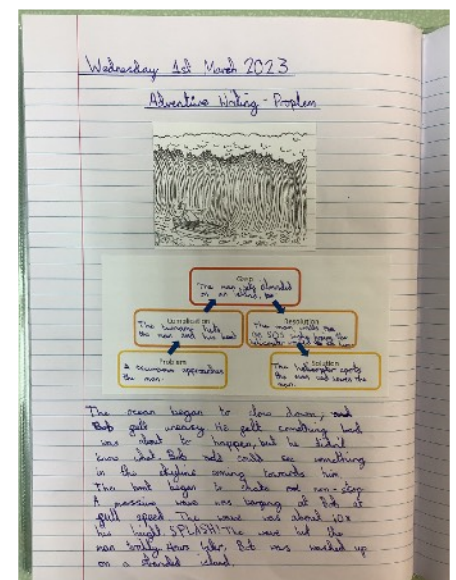
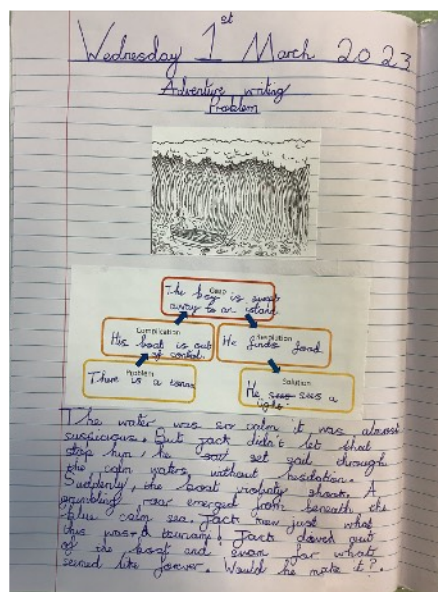
Year 3 visited Emmanuel Church to take part in a series of Easter themed workshops. The sessions helped pupils develop their understanding of the Christian faith and the importance of Easter in the Christian calendar.

Thank you Rev. Mike Hindley, one of our school governors, and his team of volunteers for organising such a wonderful event for our Year 3, 4 and 5 pupils.



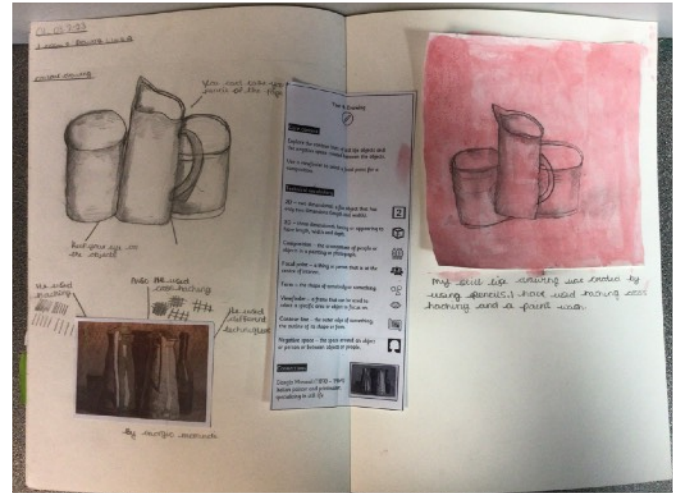
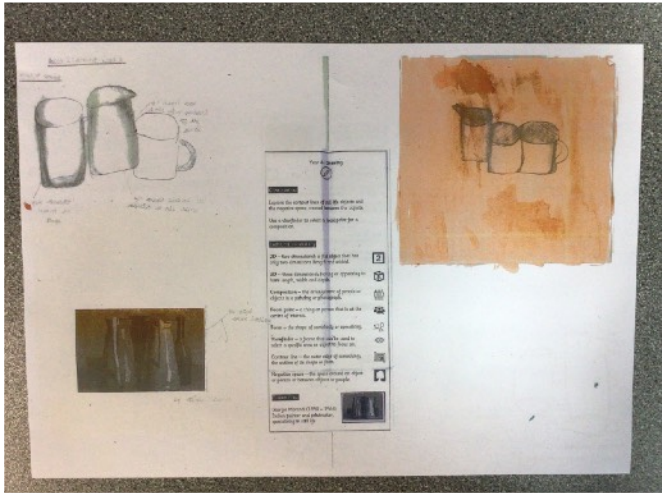
Adventure Stories - Year 6

Year 6 have been developing their adventure story writing this month, developing their understanding of plot before writing their own adventure stories.



Developing drawing skills in Art and Design - Year 4

Year 4 have been learning about different types of drawing techniques used by the artist Giorgio Morandi. The children experimented using contour lines, cross hatching, paint wash and the use of negative space.



Future gymnasts - Reception

During PE sessions, the children have worked well to develop different jumps, rolls and ways of moving across apparatus. They especially enjoyed the climbing elements of the sessions, which supports their gross motor development.



Smoothies all round! - Year 2

It was smoothies all round in Year 2 this month as the pupils undertook a special smoothie workshop with an experienced chef from Chartwells.

The children deepened their understanding of well balanced diets and applied this when exploring different smoothie recipes.



Look how we have changed Science in Year 1

The children in Year 1 have been investigating how their bodies have changed since they were babies and toddlers. The children compared different parts of the human body with observations from today.



Viewfinders in Art and Design - Year 5

Year 5 have been learning about the work of Hundertwasser using viewfinders to examine the artwork in more detail.

Here are a few photographs of their work so far.



Outdoor Learning - Reception & Nursery

The children in EYFS have been enjoying the improving weather. The newly refurbished outdoor sandpit has been a very popular place to explore as part of our outdoor provision!
Creating opportunities for children to build, work together and problem solve.



Using concrete resources in Mathematics - Nursery

The children in Nursery have been exploring numbers 1-4 with concrete resources. With a focus on oracy, pupils discussed their representations and changes to make new numerals.



Understanding Mummification from Ancient Egypt - Year 4

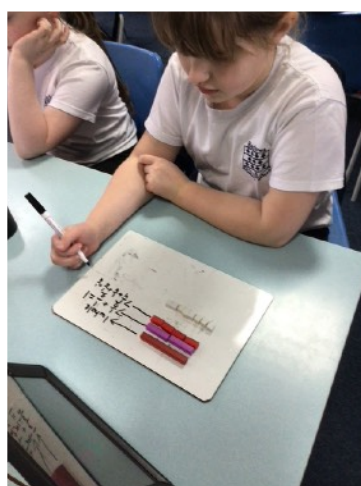
Our Year 4 pupils have been learning about the process of mummification during Ancient Egyptian times. The children had the opportunity to carry out some mummification process of their own using a tomato!

The children carried out several steps, drawing comparisons with the process during Ancient Egyptian times. As part of the process the children weighed their tomato and have left it in a dark box for a period of time (not quite the 70 days!). They have predicted what they think will happen to the tomato and are excited to see the results!



Cuisenaire rods in Maths - Year 3

Our Year 3 pupils were delighted to work alongside Mr Partington from the Maths Hub to begin to unpick the role of the numerator and denominator in fractions using cuisenaire rods.



Smoothie-licious - Year 3

It was smoothie-licious in Year 3 this March! Our Year 3 pupils had the opportunity to work with a chef from Chartwells to design and evaluate smoothies.

After an initial taste test, the children applied their understanding of nutritional value when designing their drinks, discussing and explaining their choices as they tested and sampled their creations!



Gymnastics with Beth Tweddle Gymnastics - Year 6

Our Year 6 pupils have been developing their gymnastic skills through expert gymnastics tuition with 'Beth Tweddle Gymnastics'. The children have been developing their travelling techniques, revising movements for an improved performance.

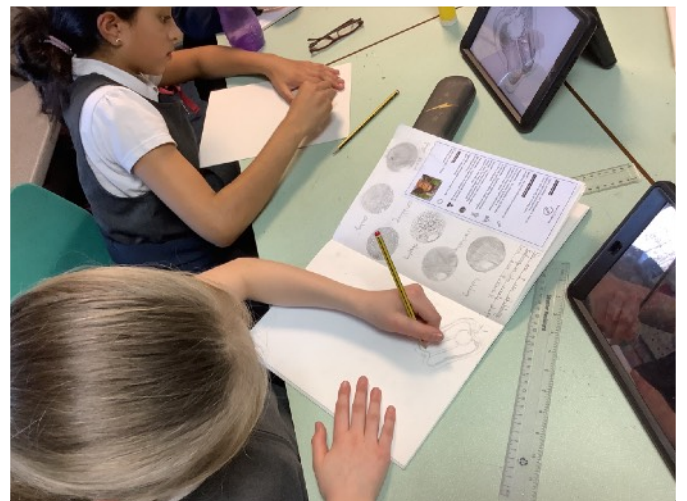
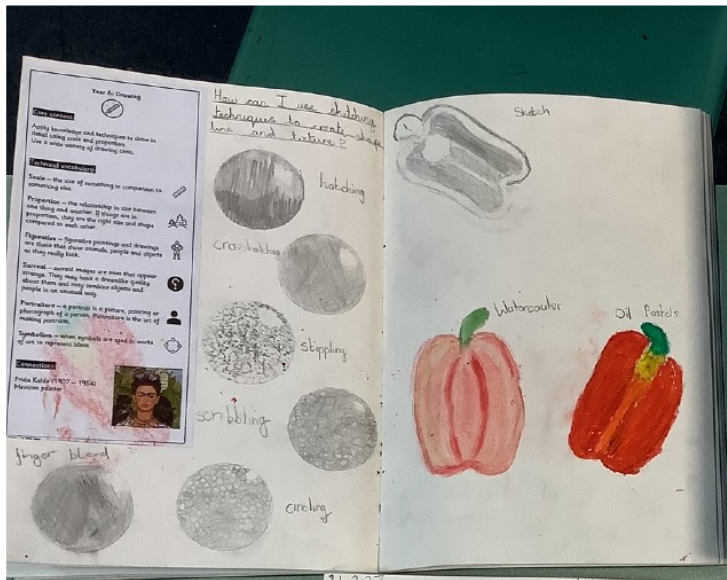
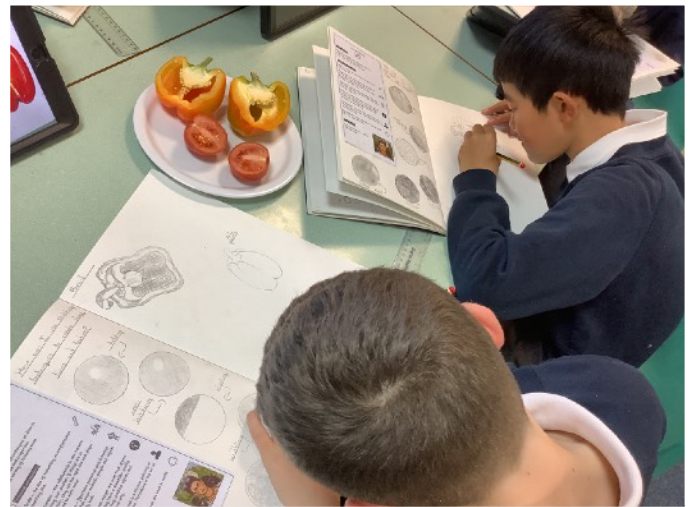


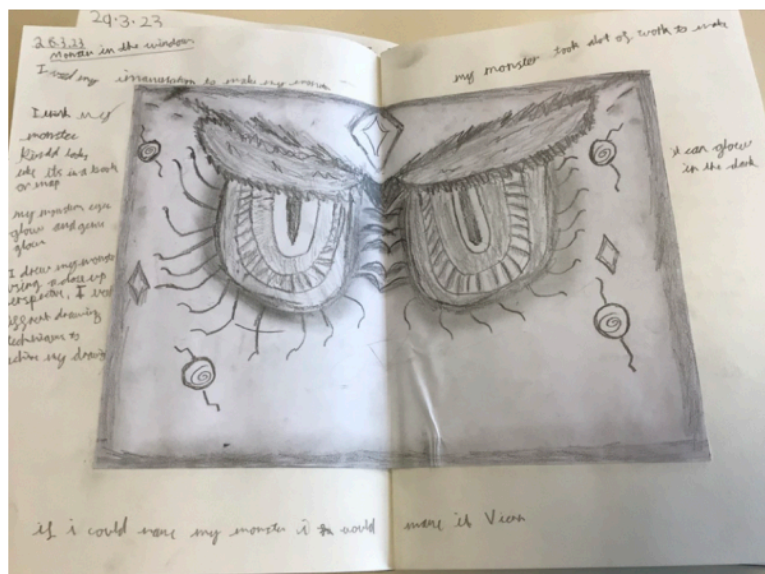
Art and Design in Year 6

Our Year 6 pupils have been developing their understanding of to use different sketching techniques to create shape, line and texture.

Pupils enhanced their sketching techniques of hatching, cross hatching, stippling, scribbling and blending when creating their still life artwork.

The children also made use of their 1:1 iPads as they captured and sketched ideas.

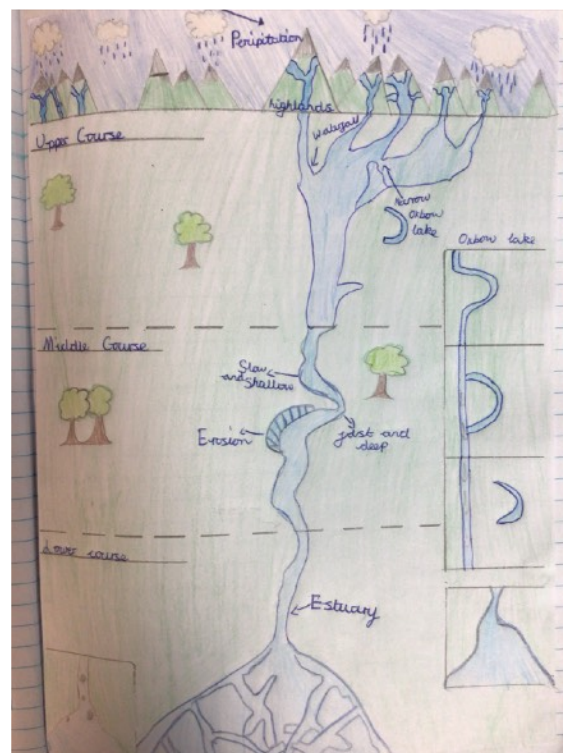




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Our Year 3 pupils have been working with different sketching and shading techniques to develop depth in that sketches.

They have particularly enjoyed reflecting on their creatures and using other media to develop these.



Learning about Rivers - Year 4

Our Year 4 pupils have been developing their knowledge of rivers examining the journey of a river across the upper, middle and lower course.

They learnt some exciting new geographical vocabulary including: delta, meander and oxbow lake.

A Zoom call with Alesha Dixon - Year 4

Our Year 4 pupils took part in a special Zoom call with Alesha Dixon as part of our World Book Day Celebrations.

The children learnt all about her new book and inspiration behind it.

Raising Money for Comic Relief



Comic Relief 2023

School Council led a series of fundraising activities for this year's Comic Relief.

Pupils donated £1 in exchange for wearing their own clothes and crazy hair!

Our Catering company, Chartwells cooked a large batch of delicious cookies which were then hand decorated by our School Council, led by Miss N. Williams. School Council decided to make each one unique and different - just like each one of us! The cookie sale was a huge success!

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Our pupils had a wonderful time celebrating World Book Day in their costumes!

Our fabulous Year 6 Librarians organised some outdoor reading sessions and staff prepared their 'Masked Reader' performances that pupils to guess who was reading the book on screen!

The children also took part in some interesting online Author and Illustrator sessions which included author Julia Donaldson and illustrator Axel Scheffler and author Helen Rutter.

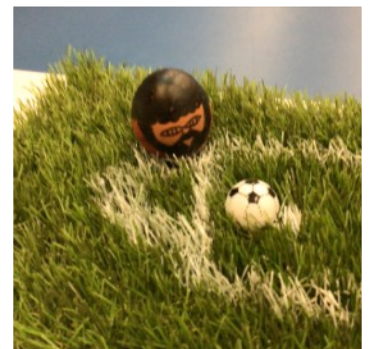


Easter Eggs-travaganza!

Egg Decorating Competition

Our annual Egg decorating completion got underway at the end of term. Pupils, Staff and parents had the opportunity to visit the vast amount of competition entries and take part in a special vote organised by School Council.

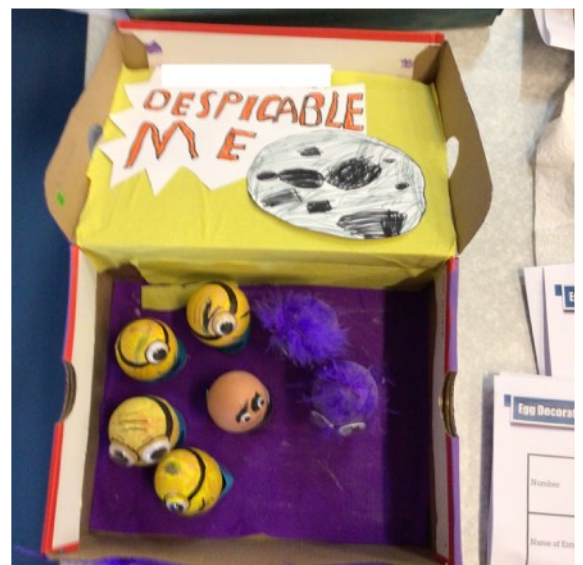
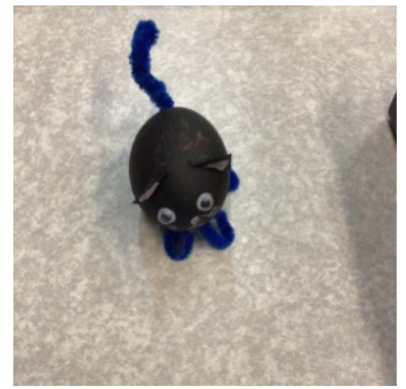
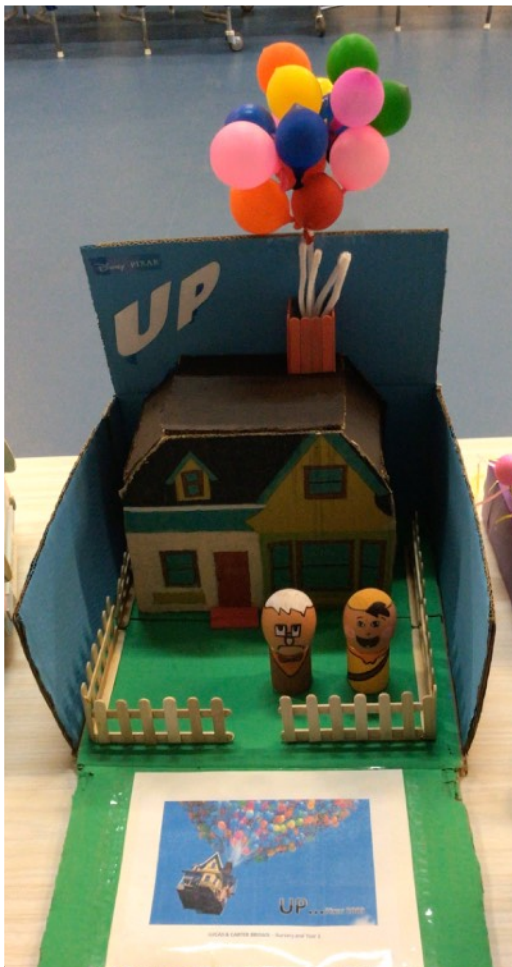
Thank you to our amazing pupils and families for their hard work and outstanding efforts!
We've included a few photographs of some of the entries below.



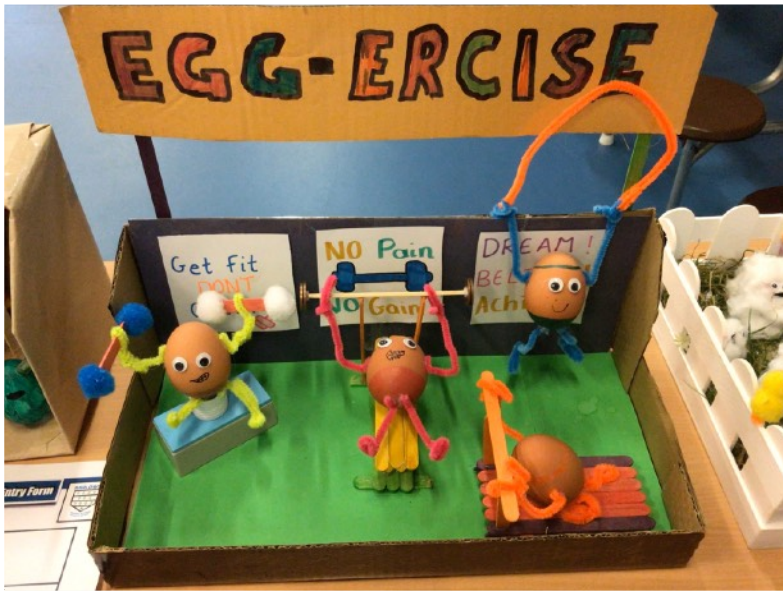
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How can you help?

Join our PTA

Joining the PTA is an excellent way to bring together parents, teachers and your local community to raise money and to support the school. It provides an opportunity for everyone to work together towards a common goal. All parents, teachers and school staff can get involved even if they only have a small amount of time available.

What does a PTA do?

PTA activity can vary from school to school. Here at Barlows, the PTA have helped raise funds for a range of school items, from Reception outdoor equipment, to Y6 leaver's gifts, as well as raising money through cake sales and stalls as the Fun Day. These funds benefit all children in the school and are used for the following purposes:

- to help the school provide resources and extras for the pupils
- to run social events for parents and children
- to provide support for school trips and outings and other special events
- to run after school clubs

If you feel that you have some time (no matter how little) and would like to join the PTA, please contact the school office or email us at: barlows.PTA@barlows.liverpool.sch.uk

Extended family and friends of the school are also very welcome to join our PTA.

Do you work for a company the has spare mannequins?

Do you work for a company or know someone who has spare mannequins they would be willing to donate to our Design Technology department?

If so, please contact the school office - we'd love to hear from you!

Preloved Uniform

If you have any clean preloved uniform in good condition that you would like to donate to the school preloved uniform shop, please pass it in to the school office.

Newspapers

If you have any old clean newspapers that you no longer use, please can these be passed into school for our Eurovision project!

Pupil Premium Funding

We need your help! – check your eligibility for Free School Meals and Pupil Premium at: <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims>

Please check, even if you do not think you are eligible.