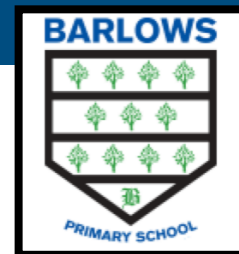


Barlows Primary School

What's On Newsletter - Autumn 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope that you and your family have enjoyed a restful summer holiday. As we embark on a new academic year, I am delighted to welcome both our returning pupils and those who are joining us for the first time. We have had a busy summer at Barlows Primary School, with various updates to our school environment. We have made improvements to our interior decoration in some of our classrooms and updated some of the internal fencing and gates.

This year promises to be filled with exciting opportunities for our pupils, as we have arranged numerous trips and events designed to enrich their educational experience.

It has been heartening to see the children ready and eager to start this new term, and we are equally thrilled to welcome back our dedicated staff members, as well as our new team members who bring their unique talents and perspectives to our school.

Yours sincerely,
Ms S. Feenan

Autumn Term Dates



The Autumn Term dates are as follows:

Autumn 1 Term:

Monday 01/09/25 & Tuesday 02/09/25 - INSET DAYS
School Closed to Pupils - INSET

Wednesday 03/09/25 - Thursday 23/10/25

Friday 24/10/25 - INSET DAY
School Closed to Pupils- INSET

Half Term

Monday 27/10/25- Friday 31/10/25

Autumn 2 Term:

Monday 03/11/25 - Thursday 18/12/25

Friday 19/12/25 - INSET DAY
School Closed to Pupils - INSET

Christmas Holidays Term

Monday 22/12/25 - Friday 02/01/26

Pupils return to school after the
Christmas Holidays on
Monday 5th January 2025.



Year 6 Liverpool Secondary School Application Deadline

A reminder that the Year 6 to Year 7 admissions transfer application window is open. The window will close at 11:59pm on 31/10/25.

Please ensure you have applied for your child's secondary school place (current Year 6 pupils only) by 11:59pm on 31/10/25.

Applications are to be made using the link below:
www.liverpool.gov.uk/admissions



Children's University Au 1

Children's University Clubs



Children's University Clubs commence 15/09/25 and will run until the end of this half term (Thursday 23/10/25).

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Should you have any questions or require further clarification regarding the University Clubs, please do not hesitate to contact Deputy Head, Mrs Kirby-Foy, via the school office.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to another successful half term of engaging activities for our students.

Barlows Primary School Children's University Clubs - Autumn 1 2025



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Events in September 2025

Year 6 Robinwood Residential Monday 15/09/25 - Wednesday 17/09/25

Our Year 6 pupils will be attending the annual Robinwood Residential trip, scheduled to take place from Monday, 15th September to Wednesday, 17th September 2025.

This enriching experience will be held at the Robinwood Outdoor Activity Centre, renowned for its commitment to fostering confidence and teamwork through a variety of adventurous activities.

During this immersive trip, students will have the opportunity to engage in a range of outdoor pursuits, including canoeing, raft building, archery, and the exhilarating zip line, among others. These activities are designed not only to develop physical skills but also to promote resilience, teamwork and communication among peers.

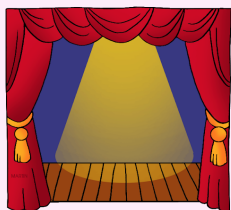


Year 5 Royal Court Liverpool Theatre Visit Backstage Class Monday 29/09/25 5 Parks (Mr Kellett's Class)

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During the visit, students will have the unique opportunity to meet various professionals from the theatre industry, including stagehands, sound engineers, and set designers, who will share their expertise and experiences. Children will also get the chance to stand on stage at the famous theatre to envision the life of a performer followed by a live Q&A session with industry professionals.

Further details will follow via Arbor from the class teacher.



European School Sports Day Friday 26/09/25

We are delighted to inform you that this year we will be taking part in European School Sports Day, led by our OPE Teacher, Mr. Courtney-Ward, on Friday 26/09/25.

This event promises to be an exciting occasion for all pupils, as we celebrate sport and teamwork. Learning new skills along the way.

On this day, all pupils are required to attend school in their PE kits, prepared to engage in a variety of sporting activities designed to promote physical fitness and camaraderie. The events will cater to all ages and abilities, ensuring that every child has the opportunity to participate and enjoy.

We are particularly excited to announce the introduction of a newly featured sport this year—flag football. This fast-paced game combines elements of traditional football with the principles of team cooperation and strategy, making it an excellent addition for the day.

As we look forward to a day filled with laughter, competition, and personal achievement, we encourage all pupils to embody the spirit of sportsmanship, cheering on their peers and demonstrating teamwork.



Events in September 2025

Year 6

International Slavery Museum Outreach Team Crossing the Atlantic: Stories and Craft Tuesday 23/09/25

The International Slavery Museum outreach team will join us in school on 23/09/25 to deliver an engaging workshop, Crossing the Atlantic: Stories and Craft, whilst the museum undergoes extensive renovations.

This initiative aims to enhance young learners' understanding of the transatlantic slave trade through a multifaceted approach, incorporating music, storytelling, and craft activities.

Throughout the workshop, children will explore historical sources that highlight the experiences and narratives of those affected by the transatlantic slave trade.

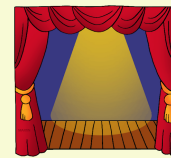


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Year 6 Royal Court Liverpool Theatre Visit Backstage Class Monday 22/09/25 6 Gandhi (Miss Ward's Class)

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Children's University Masterclass 'Journey Into Space' Tuesday 30/09/25 Reception - Year 6



We are pleased to announce an engaging online workshop as part of the Children's University Masterclass series, titled 'Journey into Space', facilitated by AS Creative. This masterclass will focus on the art of poetry, encouraging children to explore the wonders of the cosmos through their creative writing.

Participants will be guided in crafting short poems inspired by the themes and knowledge gained during the session, allowing them to express their thoughts and imagination about space. This workshop promises to be an enriching experience, fostering both literary skills and a deeper appreciation for our universe.

Events in October 2025

Year 5 Royal Court Liverpool Theatre Visit Backstage Class Monday 06/10/25 5 Wilberforce (Mr Steven's Class)

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WWF Live Lesson on Habitats Series - Forests Wednesday 01/10/25 Reception - Year 6



In October, children will participate in an online session hosted by renowned naturalist Steve Backshall for WWF.

This interactive session will focus on the fascinating topic of forest habitats, providing an opportunity for children to explore the diverse types of forests around the globe. Participants will learn about where to find various forests, the unique ecosystems they will foster, and the myriad of species that will inhabit these vital environments. This workshop promises to enhance children's understanding of environmental conservation and biodiversity.

School Photographs - Save the date Friday 29/09/25

Our school photographer is booked for 29/09/25. Further details regarding the arrangements for the day will be communicated to you by our admin team, in due course.



Meet the Team Sessions - October Wednesday 08/10/25 at 3:45pm and Thursday 09/10/25 at 3:45pm

Our meet the team sessions are designed to facilitate open communication and collaboration between our dedicated staff and valued parents.

The 'Meet the Team' sessions will take place as follows:

Wednesday 15/10/25 at 3:45pm

Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6 Meet the Team Session
Led by Phase Leaders, Mrs Taylor and Mrs Clemson

Thursday 16/10/25 at 3:45pm

Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Meet the Team Session
Led by Phase Leaders Miss Evans and Mr Allinson



The sessions will provide an opportunity for you to meet our teaching staff, and some of the support staff for your child's year group. We believe that establishing a strong partnership with parents is essential to enhancing the educational experience of our students.

During these sessions, you will receive important information regarding the curriculum, school policies, and plans for the academic year ahead. At the end, staff will be available for you to introduce yourself, ask questions and share any insights you may have regarding your child's education. We encourage you to take advantage of this occasion to engage with our team and gain a deeper understanding of our educational practices and resources.

Events in October 2025

Year 6 Educational Visits to Apple October 2025

We are pleased to announce a series of educational visits for our Year 6 students to participate in Apple's Draw with Stillwater workshops.

These visits are scheduled to take place in groups of 15 students per visit as follows:

- Thursday 02/10/25 (morning session) Y6 15 students
- Tuesday 14/10/25 (morning session) Y6 15 students
- Tuesday 16/10/25 (morning session) Y6 15 students
- Thursday 23/10/25 (morning session) Y6 15 students

The workshops aim to introduce students to Pages on iPad and digital drawing skills. During these sessions, students will engage in hands-on activities that promote creativity, design and digital skills.

This aligns with our commitment to delivering a contemporary curriculum that prepares students for future challenges and opportunities.



Musical Mondays Monday 20/10/25

Throughout the year, children will engage in an online music workshop series designed to expose children to a diverse array of musical instruments, styles, and genres.

In the first session, children will be introduced to the talented Jali Bakary Konteh, a renowned kora player who continues the rich musical legacy of his father and grandfather.

Jali brings a unique interpretation to traditional West African songs, infusing them with his innovative arrangements and personal artistry. Participants will have the opportunity to learn about the kora's history and significance, and they will be encouraged to explore their own musical creativity.



World Mental Health Day Friday 10/10/25



This year we will be taking part in World Mental Health Day on Friday 10/10/25.

"World Mental Health Day takes place every year on 10 October. It's a reminder of the importance of good mental health and the need to prioritise and invest in good mental health."

The day will be organised by our Mental Health and Wellbeing Lead, Mrs Berry, with activities and sessions in class aimed at promoting the importance of good mental health in an age appropriate way.

HMRC Tax Facts Sessions Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 13/10/25 and 14/10/25

As part of our Mathematical enrichment activities, we are pleased to welcome back the team from HMRC for another year. Children from Year 3 to Year 6 will be taking part in HMRC Junior Tax Facts sessions during October. Staff from HMRC will explain about their role and career, what tax is, how it is used and why it is so important.



Children will explore which parts of a town are funded for by tax and learn what it is like to be Chancellor of the Exchequer for the day.

Liverpool Maths Party Friday 17/10/25



As part of the Liverpool Maths Party, this year we will be promoting the use of maths in the world around us through the theme of 200 years of Railways!

Children will compete against each other in maths quizzes and puzzles as well as develop their problem solving skills throughout the day.

We are sure this will be an enjoyable day for all!

Events in October 2025

Phonics and Early Reading Sessions for Reception Parents and Carers **Monday 13/10/25 at 3:45pm and 5:15pm**

As we continue to prioritise the development of strong foundational skills in literacy for our pupils, I am pleased to announce an upcoming Phonics and Early Reading session specifically designed for parents and carers.

The sessions are as follows:

- Reception Phonics and Early Reading Sessions
 - Monday 13/10/25 at 3:45pm-4:30pm
 - Monday 13/10/25 at 5:15pm-6:00pm



The aim of this event is to provide you with valuable insights into our phonics programme, including the methods and strategies we employ to encourage early reading skills among our pupils.

Phonics is a vital component of our literacy curriculum, as it establishes the relationships between letters and sounds. A robust understanding of phonics enables children to decode words and develop their reading fluency. During the session, we will demonstrate various activities that you can engage in at home to reinforce these essential skills, ensuring your child's reading journey is both enjoyable and effective.

We encourage all parents and carers to attend, as your involvement plays a crucial role in your child's learning process. Supporting phonics development at home can significantly enhance your child's confidence and enjoyment of reading.

If you have any questions or require further information, do not hesitate to reach out. Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to seeing you at the session.

Year 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 **Children's University Assembly** **Friday 17/10/25**



On Friday 17th October 2025, students in Year 1,2,3,4,5 and 6 will be participating in a Children's University Assembly delivered by Children's University representatives.

The assembly is an opportunity for students to gain an understanding of the Children's University Scheme, how to get involved and how to earn important credits towards the various awards.

Year 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 **Children's University Parent Session** **Friday 17/10/25** **3:45pm-4:15pm**



Parents are invited to join us for a drop in session on how we can work together to enhance and develop children's interests and passions beyond the curriculum. The session will be led by Louise Waller from Children's University who will explain how children can gain credits, both in and outside of school to contribute towards an final award and Graduation at a university!

Children's University Masterclass **Monster Doodles** **Thursday 23/10/25** **Year 1 - Year 4**

We are pleased to announce an engaging online workshop as part of the Children's University Masterclass series, titled 'Monster Doodles', facilitated by CBBC animator Lara Whitehead. This masterclass will focus on developing their animation skills by designing their own monster. Children will also get the opportunities to submit their questions to Lara during the exciting session.



Events in October 2025

National Poetry Day Celebrations Thursday 02/10/25

National Poetry Day is celebrated each year in October, and it presents a wonderful opportunity for students to develop their appreciation of poetry while engaging with the creative arts.

We are excited to inform you that our school will be participating in various poetry-related activities to commemorate this special day.

Throughout the week of National Poetry Day, we will be hosting a series of poetry workshops for Year 3, 4, 5 and 6. These workshops will take place online, allowing our students to engage with an established poet, Tomos Roberts, linked to the theme of Remembrance.

In addition to the workshops, Mrs Taylor will be organising a range of poetry activities throughout the week that will be accessible to all year groups. These activities aim to encourage our pupils to explore their own poetic voices and share their creations with their peers. We believe that participation in these activities will not only nurture our students' talents but also foster a deeper appreciation for literature and the power of words.



Year 1 Local Area Walk Wednesday 22/10/25 & Thursday 23/10/24

Our Year 1 pupils will embark on a walk around our local area to explore its historical significance. This activity is designed to enhance our students' understanding of their immediate environment and its rich history.

Throughout the walk, students will have the opportunity to observe and learn about notable landmarks, reflecting on how our community has evolved over time.

The visits will take place on the following dates:

Wednesday 22/10/25 - 1 Kerr - Mis Kelly's Class

Thursday 23/10/25 - 1 Carle - Mr Allinson's Class

Further details will follow via Arbor.



Year 5 and 6 Positive Footprints Career Conversation with a Casting Researcher for the BBC Wednesday 23/10/25

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 a Casting Researcher from the BBC.

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.



Black History Month October 2025

As part of Black History Month October 2025, children will be learning about historical figures and their significance in relation to the theme 'Standing Firm in Power and Pride'.

Children will develop their historical enquiry skills through the exploration of artefacts and historical sources whilst developing their knowledge of key individuals.



Halloween Events 2025

Carving Competition

Wednesday 22nd October 2025

Are you an expert at pumpkin carving or are keen to have a go? Get involved in our Pumpkin carving competition!

How to enter

To take part and enter the competition, send your carved pumpkin in to school on Wednesday 22nd October 2025.

Please remember to include your child's name and class with their pumpkin.

Come and see the entries and vote for your favourite!

The pumpkins will be put on display in the school hall, ready for you to view from 3:30pm to 4:15pm. (Pumpkins can then be taken home on the Thursday).

Certificates

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

Voting

At the viewing (Wednesday 22/10/25 3:30pm-4:30pm) you will be given a slip of paper to vote for your favourite

Pumpkin



Halloween Disco - Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Thursday 23/10/25, 4:30pm-5:30pm

As part of our fundraising activities we will be holding a Halloween disco for Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 on Thursday 23/10/25, 4:30pm-5:30pm.

Entry is £1 per pupil - Fancy dress is welcome but not essential.

A tuck shop will be available - maximum spend £1



Halloween Disco - Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 Thursday 23/10/25, 5:30pm-7:00pm

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October Half Term and INSET Day

School will be closed to pupils on Friday 24/10/25 for an INSET Day.
October Half term takes place between Monday 27/10/25 - Friday 31/10/25.
Pupils will be welcomed back to school after the half term break on Monday 03/11/25.



Children's University Au2

Children's University Clubs

Children's University Clubs commence 17/11/25 due to Parents' Evening week commencing 10/11/25.

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Events in November 2025

Phonics and Early Reading Sessions for Year 1 and 2 Parents and Carers Monday 03/11/25 at 3:45pm and 5:15pm

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The sessions are as follows:

- Year 1 and Year 2 Phonics and Early Reading Sessions
 - Monday 03/11/25 at 3:45pm-4:30pm
 - Monday 03/11/25 at 5:15pm-6:00pm



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Help your Child Thrive Parent and Carer Programme November & December 2025

The 'Help Your Child Thrive' programme is coming to Barlows Primary School from Monday 3rd November to help you to support your child with their learning and development at home. This course runs every Monday morning in school for 5 sessions just after you drop your child off at the start of the school day.

The course gives you an insight into what your child will be learning in Reception and KS1. Each week you'll receive lots of practical tips and ideas as to how to help your child develop skills in communication and language, personal, social and emotional wellbeing, physical development, literacy and maths. You will be given a booklet full of resources and ideas for fun games to play with your child at home which will help them to thrive in school. The course is also a good chance to meet other parents and get to know a bit more about school.

Sessions will run from 9:30am - 11:30am on the following dates:

- Monday 03/11/25
- Monday 10/11/25
- Monday 17/11/25
- Monday 24/11/25
- Monday 02/12/25

Places are limited so please keep an eye out on Arbor for sign up details.



LSSP Balanceability Sessions Reception Donaldson (Miss Evans' Class)

**Wednesday 05/11/25, Wednesday
12/11/25, Wednesday 19/11/25**

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Events in November 2025

SEND Parent / Carer Meetings with SENDCO **Week Commencing 03/11/25, 05/11/25 & 06/11/25**



As part of our ongoing commitment to supporting all children in their learning and development, our Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Coordinator (SENDCo), Mrs Berry, will be offering parent/carers meetings for parents and carers of pupils on the SEND register and also any parent or carer whose child may not be identified as on the SEND register but wish to discuss possible SEND needs during the week commencing 03/11/25.

These meetings present a valuable opportunity for parents and carers to engage with our SENDCO, who is dedicated to ensuring that each child receives the appropriate support tailored to their individual needs.

During these meetings, we will discuss strategies and interventions that can facilitate your child's learning and address any concerns you may have regarding their progress.

We encourage all parents and carers of children with special educational needs to attend these meetings where possible. Your involvement is crucial in fostering a collaborative approach to support your child's educational journey. The sessions will provide an environment in which you can ask questions, share experiences, and receive tailored advice concerning your child's needs.

Further details of how to book an appointment will be sent out in due course. We look forward to seeing you at the SENDCO meetings.

Parents' Evening - Autumn Term **Week Commencing 10th November 2025**



Parents' Evenings for Nursery - Year 6 will be as follows:

Monday 10/11/25	Tuesday 11/11/25	Wednesday 12/11/25	Thursday 13/11/25
Appointments available between 3:50pm - 7:30pm	Appointments available between 3:50pm - 6:00pm	Appointments available between 3:50pm - 7:30pm	Appointments available between 3:50pm - 6:00pm
Y6 Miss Ward Y5 Mr Kellett Y4 Miss Johnes Y3 Mr James Y2 Mrs Lawrence Y1 Miss Kelly Reception Miss Evans Nursery Miss Watts	Y6 Miss Ward Y5 Mr Kellett Y4 Miss Johnes Y3 Mr James Y2 Mrs Lawrence Y1 Miss Kelly Reception Miss Evans Nursery Miss Watts	Y6 Miss Hughes Y5 Mr Stevens Y4 Mrs Clemson Y3 Miss Hamilton Y2 Mrs Fox Y1 Mr Allinson Reception Miss Bradshaw	Y6 Miss Hughes Y5 Mr Stevens Y4 Mrs Clemson Y3 Miss Hamilton Y2 Mrs Fox Y1 Mr Allinson Reception Miss Bradshaw

Details of how to book the sessions will be made available on Arbor nearer to the time.

Year 2 National Archives Online Workshop **The Great Fire of London** **Monday 03/11/25**



In November, year 2 will be participating in an online session from The National Archives to enhance their knowledge of The Great Fire of London. This interactive session, led by historians and researchers, aims to enhance historical enquiry skills by guiding pupils in asking and answering questions that focus on primary sources and artefacts from this pivotal event in 1666. This workshop will not only enrich knowledge of the Great Fire but also develop critical thinking and analytical skills essential for historical exploration.

Events in November 2025

Children in Need - Own Clothes and Crazy Hair Friday 14th November 2025

On Friday 14th November 2025, we will be celebrating Children in Need. The event, led by our School Council, aims to raise awareness and funds for the charity which focuses on improving the lives of disadvantaged children and young people across the UK

On Friday 14th November 2025 we will be holding an own clothes day where children are invited to come to school in their own clothes and showcase their most creative and outrageous hairstyles. Clothes should be warm enough for outdoor weather but not include pyjamas for this event.

This 'Crazy Hair Day' promises to be a fun and engaging experience for the children while raising awareness and funds for Children in Need. Donations of £1 are welcome and should be handed in to the collection envelopes in class.

Additionally, on the same day, we are excited to announce that the children will participate in a 'Run Pudsey' event. This initiative encourages pupils to engage in physical activity, running, jumping and having fun, while supporting a charitable cause.

All funds raised will be donated directly to Children in Need.

Anti-Bullying Week Odd Sock Day Monday 10th November 2025



On Monday 10th November 2025, we will be taking part in Odd Sock Day.

Odd Sock Day is part of Anti-Bullying Week, which aims to engage students in meaningful discussions surrounding the importance of respect, understanding, and kindness towards one another.

By wearing odd socks, we hope to visually represent the message that differences are not only acceptable but should be embraced within our school community.

We encourage all students to participate in this initiative by wearing their most colourful and mismatched socks with their usual school uniform on the day. This simple act serves as a powerful reminder to recognise and appreciate the unique qualities that each child possesses.

It is also an excellent opportunity for parents and guardians to discuss the significance of this day and explore themes of friendship, acceptance, and the detrimental effects of bullying.

As part of our efforts to foster a safe and supportive environment, we will be conducting assemblies and classroom activities to further educate our students

LSSP Balanceability Sessions Reception McKee (Miss Bradshaw's Class) November/December Dates Wednesday 26/11/25, Wednesday 03/12/25, Wednesday 10/12/25

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Remembrance Day Poppy Project 2025

We are excited to announce a community poppy craft project that involves creating vibrant poppies from recycled plastic bottles. These unique creations will be displayed at St Luke's (The Bombed Out Church) in honour of Remembrance Day.

We kindly request that parents send in a plastic bottle (500 ml in size) for their child to use in this project. Please do not send in any glass bottles, or bottles that have been used to store alcohol.

We hope you will be able to visit the display at St Luke's Church during November.



Events in November 2025

Year 3 Stone Age Workshop with Dr John Hill

Tuesday 18/11/25 and Thursday 20/11/25

We are delighted to welcome back Dr John Hill, an Archaeologist and Liverpool University Lecturer to deliver a Stone Age Workshop with real artefacts to your Year 3 Students. The sessions will take place on Tuesday 18/11/25 and Thursday 20/11/25.

Dr Hill brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise in the field of archaeology, particularly focusing on prehistoric societies.

During this engaging workshop, students will have the chance to learn about the Stone Age, including its culture, tools, and significant developments.

Dr Hill will employ a hands-on approach, allowing students to interact with artefacts and participate in activities that illustrate the daily lives of our ancestors.

This is a fantastic opportunity for our students to deepen their understanding from an expert in the field!



Year 5 and Year 6 Liverpool Anti-Bullying Project Event

Tuesday 04/11/25

We are proud to have a group of our Year 5 and 6 pupils representing Barlows and Liverpool Primary Schools to work together to promote anti-bullying messages and unity during Anti-bullying week in November.

The children will be performing a selection of songs together with other schools using sign language.

This promises to be an exciting day to celebrate and raise awareness of these important issues.



Year 4 Old Dock Tour Educational Visit

Thursday 06/11/25

We are delighted that our Year 4 pupils will be visiting the Old Dock Tour in Liverpool on

- Thursday 06/11/25 - 4 Curie (Miss Johnes)
- Thursday 06/11/25 - 4 Newton (Mrs Clemson)

As part of their enrichment activities linked to their Geography unit on rivers.

During the visit, the children will take a trip below Liverpool One to visit and learn about the historic dock of Liverpool, shipping trade and conditions at the original dock site in Liverpool.

This is an exciting opportunity that we are sure the children will enjoy!



Year 5 and 6 Positive Footprints Career Conversation Izzy Haines

Tuesday 18/11/25

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 Izzy Haines, a Social Values and Net Carbon Zero Consultant.

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.



Events in November 2025

Social Media and Anti Bullying Sessions for Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 with our PCSOs Monday 03/11/25

On Monday 03/11/25, our Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and 6 students will be taking part in special sessions with our PCSOs focused on social media awareness and anti-bullying.

In today's digital age, understanding the impacts of social media on young people has become increasingly essential.

These sessions will be conducted by the local Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs), who will share their expertise on safe online practices, the potential risks associated with social media, and how to promote kindness and respect in both virtual and real-life interactions.

The sessions aim to empower our students with the knowledge and skills necessary to navigate the complexities of modern communication responsibly.

Additionally, these workshops provide an excellent opportunity for students to discuss bullying, its various forms, and the importance of standing together against it. Our intention is to foster an inclusive and supportive environment, where every child feels valued.

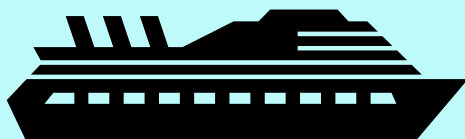
We believe that parental involvement is crucial in reinforcing these themes at home. It is advisable to have open conversations with your child about their online activities and to encourage them to share their experiences and feelings regarding their interactions with peers. By working together, we can create a strong support network for our children.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to reach out to the school office.



Children's University Masterclass Titanic: Traveling in Time Tuesday 25/11/25 Year 2 - Year 6

Children will take part in this virtual session, exploring the story of the RMS Titanic on this 'Travelling in Time' workshop, delivered by Liverpool Maritime Museum. Children will hear stories about the passengers of the Titanic, learn about the timeline of the fateful journey and discover what artefacts can tell us about the past.



Musical Mondays - Nurture Base Monday 24/11/25

Throughout the year, children will engage in an online music workshop series designed to expose children to a diverse array of musical instruments, styles, and genres.

In this session, children will be introduced to Dierdre Galway and Conor Lamb, a duo who have been performing together for over 15 years.

Dierdre and Conor will be sharing their traditional melodies and reels of Ireland with children in a lively energetic performance of Irish dance music.



Events in November 2025

Year 5 & 6 IntoFilm Festival Cinema Trip **How to Train Your Dragon,** **Odeon Cinema, Liverpool ONE** **Tuesday 11/11/25**



We have been fortunate enough to secure some free cinema trips for for our pupils as part of the IntoFilm Festival. The festival is a fantastic initiative aimed at inspiring students through film, helping to enhance their creativity, and fostering a love for storytelling.

As part of the festival, our Year 5 & 6 classes will be attending screenings designed to engage their imaginations and will link to work back in school.

These screenings will not only provide an engaging experience but will also support our broader educational goals by encouraging discussions about themes such as friendship, anti-prejudice and teamwork.

Year 5 & 6

Tuesday 11/11/2025 - How to Train your Dragon

We have some spaces for parents and carers to join us on the trip, details will follow via Arbor.

Year 2 IntoFilm Festival Cinema Trip **FLOW,** **FACT Cinema, Liverpool** **Wednesday 12/11/25**



We have been fortunate enough to secure some free cinema trips for for our pupils as part of the IntoFilm Festival. The festival is a fantastic initiative aimed at inspiring students through film, helping to enhance their creativity, and fostering a love for storytelling.

As part of the festival, our Year 2 classes will be attending a screenings designed to engage their imaginations and will like to work back in school. Completely dialogue-free, animated with a brilliantly innovative style and told only through visuals and animal noises, Flow creates an immersive environment that feels fresh and alive.

Year 2

12/11/2025 - Flow

We have some spaces for parents and carers to join us on the trip, details will follow via Arbor.

Reception IntoFilm Festival Cinema Trip **Tiddler and Tabby McTat Double-Bill,** **Odeon Cinema, Liverpool ONE** **Wednesday 12/11/25**



We have been fortunate enough to secure some free cinema trips for for our pupils as part of the IntoFilm Festival. The festival is a fantastic initiative aimed at inspiring students through film, helping to enhance their creativity, and fostering a love for storytelling.

As part of the festival, our Reception classes will be attending screenings designed to engage their imaginations and will link to work back in school.

These screenings will not only provide an engaging experience but will also support our broader educational goals by encouraging discussions about themes such as family and friendship. This double bill showing is animations based on the popular books by Julia Donaldson.

Reception

Tuesday 11/11/2025-Tiddler and Tabby McTat Double-Bill

We have some spaces for parents and carers to join us on the trip, details will follow via Arbor.

Year 1 IntoFilm Festival Cinema Trip **Tiddler and Tabby McTat Double-Bill,** **Odeon Cinema, Liverpool ONE** **Wednesday 12/11/25**



We have been fortunate enough to secure some free cinema trips for for our pupils as part of the IntoFilm Festival. The festival is a fantastic initiative aimed at inspiring students through film, helping to enhance their creativity, and fostering a love for storytelling.

As part of the festival, our Year 1 classes will be attending screenings designed to engage their imaginations and will link to work back in school.

These screenings will not only provide an engaging experience but will also support our broader educational goals by encouraging discussions about themes such as family and friendship. This double bill showing is animations based on the popular books by Julia Donaldson.

Year 1

Tuesday 11/11/2025-Tiddler and Tabby McTat Double-Bill

We have some spaces for parents and carers to join us on the trip, details will follow via Arbor.

Events in November 2025

Year 6 IntoFilm Festival Cinema Trip **Deep Sky - Vue Cinema IMAX, Cheshire Oaks** **Thursday 13/11/25**



We have been fortunate enough to secure some free cinema trips for our pupils as part of the IntoFilm Festival. The festival is a fantastic initiative aimed at inspiring students through film, helping to enhance their creativity, and fostering a love for storytelling. As part of the festival, our Year 6 classes will be attending screenings designed to engage their imaginations and will link to work back in school.

"This awe-inspiring documentary tells the story of NASA's James Webb Space Telescope, one of the most powerful pieces of technology to capture images of space billions of light years away from Earth. The film pulls back the curtain on how the telescope was built and its high-stakes launch in 2021 into orbit, rocketing one-million miles from Earth. Space is like a time-machine: by travelling through it, we can see evidence of how stars are born and begin to understand how the universe began. It also delves into the mysteries of the universe in its search for other lifeforms. Featuring interviews with scientists explaining the different components of the telescope and the significance of its scientific discoveries, we travel to never-before-seen cosmic landscapes, recently discovered exoplanets and planets around other stars."

Year 6
Thursday 13/11/2025 - Deep Sky

We have some spaces for parents and carers to join us on the trip, details will follow via Arbor.

Year 5 IntoFilm Festival Cinema Trip **Wicked,** **FACT Cinema, Liverpool** **Wednesday 19/11/25**



We have been fortunate enough to secure some free cinema trips for our pupils as part of the IntoFilm Festival. The festival is a fantastic initiative aimed at inspiring students through film, helping to enhance their creativity, and fostering a love for storytelling.

As part of the festival, our Year 5 classes will be attending screenings designed to engage their imaginations and will link to work back in school. "After two decades, the beloved and enduring stage musical makes its journey to the big screen as a spectacular, generation-defining cinematic event. The untold story of the witches of Oz stars Cynthia Erivo as Elphaba, a young woman, misunderstood because of her unusual green skin, who has yet to discover her true power, and Ariana Grande as Glinda, a popular young woman, gilded by privilege, who has yet to discover her true heart. As they forge an unlikely friendship, their extraordinary adventures will see them fulfill their destinies as Glinda the Good and the Wicked Witch of the West."

These screenings will not only provide an engaging experience but will also support our broader educational goals by encouraging discussions about themes such as themes of redemption, stereotypes and friendship.

Year 5
Wednesday 19/11/2025 - Bad Guys 2

We have some spaces for parents and carers to join us on the trip, details will follow via Arbor.

Events in November 2025

Year 6 IntoFilm Festival Cinema Trip **Ocean - Crosby Plaza Community Cinema** **Wednesday 19/11/25**



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"Legendary broadcaster Sir David Attenborough has spent over 70 years filming the natural world, leading him to a passionate belief that the ocean plays a critical role in sustaining life on Earth. This visually stunning and deeply moving documentary takes audiences on a journey through the planet's most extraordinary marine environments, from vibrant coral reefs and expansive kelp forests to the mysterious open ocean. Attenborough reflects on the remarkable ocean discoveries made during his lifetime, while highlighting the pressing threats facing marine ecosystems today, including overfishing, pollution, and climate-driven coral bleaching. Yet, amidst these challenges, the film delivers a powerful message of hope. Through inspiring stories of conservation and restoration from around the world, Attenborough shows that with urgent action and global cooperation, the ocean's health can be revived – leading our entire planet to thrive."

Year 6

Wednesday 19/11/25 - Ocean

We have some spaces for parents and carers to join us on the trip, details will follow via Arbor.

Year 3 & 4 IntoFilm Festival Cinema Trip **IF - Odeon Cinema, Liverpool ONE** **Wednesday 19/11/25**

We have been fortunate enough to secure some free cinema trips for for our pupils as part of the IntoFilm Festival. The festival is a fantastic initiative aimed at inspiring students through film, helping to enhance their creativity, and fostering a love for storytelling.

As part of the festival, our Year 3 & 4 classes will be attending screenings designed to engage their imaginations and will link to work back in school. The children will attend the screening of If, a film full of delightful characters, 'IF' is a heartfelt story about family, friendship, and growing up.

Year 3 & 4

Wednesday 19/11/2025 - IF

We have some spaces for parents and carers to join us on the trip, details will follow via Arbor.



Year 5 IntoFilm Festival Cinema Trip **Bad Guys 2,** **New Brighton Light Cinema** **Thursday 20/11/25**



We have been fortunate enough to secure some free cinema trips for for our pupils as part of the IntoFilm Festival. The festival is a fantastic initiative aimed at inspiring students through film, helping to enhance their creativity, and fostering a love for storytelling.

As part of the festival, our Year 5 classes will be attending screenings designed to engage their imaginations and will link to work back in school.

These screenings will not only provide an engaging experience but will also support our broader educational goals by encouraging discussions about themes such as themes of redemption, stereotypes and friendship.

Year 5

Thursday 20/11/2025 - Bad Guys 2

We have some spaces for parents and carers to join us on the trip, details will follow via Arbor.

Events in November 2025

Year 6 IntoFilm Festival Cinema Trip Wicked (Musical) - Cineworld Cinema, Speke Thursday 20/11/25



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These screenings will not only provide an engaging experience but will also support our broader educational goals by encouraging discussions about themes such as themes of redemption, stereotypes and friendship.

Year 6 - Thursday 20/11/25 Wicked

We have some spaces for parents and carers to join us on the trip, details will follow via Arbor.

Year 5 IntoFilm Festival Cinema Trip Ocean - FACT Cinema, Liverpool Wednesday 26/11/25



We have been fortunate enough to secure some free cinema trips for our pupils as part of the IntoFilm Festival. The festival is a fantastic initiative aimed at inspiring students through film, helping to enhance their creativity, and fostering a love for storytelling. As part of the festival, our Year 5 classes will be attending screenings designed to engage their imaginations and will link to work back in school.

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Year 5 - Wednesday 26/11/25 Ocean

We have some spaces for parents and carers to join us on the trip, details will follow via Arbor.

Events in November 2025

Year 2 IntoFilm Festival Cinema Trip **Wild Robot, Odeon Cinema, Liverpool ONE** **Tuesday 25/11/25**

We have been fortunate enough to secure some free cinema trips for for our pupils as part of the IntoFilm Festival. The festival is a fantastic initiative aimed at inspiring students through film, helping to enhance their creativity, and fostering a love for storytelling.

As part of the festival, our Year 2 classes will be attending screenings designed to engage their imaginations and will link to work back in school. The children will attend the screening of Wild Robot. Based on an acclaimed children's book, this gorgeous animation explores what happens when nature and technology collide.

Year 2
Tuesday 25/11/25

We have some spaces for parents and carers to join us on the trip, details will follow via Arbor.



Year 4 IntoFilm Festival Cinema Trip **Sonic the Hedgehog 3** **Odeon Cinema, Liverpool ONE** **Wednesday 26/11/25**



We have been fortunate enough to secure some free cinema trips for for our pupils as part of the IntoFilm Festival. The festival is a fantastic initiative aimed at inspiring students through film, helping to enhance their creativity, and fostering a love for storytelling.

As part of the festival, our Year 4 classes will be attending screenings designed to engage their imaginations and will link to work back in school. This thrilling action adventure explores themes including teamwork, friendship and family.

Year 4
Wednesday 26/11/25

We have some spaces for parents and carers to join us on the trip, details will follow via Arbor.

Year 3 IntoFilm Festival Cinema Trip **Missing Link - New Brighton Light Cinema** **Thursday 27/11/25**

We have been fortunate enough to secure some free cinema trips for for our pupils as part of the IntoFilm Festival. The festival is a fantastic initiative aimed at inspiring students through film, helping to enhance their creativity, and fostering a love for storytelling.

As part of the festival, our Year 3 classes will be attending screenings designed to engage their imaginations and will link to work back in school. The children will attend the screening of Missing Link. This visually stunning animation explores themes of displacement and loneliness whilst proving that sometimes family can be found in the most unlikely of places.

Year 3 - Thursday 27/11/25

We have some spaces for parents and carers to join us on the trip, details will follow via Arbor.



Canals and Rivers Trust **Collingwood Dock and Stanley Lock** **Year 6** **Thursday 26/11/25**



We are excited to announce that our Year 6 pupils will be visiting Collingwood Dock and Stanley Lock in Liverpool on Thursday 26/11/25.

The excursion will provide students with a practical understanding of mechanical principles, such as cogs, pulleys, and levers, in the real-life context of locks and docks in local area. This experience will not only enhance the children's learning in Design Technology but also foster an appreciation for the engineering behind the waterways that have shaped our industrial history.

More information will follow on Arbor.

Events in November 2025

Nursery Stay and Play - Stay and Calculate! **Thursday 20/11/25**

We will be holding our first Nursery Stay and Play for Nursery parents and carers on:

Thursday 20/11/25 9am-10am
Thursday 20/11/25 2:30pm-3:30pm

Parents and carers are welcome to attend this session with their child, to engage in a range of learning activities with a mathematical theme within the setting as we celebrate Maths Week.

Further details will follow from Arbor.



Reception Stay and Play - Stay and Calculate! **Friday 21/11/24**

We will be holding our first Reception Stay and Play for Reception parents and carers on:

Friday 21/11/25 9am-10am

Parents and carers are welcome to attend this session with their child, to engage in a range of learning activities with a mathematical theme within the setting as we celebrate Maths Week.

Further details will follow from Arbor.



Maths Week

We are excited to announce that we will be taking part in Maths Week 2025!

Led by our Maths Leads, Mr Allinson and Miss Hughes, children will be engaging in exciting activities throughout Maths Week which will encourage the children to see that maths is all around us!



Maths Week

Parents & Carers 'How To...' Mathematics Workshops

We are excited to share with you that this academic year, we have introduced a new mathematics curriculum across our school - the My Mastery Mathematics Curriculum.

To introduce this curriculum to parents and carers and share important learning strategies for Autumn Term, we will be holding Parent and Carer 'How to...' Mathematics sessions, led by our maths leads Mr Allinson and Miss Hughes.

Parents and carers are invited to attend, with their child, on the following dates to learn about the techniques we use in the classroom and different ways you can help your child with mathematics at home:

Reception - Monday 17/11/25

Year 1 - Wednesday 19/11/25

Year 2 - Thursday 20/11/25

Year 3 - Monday 24/11/25

Year 4 - Wednesday 26/11/25

Year 5 & Year 6 - Thursday 27/11/25

We hope you will be able to join us!



Parliament Week **24/11/25 - 28/11/25**

"UK Parliament Week (UKPW) is an annual event, spreading the word about what Parliament is, what it does and how you can get involved. It's a great way to find out new things about UK Parliament or be reminded of things you might've forgotten!"

Our School Council will be leading our UK Parliament Week Celebrations to learn more about Parliament, democracy and law. The children will learn about how laws were created in the past compared to today and how our British History has led to the way laws and democracy take place in modern day Britain.

The children will participate in debating topics and understand what it means to have the right to vote.



Events in November 2025

CUSP Spoken Word Festival Tuesday 25/11/25



In November, our children will be taking part in the CUSP Spoken Word Festival. The Festival will celebrate and enhance their work on Oracy through live online assemblies, insights from industry professionals and using a host of exciting resources and activities throughout the day.

Children will share their work with other schools from the CUSP partnership in the closing live online assembly.

Events in December 2025

IEP Parents Meetings - End of Autumn Term Review Week Commencing 01/12/25 and Week Commencing 08/12/25

Parents of pupils on the SEND register will have the opportunity to meet with our school SENDCO, Mrs Berry, and class teacher to review their child's Individual Education Plan (IEP) and set targets for the new term. Details of how to book the meeting will follow in due course.

Monday 01/12/25	Tuesday 02/12/25	Wednesday 03/12/25	Thursday 04/12/25
Appointments available between 3:40pm - 6:00pm	Appointments available between 3:40pm - 6:00pm	Appointments available between 3:40pm - 6:00pm	Appointments available between 3:50pm - 6:00pm
Reception Donaldson (Miss Evans' Class)	1 Carle (Mr Allinson's Class)	Nursery Rosen (Miss Watts' Class)	4 Newton (Mrs Clemson's Class)
Reception McKee (Miss Bradshaw's Class)	3 Gaudi (Miss Hamilton's Class)	3 Monet (Mr James' Class)	4 Curie (Miss Johnes' Class)
1 Kerr (Miss Kelly's Class)			
Monday 08/12/25	Wednesday 10/12/25	Thursday 11/12/25	
Appointments available between 3:40pm - 6:00pm	Appointments available between 3:40pm - 6:00pm	Appointments available between 3:40pm - 6:00pm	
6 Gandhi (Miss Ward's Class)	5 Parks (Mr Kellett's Class)	2 Potter (Mrs Fox's Class)	
6 Churchill (Miss Hughe's Class)	5 Wilberforce (Mr Steven's Class)	2 Dahl (Mrs Lawrence's Class)	



Events December 2025

Usborne Book Fair @ Barlows **Tuesday 02/12/25 and Wednesday 03/12/25**

Usborne Book Fair is coming to Barlows!

We are excited to welcome Osborne Books to Barlows Primary School on:
Tuesday 02/12/25 and Wednesday 03/12/25

The Book Fair will be available to families after school in the school hall.
Further information will follow via Arbor.



Children's University Masterclass **Christmas Storytelling** **Wednesday 03/12/25** **Reception - Year 3**

The Christmas Elves from The Storybarn at The Reader are back to share their festive tales from their very own virtual grotto! The virtual session aims to develop children's enjoyment of reading whilst sharing traditional tales of the festive period.



Year 5 Discover Ancient Greece and Ancient Rome **Educational Visit - Friday 05/12/25**

We are delighted that our Year 5 pupils will be visiting the World Museum in Liverpool to 'Discover Ancient Greece and Ancient Rome' workshop.

Becoming junior archeologists for the day, the children will handle artefacts, asking and answering questions, to enhance their knowledge of two of the most successful civilisations in history.

This is an exciting opportunity that we are sure the children will enjoy!

Please look out for further information on Arbor.



Musical Mondays **Monday 08/12/25**

Throughout the year, children will engage in an online music workshop series designed to expose children to a diverse array of musical instruments, styles, and genres.

In this session, children will be introduced to Zoe Wren, a talented Folk singer/songwriter.

Zoe started out as a London busker and now performs at festivals across the UK and Europe as well as live streaming regularly.

In this session, Zoe will share a mix of her own music and some well-known tunes to get children in the festive spirit!



LSSP Balanceability Sessions **Reception McKee (Miss Bradshaw's Class)** **December Dates**

Wednesday 03/12/25, Wednesday 10/12/25

We are pleased to announce that our Reception Class will be engaging in a series of Balanceability sessions as part of their PE lessons. These sessions, expertly delivered by coaches from LSSP, aim to enhance children's essential balance skills.

Balanceability is a foundational programme designed to prepare young learners for riding a bicycle. During these dynamic lessons, children will develop not only their physical coordination but also their confidence as they encounter various balancing activities. By mastering these skills early on, our students will significantly improve their readiness for cycling.



Events December 2025

Christmas Dinner Day & Christmas Jumper Day & Own Clothes Day Thursday 11/12/25

Our school Christmas Dinner Day will take place on Thursday 11th December 2025.

This is the same date as Christmas Jumper Day.

All pupils are invited to wear a Christmas Jumper, Christmas hat or headband or their own clothes for Christmas Dinner Day. We hope that by combining our own clothes day, Christmas dinner day and Christmas Jumper Day, that families don't feel under pressure to purchase expensive jumpers.

Further details regarding the booking of Christmas dinner will be sent out by the



National Santa Dash Friday 12/12/25

The National Santa Dash is an exciting initiative aimed at promoting healthy and active lifestyles among children in a fun and engaging manner.

On the 12th December, children will participate in this event, joined by teachers and our local PCSOs to encourage a festive community spirit.

Children are required to wear their PE kit and trainers on this date.



Christmas Performances

We are delighted to announce this year's Christmas Performance dates. Year groups will perform as individual year groups. This should enable more pupils to have speaking and performance parts, should they wish. There will be one performance per year group as follows:

Nursery 1 Performance: Thursday 11th December 11am - 11:30am

Nursery 2 Performance: Thursday 11th December 2:45pm - 3:15pm

Reception Performance: Friday 12th December 9:15am - 9:45am

Year 1 Performance: Monday 15th December 9:15am - 10am

Year 2 Performance: Monday 15th December 2:30pm - 3:15pm

Year 3 Performance: Tuesday 16th December 9:15am - 10am

Year 4 Performance: Tuesday 16th December 2:30pm - 3:15pm

Year 5 Performance: Wednesday 17th December 9:15am - 10am

Year 6 Performance: Wednesday 17th December 2:30pm - 3:15pm



Please note, the event will operate on a strict booking only policy, as part of our safeguarding and risk assessment. We hope you can join us in celebrating our pupils' talents!

Christmas Movie Morning Thursday 18/12/25

As part of our Christmas celebrations we will be holding a Christmas Movie Day on Thursday 18/12/25.

As part of this, your child is welcome to bring in 1 packet of either crisps or sweets to enjoy whilst watching the film. Please only send **1 item in** to ensure pupils and families do not feel in competition.

Children will not be sharing their item with anyone else as we have a number of allergies in school including dairy, nuts, milk, tomatoes and pineapple.

Please do not send any items that contain nuts or pieces of nuts, as we have pupils with severe nut allergies.



End of Term

The last day for pupils is Thursday 18/12/25.

Friday 19/12/25 is an INSET Day for staff only.

We return to school after the Christmas break on Monday 05/12/25



Term Dates 2025-2026



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AUTUMN TERM 2025	
DATE	EVENT
Monday 1 st September 2025	INSET Day – School closed to pupils
Tuesday 2 nd September 2025	INSET Day – School closed to pupils
Wednesday 3 rd September 2025	Pupils return to school
Thursday 23 rd October 2025	Last Day for Pupils
Friday 24 th October 2025	INSET Day – School closed to pupils
Monday 27 th October 2025 – Friday 31 st October 2025	Half-Term
Monday 3 rd November 2025	Pupils return to school
Thursday 18 th December 2025	Last Day for Pupils – End of Term
Friday 19 th December 2025	INSET Day – School closed to pupils
Monday 22 nd December 2025 – Friday 2 nd January 2026	Christmas Holiday
Notes: Total number of pupil days = 71 Total number of staff days = 75	

SPRING TERM 2026	
DATE	EVENT
Monday 5 th January 2026	Pupils return to school
Friday 13 th February 2026	Last Day for Pupils
Monday 16 th February 2026 – Friday 20 th February 2026	Half-Term
Monday 23 rd February 2026	All Pupils Return to School
Friday 27 th March 2026	Last Day for Pupils
Monday 30 th March 2026 – Friday 10 th April 2026	Easter Holiday (including Bank Holiday)
Notes: Total number of pupil days = 55 Total number of staff days = 55	

SUMMER TERM 2026	
DATE	EVENT
Monday 13 th April 2026	All Pupils Return to School
Monday 4 th May 2026	May Day Bank Holiday – School Closed
Tuesday 5 th May 2026	All Pupils Return to School (after Bank Holiday)
Monday 11 th May 2026 – Thursday 14 th May 2026	Key Stage 2 SATs
Friday 22 nd May 2026	Last Day for Pupils
Monday 25 th May 2026 – Friday 29 th May 2026	Half-Term
Monday 1 st June 2026	All Pupils Return to School
Friday 17 th July 2026	Final Day of the School Year for Pupils
Monday 20 th July 2026	INSET Day – School closed to pupils
Notes: Total number of pupil days = 64 Total number of staff days = 65	

Total number of pupil days for the academic year = 190
Total number of staff days for the academic year = 195

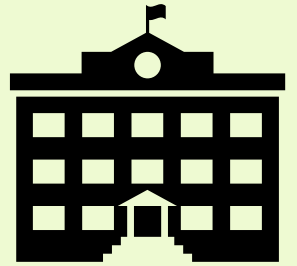
Reminders

Attendance Reminder

As a school community, we are committed to providing the best possible education for our students. A crucial aspect of this commitment is ensuring that students attend school regularly and punctually. Research consistently demonstrates that good attendance is directly linked to academic success and overall well-being.

Every day at school brings valuable learning opportunities, and it is vital that each child participates fully in their education. Regular attendance not only enhances individual learning but also contributes to a positive and engaging classroom environment.

If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, we kindly ask that you notify us before 8:30am on the morning of their absence. This will enable us to keep accurate records and ensure that we can provide appropriate support for your child.



Punctuality Reminder

Our school day officially begins at 8:45 am, providing students with a chance to settle in and prepare for lessons that commence promptly at 9:00 am.



Punctuality is crucial as it not only sets a positive tone for the day but also demonstrates respect for the learning environment and the educational process.

Arriving on time allows students to engage fully with their lessons and fosters a commitment to their own academic success.

We have observed that a small number of students are arriving after 9:00 am, which can cause disruption not only to their own learning but also to that of their peers.

Late arrivals often miss important instructions and can find it challenging to integrate smoothly into ongoing activities. Consequently, it is essential that we work together to encourage students to arrive at school with ample time to spare.

To support your child in gaining the habit of punctuality, we recommend the following strategies:

Routine Setting: Establishing a consistent morning routine will help your child prepare for the school day and ensure they arrive on time. This may include setting earlier wake-up times and organising belongings the night before.

Travel Arrangements: Please review your child's travel arrangements to ensure they allow sufficient time to reach school before the start of lessons.

Positive Reinforcement: Recognising and celebrating instances of punctuality can motivate your child to maintain this habit.

We kindly ask for your cooperation in reinforcing the importance of punctuality with your child. Together, we can ensure that every student has the best possible opportunity to thrive in their educational journey.