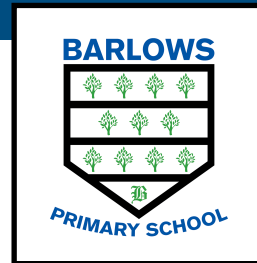


# Barlows Primary School Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our Spring Term 2 What's On newsletter, where we aim to keep you up to date about the exciting opportunities combining up for families and children in our school community. As we embark on another vibrant term, we are pleased to announce an array of upcoming events and activities designed to enhance our students' educational experience.

There may be events added to the calendar as these become available. Parents and carers will be kept up to date via Arbor.

We hope you will be able to join us at many of the sessions for Parents and Carers in the upcoming months.

Yours sincerely  
Ms. S. Feenan  
Headteacher

## Spring Term Dates



The Spring Term 2 dates are as follows:

Half Term

Monday 17/02/25- Friday 21/02/25

Spring 2 Term:

Monday 24/02/25 - Friday 04/04/25

Please note, school finishes for the Easter break on Friday 04/04/25 at 3:30pm (or unto 6pm for After School Club)

Half Term

Monday 07/04/25 - Monday 21/04/25

Please note, Monday 21/04/25 is a Bank Holiday, pupils retrain to school on Tuesday 22/04/25.

## Growing Together as a Family The project continues

We have been lucky enough to be one of only 2 schools in Liverpool to be selected to host a prestigious Art Project supporting mental health of families in our community. The project will be ran in collaboration with Merseyside Youth Association (MYA) RAISE Mental Health Team and artist-teacher Julie Mitchell.

Parents and Carers from Year 5 and 6 have been offered the opportunity to take part in the 7-week art programme, engaging in activities to support:

- Knowing yourself and your family
- Empathy and compassion
- Viewing the bigger picture
- Creating a safe home environment and
- Focusing on positives

Those taking part will create art pieces which will contribute to a much larger sculptural piece to be exhibited in the Liverpool Museum in July 2025.

All sessions will be held at Barlows Primary School continuing on the following dates this half term from 3:30pm-5:30pm:

Monday 24th February 2025  
Monday 3rd March 2025  
Monday 10th March 2025

Places are limited and further details on how to sign up will follow via Arbor.

**Spring 2 Half Term 2024-2025**

# Children's University

## Children's University Clubs

Children's University Clubs will begin week commencing 03/03/25 and will run until the end of the half term (Friday 04/04/25).



Please note there will be no clubs week commencing 24/03/25.

As part of our Children's University, we are offering a range of extra-curricular school activities. These are delivered by our School staff, who kindly give up their time to provide extra opportunities for the pupils to extend their knowledge and experiences.

Places for each activity are limited and therefore it is important that you inform us if your child no longer wishes to access the place they have been offered. This is to ensure it can be offered to another pupil on the waiting list.

Please be aware that when children put themselves forward for an after school activity, they will not be guaranteed a place unless they receive a letter. We do monitor the club places to ensure we offer places as fairly as possible for all pupils throughout the year.

A copy of this half term's clubs has been included below for your information, individual letters will follow this week.

### Barlows Primary School Children's University Clubs - Spring 2 2025



|               | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday  |
|---------------|---|--|---|---|---|
|               | <b>SESSION DATES</b><br>Monday 3/3/25<br>Monday 10/3/25<br>Monday 17/3/25<br>Monday 31/3/25 | <b>SESSION DATES</b><br>Tuesday 4/3/25<br>Tuesday 11/3/25<br>Tuesday 18/3/25<br>Tuesday 1/4/25 | <b>SESSION DATES</b><br>Wednesday 5/3/25<br>Wednesday 12/3/25<br>Wednesday 19/3/25<br>Wednesday 2/4/25  | <b>SESSION DATES</b><br>Thursday 6/3/25<br>Thursday 13/3/25<br>Thursday 20/3/25<br>Thursday 3/4/25  | <b>SESSION DATES</b><br>Friday 7/3/25<br>Friday 14/3/25<br>Friday 21/3/25<br>Friday 28/3/25 |
| <b>YEAR 1</b> | 3:30pm-4:30pm Club<br>Y1 & Y2 Football Club<br>Mr Wood                                      |  |   | 3:30pm-4:30pm Club<br>Y1 & Y2 Book Club<br>Mis Kirkby   |   |
| <b>YEAR 2</b> | 3:30pm-4:30pm Club<br>Y1 & Y2 Football Club<br>Mr Wood                                      |  | 3:30pm-4:30pm Club<br>Y2 Phonics Club<br>Mis Kelly  | 3:30pm-4:30pm Club<br>Y1 & Y2 Book Club<br>Mis Kirkby<br>3:30pm-4:30pm Club<br>Y2 & Y3 Maths Games Club<br>Mr Cassell   |   |
| <b>YEAR 3</b> |   |  | 8:30am-9am Club<br>Y3 & Y4 Spanish Club<br>Señora Moreno (External Agency)  | 3:30pm-4:30pm Club<br>Y3 & Y4 Tag Rugby Club<br>Mr Courtney-Ward<br>3:30pm-4:30pm Club<br>Y3, Y4 & Y5 Japanese Culture Club<br>Mr Kellett<br>3:30pm-4:30pm Club<br>Y2 & Y3 Maths Games Club<br>Mr Cassell |   |
| <b>YEAR 4</b> |   |  | 8:30am-9am Club<br>Y3 & Y4 Spanish Club<br>Señora Moreno (External Agency)<br>3:30pm-4:30pm Club<br>Y4 & Y5 Bocca and New Age Kurling Club<br>Mr Mattocks<br>3:30pm-4:30pm Club<br>Y4, Y5 & Y6 Cross Country Club<br>Miss Hamilton                | 3:30pm-4:30pm Club<br>Y3 & Y4 Tag Rugby Club<br>Mr Courtney-Ward<br>3:30pm-4:30pm Club<br>Y3, Y4 & Y5 Japanese Culture Club<br>Mr Kellett   |   |
| <b>YEAR 5</b> | 3:30pm-4:30pm Club<br>Y5 & Y6 Flag Football Club<br>Mr Courtney-Ward                        |  | 3:30pm-4:30pm Club<br>Y5 & Y6 Chess Club<br>Mr Stevens and Mrs Hamblett (External Agency)<br>3:30pm-4:30pm Club<br>Y4 & Y5 Bocca and New Age Kurling Club<br>Mr Mattocks<br>3:30pm-4:30pm Club<br>Y4, Y5 & Y6 Cross Country Club<br>Miss Hamilton | 3:30pm-4:30pm Club<br>Y3, Y4 & Y5 Japanese Culture Club<br>Mr Kellett   |   |
| <b>YEAR 6</b> | 3:30pm-4:30pm Club<br>Y5 & Y6 Flag Football Club<br>Mr Courtney-Ward                        |  | 3:30pm-4:30pm Club<br>Y5 & Y6 Chess Club<br>Mr Stevens and Mrs Hamblett (External Agency)<br>3:30pm-4:30pm Club<br>Y4, Y5 & Y6 Cross Country Club<br>Miss Hamilton  | 3:30pm-4:30pm Club<br>Y6 Booster Club<br>Mrs Taylor & Miss Ward   |   |

# Events in February & March 2025

## Year 3 Swimming



Swimming lessons will continue for Year 3 as follows:

Mondays - Year 3 Class Monet (Mrs Lawrence)  
Wednesdays - Year 3 Class Monet (Mrs Fox)

Last week for swimming is week commencing 24/03/25  
There will be no swimming wc 31/03/25.

## Year 5 and Year 6 Level 1 and Level 2 Bikeability March 2025



We are delighted to offer our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils, who have not yet completed the course previously, a further opportunity to complete Level 1 and Level 2 Bikeability training with BikeRight.

The sessions take place on the Barlows site and in the local community with a focus on safe bicycle travel for pupils.

Pupils should be able to ride unaided (without the support of stabilisers) to qualify for the sessions. Pupils are also required to have a roadworthy bicycle and helmet to use for the sessions.

If you believe your child would benefit from these sessions and can ride unaided but does not have a bicycle or a helmet, please contact the school office to see how we can support participation with a small number of bicycles and helmets available to borrow from BikeRight. Further information is available via Arbor.

## Liverpool Central Library Educational Visits March 2025



Mrs Taylor, our English lead, has been busy liaising with Liverpool Central library to organise educational visits to Liverpool Central Library, as part of our World Book Day celebrations this year.

6 Churchill - 10/03/25 - Morning Session  
6 Gandhi - 10/03/25 - Afternoon Session  
5 Parks - 12/03/25 - Afternoon Session  
5 Wilberforce - 12/03/25 - Morning Session  
4 Newton - 11/03/25 - Morning Session  
4 Curie - 11/03/25 - Afternoon Session  
3 Monet - 13/03/25 - Afternoon Session  
3 Gaudi - 13/03/25 - Morning Session

A letter will follow from year group staff with further details.

## Royal Ballet and Opera Discover Opera Online Event



Reception - Year 6  
Wednesday 24/02/2025

In this exciting online workshop, our pupils will travel through time from the roots of ballet and opera to the modern day, watch a live performance from famous ballets and operas, and see how props, scenery and lighting transform the stage to create spectacular performances.

## Rec Educational Visit Fazakerley Community Federation & Library

Thursday 06/03/25  
Rec Donaldson (am) & Reception McKee (pm)

On Thursday 06/03/25 our Reception pupils will be visiting our local library. The children will enjoy a shared story and have the opportunity to learn about this local resource as part of our work on developing a love of reading.

At the end of the session, the children will have the opportunity to select some books for the school to loan for their classroom.

We would be delighted if some parents and carers would be able to join us on the trip.  
Further details will follow via a letter from the class teachers.



# Events in March 2025

## Y1 Educational Visit

**Fazakerley Community Federation & Library**  
**Thursday 13/03/25**  
**1 Kerr (am) 1 Carle (pm)**

On Thursday 13/03/25 our Year 1 pupils will be visiting our local library. The children will enjoy a shared story and have the opportunity to learn about this local resource as part of our work on developing a love of reading.

At the end of the session, the children will have the opportunity to select some books for the school to loan for their classroom.

We would be delighted if some parents and carers would be able to join us on the trip.  
Further details will follow via a letter from the class teachers.



## Y2 Educational Visit

**Fazakerley Community Federation & Library**  
**Wednesday 26/03/24**  
**2 Potter (am) 2 Dahl (pm)**

On Wednesday 26/03/25 our Year 2 pupils will be visiting our local library. The children will enjoy a shared story and have the opportunity to learn about this local resource as part of our work on developing a love of reading.

At the end of the session, the children will have the opportunity to select some books for the school to loan for their classroom.

We would be delighted if some parents and carers would be able to join us on the trip.  
Further details will follow via a letter from the class teachers.



## SEND Parent/Carer Meetings with SENDCO - IEPs (Individual Education Plans)

**\*\*\*Updated Dates\*\*\* wc 24/03/25 and wc 31/03/25**

As part of our developments in SEND, Mrs Berry (SENDCO) will be offering each family with a pupil on the SEND register, an appointment to discuss their child's IEP (Individual Education Plan) which forms part of their SEND provision.

Appointments are available as follows:

Wednesday 26/03/25: Nursery and Reception parents and carers -  
8:20am - 12pm

Friday 28/03/25: Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 parents and carers -  
8:20am - 12pm

Monday 31/03/25: Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 parents and carers -  
8:20am - 12pm

Thursday 03/04/25: Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 parents and carers -  
8:20am - 12pm

Friday 04/04/25: Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 parents and carers -  
8:20am - 12pm

A link will be sent via Arbor to book your appointment.

## British Science Week 10/03/25 - 14/03/25

As part of British Science Week, Miss Ward (Science Lead) will be leading the school through an exciting week of activities and online sessions to celebrate the subject and opportunities for Science in everyday life.

The theme for British Science Week this year, is 'Change and Adapt'. Each class will be changing and adapting recycled plastic bottles to, ready to be launched during the week, which we are sure will be an exciting event!



# Events in March 2025

## Nurturing Programme for Parents and Carers

The Nurturing Programme is a programme designed for parents and carers. The programme lasts for ten weeks and aims to help adults understand and manage children's feelings and behaviour, developing nurturing relationships with their children. The programme aims to develop and encourage an approach to relationships that gives children and adults an emotionally healthy start for their lives and learning.

Parents and carers build on their knowledge and understanding of how to support their children, learning different strategies to try at home each week. The session also provides parents and carers an opportunity to speak with each other in as well as having time for a cup of coffee and some fun.

The sessions will be led by Mrs Berry and Miss Williams who have been specially trained to deliver the programme in school. Sessions run in school between 9:15am-11:15am on Tuesdays.

If you would like further information or to sign up, please contact the school office.



## Year 3 and Year 4 Parents' and Carers' Multiplication Tables Check Information Sessions

**Monday 31/03/25**

**3:45pm - 4:15pm or 5:15pm - 5:45pm**

Mrs Kirby-Foy, will be holding sessions for parents and carers of pupils in Year 3 and Year 4 to explain the statutory Multiplication Tables Check that Year 4 pupils will take in June.

Mrs Kirby-Foy will be providing a range of fun multiplication tables activities for parents and carers to use at home to help pupils develop their knowledge.



## Parents' Evening - Spring Term

The Spring Parents' Evenings for Nursery - Year 5 will be as follows:  
Further information regarding how to book will follow via Arbor.

| Monday 24/03/25  | Tuesday 25/03/25   | Wednesday 26/03/25   | Thursday 27/03/25  |
|--|--|--|--|
| <b>Appointments available from 3:50pm - 6pm</b>  | <b>Appointments available from 3:50pm - 7:30pm</b>   | <b>Appointments available from 3:50pm - 6pm</b>  | <b>Appointments available from 3:50pm - 7:30pm</b>   |
| Y5 - Miss Johnes<br>Y4 - Mr Kellett<br>Y3 - Mrs Lawrence<br>Y2 - Miss Kirkby<br>Y1 - Mr Wood<br>Rec - Miss Smith<br>Nurs - Miss Breeze | Y5 - Miss Johnes<br>Y4 - Mr Kellett<br>Y3 - Mrs Lawrence<br>Y2 - Miss Kirkby<br>Y1 - Mr Wood<br>Rec - Miss Smith<br>Nurs - Miss Breeze | Y5 - Mrs Clemson<br>Y4 - Mr Stevens<br>Y3 - Mrs Fox<br>Y2 - Miss Kelly<br>Y1 - Miss Hamilton<br>Rec - Miss Evans | Y5 - Mrs Clemson<br>Y4 - Mr Stevens<br>Y3 - Mrs Fox<br>Y2 - Miss Kelly<br>Y1 - Miss Hamilton<br>Rec - Miss Evans |

# Events in March 2025

## Comic Relief - Red Nose Day Friday 21/03/25

Our wonderful School Council, will be leading the school in our fundraising efforts for Comic Relief.

On Friday 21st March, children are invited to wear their own clothes and 'exciting hair styles' - glitter, colours, bobbles, clips and creative creations welcome! Donations up to £1 welcome. These can be brought in and placed into an envelope in class.

### Cookie Sale

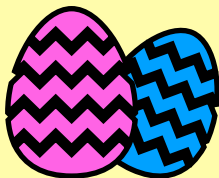
On Friday 21/03/25 the School Council will be selling cookies decorated by School Council in Red Nose Day designs! Cookies will be on sale for 50p each from 3:40pm, under the canopy by the Year 5/6 door. Each cookie will cost 50p and all funds will go to Comic Relief.



## Own Clothes Day - Bring an Easter Treat Friday 28/03/25

On Friday 28/03/25 we will be hosting an own clothes day with a voluntary donation for an Easter treat donation (Easter Egg, Chocolate Easter Bunny, Bag of £1 Haribo Easter Jellies etc.)

The donated Easter Treats will form part of our Easter Raffle during the week commencing 31/03/25.

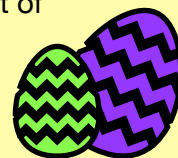


## Easter Treat Donations from Businesses Prior to Friday 28/03/25

We would kindly welcome any Easter Treat donations from local businesses or companies family members may work for.

If this is possible, please send your donation into the school office, with your name, your child's name and the company name so we can say a special thank you!

The donated Easter Treats will form part of our Easter Raffle during the week commencing 31/03/25.



## Nursery Educational Visit Fazakerley Community Federation & Library Wednesday 05/03/25

On Wednesday 05/03/25 our Nursery pupils will be visiting our local library. The children will enjoy a shared story and have the opportunity to learn about this local resource as part of our work on developing a love of reading.

At the end of the session, the children will have the opportunity to select some books for the school to loan for their classroom.

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# Events in March 2025

## Easter Raffle - Friday 04/04/25

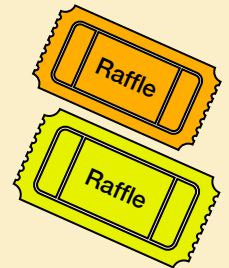
Tickets on sale wc 31/03/25

Tickets for our Easter Raffle will be available to purchase from Monday 31/03/25 to Friday 01/04/25.

Raffle Tickets are priced at £1 each. For every £1 ticket purchased, you will receive a second ticket free! (2 tickets for £1) Tickets will be available from the School Council during school hours.

Spare tickets will also be available from the school office from Tuesday 01/04/25.

Thank you in advance for any donation received as part of our own clothes day.



## Meet the Paralympian - Melanie Barratt Online Session Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6 Friday 21/03/25



On Friday 21/03/25, our pupils from Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6 will meet Paralympian Melanie Barrett in an online assembly.

Melanie is a blind swimmer with an outstanding career in competitive sports. She's represented Great Britain at multiple Paralympic Games, winning gold, silver and bronze medals in the pool – and winning multiple European and World titles. But she didn't stop there! Last year, Melanie made history as the first blind woman to swim the English Channel, conquering 21 miles of open water in an astounding 12 hours and 20 minutes.

This is sure to be an inspirational experience for all.

## Gymnastics British Championships



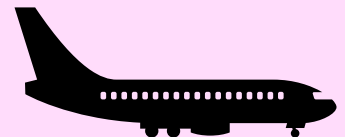
### Men's Artistic u16s All-Around & Disabilities Finals & Women's Artistic Aspire All-Around Competition M&S Arena, Liverpool Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6 Thursday 20/03/25

On Thursday 20/03/25, our pupils from Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6 will be attending the Men's Artistic u16s All-Around & Disabilities Finals & Women's Artistic Aspire All-Around Gymnastics Competition at the Liverpool M&S Arena.

This is a wonderful opportunity for pupils to observe elite gymnasts in a competitive environment. This prestigious event is the showcase for Olympians, World and European champions, as well as the opportunity to see the up and coming stars of the future - who are likely to be names you'll hear when talking about the Olympics in LA 2028!

Further information will be available for this event via Arbor.

## Sky Explorers: Exciting Jobs in Aviation Online Session Year 3 - Year 6 Friday 28/03/2025



As part of the Department for Transport's 'Reach for the Sky' careers initiative, our pupils will take part in an online session exploring potential careers in aviation.

This fun and interactive virtual event challenges pupils to guess the diverse jobs in aviation beyond pilots and cabin crew. Our pupils will learn about a wide range of exciting roles, from ground staff to engineers and air traffic controllers, helping them to see that aviation offers opportunities for everyone!

# Events in March 2025

## Science Week: Faming Live

**Year 1 & Year 2**  
**Monday 10/03/2025**  
**'Change Champions'**

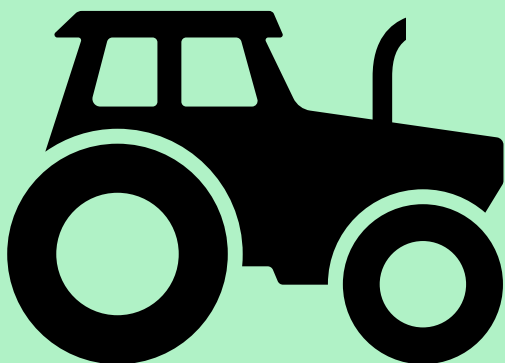
As part of the British Science Week, our pupils will take part in an online session from the National Farmers' Union, where they will be joined Lamia, Ruby and Dr Lutfi Radwan on their farm to meet their animals – including chickens, goats and sheep – and learn how farming can help tackle climate change, support biodiversity and reduce waste.

**Year 3 & Year 4**  
**Wednesday 12/03/2025**  
**'Amazing Adaptations'**

As part of the British Science Week, our pupils will take part in an online session from the National Farmers' Union, where they will learn why AHDB lead animal genetics expert Dr Harriet Bunning's cows are so important for the local ecosystem, go on a soil safari with Dr Samuel Eze from Harper Adams University and learn from flower grower and florist Roisin Taylor about climate-friendly flower farming.

**Year 5 & Year 6**  
**Wednesday 12/03/2025**  
**'Amazing Adaptations'**

As part of the British Science Week, our pupils will take part in an online session from the National Farmers' Union, where they will explore selective breeding and genetic adaptations in livestock and crops, comparing Dr Harriet Bunning's cows to Zebu cattle from Sparsholt College, hear from researcher Emma Dods on how the Breed for Ch4nge project is selectively breeding climate-resilient sheep, and listen to plant physiologist Claudia Carvalho explain how plant breeding helps create climate-resistant crops.



## Scholastic Book Fair

Join us for the Scholastic Book Fair after school in the school hall on the following dates:

Wednesday 12th March 2025  
Thursday 13th March 2025  
Friday 14th March 2025  
Monday 17th March 2025

There will be a selection of books to purchase for all pupil ages.

Scholastic donate a percentage of the profits to school to use to purchase new books for the school library.

**FREE BOOKS FOR YOUR SCHOOL WHEN YOU BUY AT THE BOOK FAIR!**

**SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS**

**COME TO THE BOOK FAIR**

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**My Bum is SO CHEEKY!**  
Dawn McMillan  
Illustrated by Ross Kinnaird  
£6.99 £2.99

**NEW GEORGE and the MINI DRAGON**  
George Webster  
Illustrated by TIM BUDGER  
£6.99

**NEW FINDING BEAR**  
HANNAH GOLD  
£7.99

**NEW DORK DIARIES: Sister Showdown!**  
Hardback only £7.99  
£12.99 £7.99

**NEW BEASTIE BROS**  
A LAUGH OUT LOUD new illustrated series  
£6.99

**NEW DOG MAN: Big Jim Begins**  
Hardback only £9.99  
£12.99 £9.99  
IN CINEMAS FEBRUARY 2025

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Scan the QR code to pay online!**



# Events in April 2025

## Egg Decorating Competition Wednesday 02/04/25



Our annual egg decorating competition is back for 2025!

### How to enter:

Bring along a decorated egg or egg display to school on Wednesday 02/04/25. Please remember to hard boil or drain your egg prior.

Entry into the competition is completely free.

Each entry will be given a number so that voting is anonymous.

### Ideas:

We have included a selection of ideas over the page from a previous competition to get you started with ideas!

### Viewing & Voting - Children

Children will have the opportunity to vote during the school day.

### Viewing & Voting - Parents and Carers

Entires will be available to view in the school hall on Wednesday 02/04/25 between 3:40pm-4:15pm.

Parents and Carers will be welcome to visit the school hall to view and place a vote on Wednesday 02/04/25 between 3:40pm-4:15pm.

### Winners

Certificates will be awarded for each entry so remember to include your name or family name if it is a group effort!

**\*\* Winners will be announced in our end of term assembly on Friday 04/04/25 \*\***



# Events in April 2025

## Royal Ballet and Opera 'Everybody Make: Alice's Adventures' Online Event

**Year 3 - Year 6**  
**Tuesday 01/04/2025**

During this creative session, our pupils will be led by an experienced stage designer to create their own tree for the set of the ballet 'Alice's Adventures in Wonderland'.

Children will learn about the design process from the first model to the finished set, be introduced to set designs from the magical story of Alice's Adventures and have the opportunity to meet the designers and ask questions.



## Royal Ballet and Opera 'Everybody Make: The Magic Flute' Online Event

**Nursery - Year 2**  
**Wednesday 02/04/2025**

During this creative session, our pupils will be led by an experienced prop designer to create their own snake puppet from Mozart's famous opera 'The Magic Flute'.

Children will learn about the design process from the first model to the finished prop, discover how set designers make giant creations for the performance of 'The Magic Flute', create their own snake puppet and meet the designers and have the opportunity to ask questions.



## Royal Ballet and Opera 'Everybody Sing: The Magic Flute' Online Event

**Reception - Year 6**  
**Friday 04/04/2025**

During this online session, our pupils from Reception to Year 6 will watch and sing along to Mozart's 'The Magic Flute'.

Our pupils will have front row seats to the performance from the Royal Opera and meet the characters of Prince Tamino, Princess Pamina and the Queen of the Night.



## Easter Disco - Reception, Year 1, Year 2 Friday 04/04/25

As part of our fundraising activities we will be holding an Easter disco for:  
Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 on Friday 04/04/25, 4:30pm-5:30pm.

Entry is £1 per pupil. A tuck shop will be available - maximum tuck shop spend £1



## Easter Disco - Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 Friday 04/04/25

As part of our fundraising activities we will be holding an Easter disco for Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6  
on Friday 04/04/25, 5:30pm-7:00pm.

Entry is £1 per pupil. A tuck shop will be available - maximum tuck shop spend £2

