Welcome to Year 4/5/6 - 2025/26

Class Teachers:
Miss Davies, Miss Samrai and Miss Peacock

Information for the parents of children in Year 4/5/6

The following information is intended to enable us, as teachers and parents, to work together to develop independent learning skills and raise the achievement of each individual child.

This type of teamwork between school and home provides a consistent and supportive learning environment where your child can feel secure and happy. Communication between parents and the school is very important.

Attendance and Punctuality:

We all know how important it is that our children are in school so that they can learn, spend time with their friends and feel part of the school community. We understand that there are times when your child may be ill or there might be something happening that might make it harder for them to come to school. Whatever the reason, it is important that you let us know so that we can offer any support that might be needed. Please speak to your child's class teacher or Sharon Drinkwater, our Parent Support Advisor if you have any issues with good attendance or punctuality.

If your child is ill, telephone school that day before 8.45 am.

Sharon can be contacted by calling school or by email: s.drinkwater@barlowhallprimary.co.uk. We begin school at 8.45am and finish at 3.15pm.

Communication:
If you want to get in touch, please use the following methods: email the office or your child's class teacher:

- admin@barlowhallprimary.co.uk
- e.davies@barlowhallprimary.co.uk
- k.samrai@barlowhallprimary.co.uk
- s.peacock@barlowhallprimary.co.uk (Assistant Headteacher)

Emails will be responded to within 3 working days. If you require a response before this time, please ring the school on 0161 881 2158. Please note that nearly all our communication will be via class email or the School Gateway App so it is vital that you log in to these.

Independence and positive behaviours for learning:
We work hard to build upon the previous years' learning to further develop the children's independence. The focus initially this year will be to settle the children into their school routine and establish their rights and expectations through the development of our Class Charter.

In Years 4, 5 and 6, we expect children to respond to clear expectations and encourage them to take responsibility for themselves and for each other e.g. by taking responsibility for their homework etc. Children learn best when they feel that they and their efforts are valued. Praise and encouragement, in many forms, are used to develop and maintain a positive atmosphere.

Homework:
Homework is an integral part of the children's learning and an opportunity for children to apply what they are learning at school at home. It also provides you with an insight into the progress that they are making. In Year 5 and 6, we expect that children will be becoming increasingly independent when completing their homework as this is preparing them for the future.

A weekly set of spellings matched to your child's current spelling level, will be sent home on a Monday. These will be looked at and practised during your child's daily spelling lesson in school, however, they will need to be practised at home in preparation for a spelling check each Friday.

Your child will also be provided with reading books at their reading level. It is advised that they read nightly at home and return books to school to be changed on a regular basis.

To complete their maths home-learning, your child will bring home an arithmetic paper on a Friday which they have completed and been through with their teacher that day. It is recommended that they look through their personal gaps and practice similar questions at home in order to make progress in subsequent arithmetic papers.

Uniform:
Children should wear:

- grey, black or navy trousers, skirts, pinafore dresses or blue checked summer dresses.
- White polo shirt
- Navy blue school sweatshirt, cardigan or fleece with logo
- Black, sensible shoes or black trainers (no open-toed shoes or sandals.)

Items with the school logo on are available from the school office
We do accept clean, pre-loved uniform items if they are in good condition and these are available free when we have them; please enquire at the school office.

PE DAYS: On PE days, your child will need their PE kit in school. This consists of a white t-shirt, black or blue shorts or black or blue jogging bottoms in the winter months and trainers. (No logos please and no football kits)

Please ensure all items of uniform are clearly labelled/marked with your child's name.

PE Days will be as follows for the autumn term:

4ED (Miss Davies)	**5KS (Ms Samrai)**	**6SP (Miss Peacock)**
Wednesday - PE	Thursday PE	Thursday PE
Friday - Swimming	Friday PE	Friday PE

Healthy Snacks:
We expect children to bring in healthy snacks full of vitamins and minerals containing no added salt, fat or sugar. We are aiming, with the help of the children; to not only support them in making healthy choices regarding snacks, but to also reduce food packaging and waste.

Providing snacks in a small, named, recyclable container is ideal.

If you are sending snacks with your child, please limit them to the list below.

- Vegetable sticks – such as celery, cucumber, peppers or carrot, a range of colour ensures different vitamins and minerals.
- A piece of cheddar cheese or babybel
- A piece of fresh or dried fruit, high in soluble fibre and vitamins would also be a great snack– pineapple, mango, kiwi, plain raisins, apricots, blueberries, banana slices, apples etc.
- Bread sticks, plain pretzels, banana bread, malt loaf, oat/rice cakes and small pitta breads are also good snacks, providing children with carbohydrate to sustain them in-between meals.

Snacks must be nut free. You should be carefully check items brought into school, to ensure they do not contain nuts, as some of our pupils are severely allergic to them.

We will be re-launching Barlow Hall's **Healthy School** approach during Autumn Term and so it is really important that we work together to support our children with this. As part of this focus, we are asking parents **not to send birthday treats such as cakes or sweets**, to school. This is to promote a healthy school, environment, ensure inclusivity for children with allergies, and simplify logistics of distributing the treats, which can affect teaching and learning time. If you wish to send something to school to celebrate your child's birthday with their class, we would encourage you to send in a book for their class library. Any edible treats brought in to school will be returned.

We need the children to stay hydrated and they are provided with their own personal water bottle to use at school.

Squash and fruit juice are not permitted.

We hope that with your help, we can encourage the children to develop healthy eating habits that become a normal part of everyday life.

By keeping high calorie snacks to a minimum and establishing healthy eating habits early on, improvements can be made for a child's quality of life both in the short and long term.

School Meals
The cost of school meals for the academic years 2025/26 is £3.10 per day/£15.50 per week.

Please note that all children in years 1 and 2 are entitled to a free school meal under the Universal Infant Free School Meal Scheme.

This does not apply to children in Nursery, or years 3, 4, 5 and 6, who will need to pay for school meals unless they are entitled to benefit related free school meals. If you wish to change from packed lunch to school dinners, or vice versa, you will need to complete a change of lunchtime arrangement form.

Parent s who wish to change their child's lunchtime arrangement will need to fill a form in; this is available online on the Barlow Hall website and from the office.

Barlow Hall's After School Club & Breakfast Club
Breakfast club (8am to 8.45) and After School club (3:15 pm to 5pm) are available for working parents that have made a booking only. Breakfast Club will cost £5 and After School Club £8 per session or part thereof, from September 2025.

All bookings need to be made using the School Gateway App and paid for at the time of booking, this can be done using the Clubs link on the App. Both clubs will be limited to 30 places

Issues/Concerns:
If you have any worries about your child then please speak with your child's class teacher or Miss Peacock, who is the Assistant Headteacher for Year 4, 5 and 6. We are always here to listen and offer support.

Thank you as always for your support. It makes all the difference. It is only working together with you that we can enable each of your children to achieve their very best.

Some reminders for parents

Use of mobile phones on school premises is not permitted
For some time it has been part of our safeguarding procedures to ask parents and carers to refrain from using their mobile phones in school buildings, or on any of the school site

Site Safety
For health and safety reasons, **smoking (including electronic devices) and dogs are not allowed on the school site at any time.**

Please could all parents also refrain from smoking on the pavements near to the school entrance as these are busy areas and to do so would be unsafe for our children.

Please remind your children (including older siblings) that they are **not allowed to ride bikes or scooters anywhere on the school site at any time.** This also applies to any adults.

If your journey to school involves cycling, children may leave their bike (or scooter) in our bike rack. This is located in the corner of the KS2 playground and will be available on a first come first served basis. If coming onto the site to use the bike rack, please ensure that bikes/scooters are walked onto the site, not ridden, as this is a very busy area and this would be unsafe for pedestrians, including many smaller children.

Please can parents **make sure they are not opening the school gates at the end of the driveway for any reason.** If they are closed, then this is to ensure the safety of our children. There are a very small number of exceptions, which have been agreed with the leadership team in the school to meet the needs of specific pupils.

We look forward to working with you.

Miss Peacock, Ms Samrai and Miss Davies