

# Barlows Primary School Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our Summer Term 1 What's On Newsletter. We have another busy half term at Barlows Primary School! Our Year 6 pupils are completing their final preparations for Key Stage 2 SATs in May, they've been working extremely hard and we wish them every success!

## Sun Cream

As we move into the summer months, please ensure your child has appropriate suncream in school at all times. Sun hats as always are recommended with those offering shade to the back of the neck being most suitable.

## Subscribe to our School calendar via the school website

If you haven't already, please subscribe to our website calendar. Website events will be updated periodically; if you subscribe to the calendar via our website, these events will also appear in your mobile phone calendar.

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



## Summer Term Dates

Summer Term 1 dates are as follows:  
Tuesday 22/04/25 - Friday 23/05/25

Half Term:  
Monday 26/05/25- Friday 30/05/25

Summer Term 2 Term:  
Monday 02/06/25 - Friday 18/07/25

Please note, school finishes for the Summer break on Friday 18/07/25 at 3:30pm  
(or up to 5:45pm for After School Club)

Please note, Monday 21/04/25 is a Bank Holiday, pupils return to school following the Easter break on  
Tuesday 22/04/25.

Monday 05/05/25 is also a Bank Holiday.

# Children's University

## Children's University Clubs

Children's University Clubs will begin week commencing 28/04/25 and will run until the end of the half term (Friday 23/05/25).



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 - Summer 1 2025



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	SESSION DATES	SESSION DATES	SESSION DATES	SESSION DATES	SESSION DATES
	Monday 28/04/25 Monday 05/04/25 - BANK HOLIDAY Monday 12/05/25 Monday 19/05/25	Tuesday 29/04/25 Tuesday 06/05/25 Tuesday 13/05/25 Tuesday 19/05/25	Wednesday 30/04/25 Wednesday 07/05/25 Wednesday 14/05/25 Wednesday 21/05/25	Thursday 01/05/25 Thursday 08/05/25 Thursday 15/05/25 Thursday 22/05/25	Friday 02/5/25 Friday 09/05/25 Friday 16/05/25 Friday 23/05/25
YEAR 1	3:30pm-4:30pm Club Y1 Arts & Crafts Club Miss Williams				
YEAR 2				3:30pm-4:30pm Club Y2 Top Trumps Club Miss Collins and Miss McNiven	
YEAR 3			3:30pm-4:30pm Club Y3 Cricket Club Mr Mattocks		
YEAR 4				3:30pm-4:30pm Club Y4 Athletics Club Mr Courtney-Ward	
YEAR 5			3:30pm-4:30pm Club Y5 Chess Club Mr Stevens and Mrs Hamblett (External Agency)		
YEAR 6	3:30pm-4:30pm Club Y6 Athletics Club Mr Courtney-Ward			3:30pm-4:30pm Club Y6 Booster Club Mrs Taylor & Miss Ward	

# Events in April 2025



**Earth Day 2025**  
**22/04/2025**

**Year 3, Year 4 Year 5 & Year 6**

We are thrilled to announce that on 22/04/2025, our KS2 pupils will join schools from five continents to celebrate Earth Day with a series of engaging online sessions! This unique event offers an incredible opportunity for our children to connect with peers around the world while exploring essential topics related to environmental sustainability.

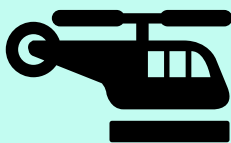
Throughout the day, pupils will dive into discussions on promoting sustainable travel to schools, managing waste effectively, reducing power consumption, and protecting our wildlife. With expert guest speakers sharing their insights, we anticipate a wealth of valuable knowledge and inspiration to empower our young learners.

This event promises to be not only informative but also a thrilling experience that will encourage our pupils to become advocates for our planet. We look forward to witnessing the enthusiasm and creativity that will undoubtedly arise from this collaborative celebration!

**North West Air Ambulance Charity Assembly**  
**28/04/2025**

On Monday 28/04/2025, children will be visited by Paramedic Pup from the North West Air Ambulance Charity. The visit will allow our children to delve into the vital work of the charity and discover the heroic efforts of the crews behind their three helicopters.

The children will not only learn about the importance of emergency response but also build their confidence in knowing how to raise the alarm if they ever encounter a challenging situation.



**Kitty Wilkinson Experience: Liverpool Anglican Cathedral**  
**23/04/2025**

**Year 2**

Our Year 2 pupils are looking forward to developing their understanding of how Kitty Wilkinson has impacted our locality through the Kitty Wilkinson Experience at the Liverpool Anglican Cathedral on 23/04/2025.

Pupils will travel by train to the iconic landmark and engage in an informative tour of the site and St. James' Gardens, where they will discover the remarkable legacy of Kitty Wilkinson. To celebrate her significant contributions, students will participate in a creative workshop, crafting their very own stained-glass windows. This unique experience promises to enrich their understanding of history in our local area.

Further details of this visit will be available on Arbor.

**Ancient Egyptian Mummification Workshop**  
**Liverpool World Museum**  
**24/04/2025**

**Year 4**

Year 4 will be visiting the World Museum in Liverpool City Centre on 24/04/2025 to take part in a thrilling mummification workshop and self-led tour of the Egyptology area of the museum.

In this exciting session, pupils will travel back in time to the land of ancient Egypt and discover traditions and the mummification processes of the ancient Egyptians. Through an interactive approach, which involves working on a life size dummy mummy, students will learn details of how the body was preserved and will come to appreciate the cultural meanings of the preservation process.

Further details of this visit will be available on Arbor.



# Events in April 2025

## LSSP POWER Sessions Year 5

During their PE sessions in the Summer Term, Year 5 will be taking part in the POWER programme with LSSP. The sessions will focus on building positive health behaviours with focus on Physical activity, Openness, Wellbeing and Emotional Regulation.

The sessions will take place on the following dates:

Wednesday 23/04/2025  
Wednesday 07/05/2025  
Wednesday 14/05/2025  
Wednesday 21/05/2025  
Wednesday 04/06/2025  
Wednesday 11/06/2025



## Peak District Explorers Geography Fieldwork Visit to Macclesfield Forest Year 5

**29/04/2025**

Pupils in Year 5 will be embarking on a Geography trip to the stunning Peak District National Park for a day filled with adventure and learning. This is a fantastic chance for our children to develop their Geography skills while enjoying the great outdoors.

The trip will kick off with an indoor session where the children will compare maps and aerial photos of the local area. They'll have the chance to create their own simple maps, helping them grasp the concept of a 'Bird's Eye view'. After their indoor activities, we'll head outside to explore! In the open air, the children will draw their own maps and learn about the eight points of a compass, a vital skill for any budding explorer. Additionally, there will be a set up of a simple orienteering course on the grounds, where they can practice their map-reading skills in a fun, hands-on environment.

Further details of this exciting opportunity will be available on Arbor.



## Balanceability Reception

**Reception Donaldson:**  
**22/04/25, 29/04/25, 06/05/25**

**Reception McKee:**  
**13/05/25, 20/05/25, 03/06/25**

This term, our Reception pupils will be taking part in Balanceability sessions from LSSP coaches during their PE sessions. These engaging sessions are designed to foster key skills that will enable your child to ride a bicycle in the future – an essential life skill that promotes confidence and independence.

Through fun activities and expert guidance, our young learners will enhance their balance, coordination, and physical capabilities, setting them up for a lifetime of cycling enjoyment. We can't wait to see their progress and the smiles on their faces as they take this exciting step!



## Children's University Masterclass Exploring Space with a Robotic Telescope Year 6

**29/04/2025**

We are thrilled to announce that our Year 6 pupils will be participating in a unique online session hosted from the Fawkes Telescope South in Australia.

This incredible opportunity allows our young astronomers to dial in and explore the wonders of distant galaxies. For an exhilarating 30 minutes, they will take control of the remarkable 2-metre wide telescope, capturing stunning real-time photographs of the universe. As the telescope gazes into the cosmos, pupils will have the chance to engage with expert astronomers, asking questions and deepening their cosmic knowledge. It's an adventure not to be missed!

# Events in May 2025

## **SEND Parent/Carer Meetings with SENDCO wc 06/05/25 and wc 12/05/25**

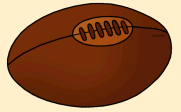
As part of our developments in SEND, Mrs Berry (SENDCO) has arranged times for all parents and carers to be able to make an appointment to discuss any issues or concerns you may have relating to SEND and your child.

Appointments are available on the following dates:

Tuesday 06/05/25 - 3:30pm - 6pm  
Wednesday 07/05/25 - 3:30pm - 6pm  
Thursday 15/05/25 - 3:30pm - 6pm

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

## **Tag Rugby Skills Sessions – Saints Rugby Team Year 2 01/05/25**



On 01/05/25, our Year 2 pupils will take part in an exciting Tag Rugby Festival from Saints Rugby Club and Liverpool Lions at our local sports venue at Adlam Park.

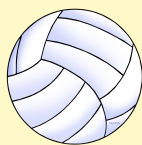
At the session, pupils will be led through a series of drills and exercises by professional coaches to develop their Tag Rugby skills and enhance their understanding of invasion games and competition.

Further information of this will be available through our parent communications on Arbor.

## **Dodgeball Intraschool Competition Year 3 06/05/2025**

On 06/05/2025, our Year 3 pupils are in for an exhilarating experience as they take part in an intra school dodgeball competition right here at Barlows!

Organised by LSSP coaches and Mr Courtney-Ward, this thrilling event will showcase the ball handling skills of our talented young athletes. Competitors will battle it out on the court, aiming to secure the title of ultimate Dodgeball champions of Year 3!



## **Early Years Stay and Play 08/05/25**

Our Reception and Nursery teams look forward to welcoming parents and carers to our May Stay and Play sessions:

**Reception:** Thursday 8th May 2025 9am-10am

**Nursery:** Thursday 8th May 2025 9am-10am &  
Thursday 8th May 2025 2:30pm-3:30pm

The theme for this session is 'Planting and Growing'.

We kindly ask that only adults attend these sessions as we are unable to accommodate for children who are not pupils of the school.

## **VE Day Commemoration 2025: VE Day 80**

**08/05/2025**

Mrs Lawrence, our History lead, has been working hard to plan an important commemoration of VE day on its 80th anniversary for the whole school. Each class will explore the contrasts between life in the 1940s and today and highlight the significance of commemorating this pivotal moment in history.

Pupils will complete an activity to demonstrate their understanding and we encourage parents to discuss this important topic with their children, fostering meaningful conversations about hope and peace as well as the Barlows values of Resilience, Determination and Respect.





# Events in May 2025

## **Mental Health Awareness Week** **12/05/25 - 16/05/25**

Mental Health Awareness Week starts on Monday 12th May to Friday 16th May 2025. This year, we will be celebrating the theme of 'Communities That Support Us' to protect and nurture good mental health.

We know that we thrive when we have strong connections with others and supportive communities around us. We also know that people who are more socially connected to family, friends, or their community are happier, physically healthier, and live longer, with fewer mental health problems than people who are less well connected.

Mrs Berry will be planning engaging activities this week to promote good mental health during this week and beyond for our pupils.

## **Key Stage Two SATS** **Year 6** **12/05/25 - 15/05/25**

The end of Key stage 2 Assessment Tests (SATs) for Year 6 take place the week commencing 12th -15th May 2025. These are the statutory tests which take place each year for Year 6 pupils.

These tests are a tool to help measure the progress pupils have made and identify if they need additional support in a particular area. The children and staff have been working extremely hard to prepare for these assessments which include tests in English Grammar Punctuation and Spelling, Reading and Mathematics.

<b>Monday 12th May 2025</b>	<b>Tuesday 13th May 2025</b>	<b>Wednesday 14th May 2025</b>	<b>Thursday 15th May 2025</b>
KS2 English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling  Paper 1 (Questions) 45 minutes	KS2 Reading Paper  1 hour	KS2 Mathematics Test Paper 1: Arithmetic  30 minutes	KS2 Mathematics Test Paper 3: Reasoning  40 minutes
KS2 English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Paper 2 (Spelling)  Approximately 15 minutes (not strictly timed)		KS2 Mathematics Test Paper 2: Reasoning  40 minutes	End of KS2 Tests

The tests will be administered as follows:

Our Year 6 pupils are invited to join their friends in school for breakfast from 8:15am each morning of the tests. More information regarding the tests will be sent out by Mrs Taylor via Arbor.

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## **Positive Footprints Career Conversation Year 5 and 6 19/05/25**

On Monday 19/05/25, as part of their personal development education, we are pleased to announce that Year 5 and 6 pupils will be attending an online career conversation with Rachael Taylor, an account manager. Rachael works for No Isolation who provide AV1 robots to schools – a robot will join the children on the call as Rachael discusses how it works. The primary objective of this session is to expose our students to various career pathways and to help them understand the importance of setting goals and aspirations for their future.

The online session, which is being hosted by Positive Futures as part of our Positive Futures Careers Aspiration Programme, will engage students in discussions about the skills and attributes needed in today's job market. This initiative is designed to inspire and empower our students as they begin to consider their futures beyond primary education. We encourage you to discuss this opportunity with your child and to support them in reflecting on their own interests and potential careers they may wish to explore.

## **Visit to Edge Hill University Year 6**

**21/05/25**

On 21/05/25, our Year 6 pupils will embark on an inspiring visit to Edge Hill University Campus in Ormskirk. This fantastic opportunity will allow students to explore the possibilities of higher education and engage in dynamic sessions led by experienced tutors and lecturers. They will also have the chance to ask current university students about their experiences.

Pupils can look forward to learning about Sports and Computer Science in a vibrant university environment, as well as enjoying a comprehensive campus tour. We are certain this visit will spark enthusiasm for their academic journeys ahead!

## **Science Lab Visit to Dixons' Academy Fazakerley Year 5 Parks 16/05/2025**

Following on from the successful visit to the science labs at Dixon's Academy Fazakerley for 5 Wilberforce earlier in the year, we have been able to rearrange the opportunity for Year 5 Parks to experience a secondary school science laboratory and participate in some of the exciting investigations which can take place in a scientific environment.

The sessions will have a focus on lab safety and thrilling experiments will develop the children's understanding of changing properties of materials. Thank you to Dixon's Academy Fazakerley for this wonderful opportunity.



## **Local Area Walk – Geography Mapping Nursery**

**22/05/25**

Our Nursery children will be exploring the local area on the 22/05/25. This hands-on experience will help them develop their understanding of maps and familiar routes whilst enjoying the sights around them. Children will engage with their surroundings, enhancing their learning in a fun and interactive way. We can't wait to see their curiosity flourish as they discover the wonders of our community!

If you are able to support on this local area walk, please ensure this is identified on your consent form that will be available to you via Arbor.



# Events in May 2025

## **Positive Footprints Aspirations Day at Trafford Hall**

**Year 5**  
**22/05/25**

This inspiring day has been designed for pupils to give them the chance to learn in a completely different landscape. Children will engage in green based activities with a careers-led approach.

The day will be split into two zones with children swapping over after lunch.

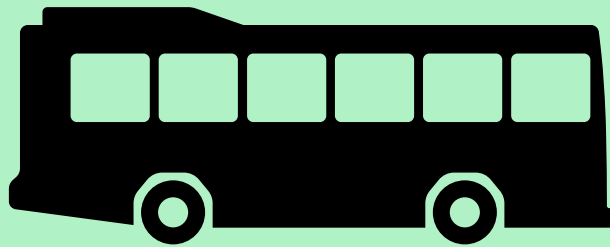
Zone 1 is called Save the Agent, where the children will embark on a high-stakes mission to 'rescue' a stranded secret agent.

This will give them an opportunity to work as a team, use problem-solving skills plus survival instincts. This outdoor activity includes physical challenges, mental puzzles plus practical skills in a dynamic and engaging scenario.

Participants will have the opportunity to learn the skills of fire lighting, shelter building and map reading.

Zone 2 will be split into two with children swapping over after an hour. One part will be a Green Career Carousel with children having the chance to meet businesses who have jobs linked to the environment, sustainability etc. The second part will be hosted by Centrica who will run their Get Set for Positive Energy sessions. One session is based on Renewable Energy and the other focuses on Sustainable Communities.

Further details of this exciting opportunity will be available on Arbor.



## **National Numeracy Day**

**22/05/25**

Mrs Kirby-Foy, our Curriculum Lead, will be planning a day of wonderful mathematics activities to help promote maths enjoyment across our whole school and wider school community.

More information will follow via Arbor, from Mrs Kirby-Foy, on how families can get involved!

