Newsletter: 10 October 2025

Barlow Hall Primary School

School website: barlowhallprimary.co.uk

The Place2Be website has a range of parenting support and Information including practical tips to support children's wellbeing and behaviour on a wide range of topics from sibling rivalry, to anxiety and battleground mealtimes to building secure relationships and a whole host more of valuable support. To find out more please go to: https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/

WE ARE A UNICEF GOLD RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL

Children's rights are learned, understood and lived in this school.

Andy Goldsworthy spiral inspired art. Year 1






This half term Year 1 children have been learning about Andy Goldsworthy was born 1956 a British sculptor and photographer who was born in 1956 and lives in Dumfriesshire.

Andy works with nature to make his creations and the physical survival of his sculptures is rare, but he photographs his sites before, during, and after he creates his structures within the landscape, so his photographs are a permanent record of each piece. Most of Goldsworthy's well-known works are created outdoors in remote locations including the North Pole and Australian Outback as well as Japan, Canada, Europe and the US!

Year 1 children had a great time creating their own Andy Goldsworthy inspired art, as you can see above



Thank you to those parents who expressed an interest in the two vacant posts for parent governors at Barlow Hall Primary School. We have had more than two applications so we move forward onto the next stage.

As per our scheduled timetable, those parents who have expressed an interest in the vacancies have today received their personal statement requests and their eligibility declaration letters which need to be returned back to school by Thursday 16th October.

If we receive more than two personal statements from candidates, parents will receive their electronic google form voting ballots on Friday 17th October. You will then have until the 23rd October to cast your vote.

The successful candidates will be announced on Friday 24th October.

Electric bikes and scooters

Please can we advise parents that electric bikes and scooter should not be ridden on school premises when the school gates are closed before and after school. As with cars and motorbikes, they represent an increased risk to the safety of our children and families.



We would also like to remind parents that bikes and scooters, electric or manual, must not be ridden in the playground at any time.

Articles of the week

Every child has the right to life. Governments must do all that they can to ensure that children survive and reach their full potential.



Every child has the right to the best possible health, including their mental health. Governments must provide good quality health care, clean water, nutritious food, and a clean environment.



Pupils were asked to consider the following question 'What are all the things that you need to survive and to develop?'

Some of the things they came up with can be seen below.

- Good health – physical and mental
- Education
- Healthy food
- Clean water
- Somewhere safe to live
- People to look after you
- A name and an identity so you can be registered for healthcare and education
- Protection so you are safe from abuse and neglect
- A good standard of living
- Time and space to relax and play
- Knowledge of your rights Can you think of any others?

Wrap Around Care

We are looking at expanding our wraparound childcare provision and, to ensure that we offer the most viable and appropriate provision for both families and school, we are asking all parents to complete a very short and easy survey for us. To take part please click here

Worried about the cost? Parents can get financial help with after-school care costs through government schemes like Tax-Free Childcare for working parents or Universal Credit Childcare Costs if you are on Universal Credit. For students, there's Care to Learn or the Childcare Grant, depending on your age and course level. You can also check with your local council, including Manchester City Council for your local options and eligibility for funded childcare.

- **Tax-Free Childcare:** The government adds £2 to your childcare account for every £8 you pay in. You can use this for after-school clubs and holiday clubs.



- **Universal Credit Childcare Costs:** You can claim back a percentage of you childcare costs if you are receiving Universal Credit. You will need to report these costs in your Universal Credit journal, and the money is paid to you.
- **Childcare Grant:** If you are in full-time higher education, you can apply for a Childcare Grant to cover childcare costs for children under 15 (or 17 with special needs).
- **Local Council Information:** Manchester City Council provides information on funded childcare and can help you check eligibility for schemes like the 15 hours free childcare for working parents. **Check Eligibility:** GOV.UK has a Childcare Eligibility Checker to see what support you might be entitled to.

WHAT'S ON

WEEKLY EVENTS

Mon - Celebration assembly
Tues – Oracy Assembly (fortnightly)
Wednesday – Singing Assembly
Thurs Sure Start Cheeky Monkey sessions
Fri –Themed Assembly linked to children's rights
Fri – Nursery ball and Motor Skills with CITC
Fri Y1 – Y6 CITC skills training
Fri – Y4 Swimming



Fri 17 Show Racism the Red Card: non-uniform-wear red
Fri 17.10 House Points winners announced
Fri 17.10 Themed Assembly – Show racism the red card
Tues 21.10 House winner non-uniform day
Fri 24 Themed assembly - Introduce Anti Bullying week
Fri 24.10 Break-up for half term – 3:15 pm
Mon 3.11 Return to school
Tues 4.11 Nasal Flu Immunisations Reception to Y6
Wed 5.11 Interim reports and parent surveys
Tues11.11 Remembrance Day
Tues 11.11 Anti-Bullying Week
Tues 11.11 Pupil Progress evening 1
Tues 18.11 Pupil Progress Evening 2
Thurs 20.11 Children's Day
Thurs 27.11 Inclusion Coffee Morning 9 am
Fri 28.11 Year 5 Class Assembly – 9 am - parents invited
Fri 28.11 Reception and Y6 Height and weight **screening**
Fri 5.12 – Y2AV Class Assembly- 9am parents invited
Mon 8.12 House Team Meetings
Tues 9. 12 Christmas sing-a-long and Makers Market
Thurs 11 Christmas Jumper + Christmas Dinner Day
Mon 15.12 UKS2 Pantomime time tbc
Tues 16.12 Non uniform day half-term house winners
Thur 18.12 Party Days – tbc
Fri 19.12 – Carols by Candlelight 1:30 pm
Fri 2 pm - Break up – No after school club
2026: Mon 5 Jan – School returns

Term Dates

Gates open 08:30, Lines go in 8:40 am
Break up Friday 24 October 3 pm

AUTUMN HALF TERM

Return to school Monday 3 November
Break Up Friday 19th Dec 2pm, No ASC

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Return to School Monday 5 January 2026
Break up Friday 13th February 3 pm

SPRING HALF TERM

Return to school Monday 23rd February
Break up Thursday 2nd April 2 pm (No ASC)

EASTER HOLIDAYS

Return to school Tuesday 20th April
School closed Monday 4 May Bank Holiday
School closed INSET Thurs 7 May – polling
Break up Friday 22nd May 3 pm

SUMMER HALF TERM

School reopen Monday 1st June
School breaks up 17 July 2pm No ASC
School Closed – 20+21 July INSET Days



Week 1: **Mon 13 October**
Week 2: **Mon 30 October**
Week 3: **Mon 3 November – New menu starts**
Click the week number above to see each menu



COMING SOON



There will also be a non-uniform day for the House with the most house-points for this half- term
The winning House will be announced on Fri 17 Oct, and their reward of a non-uniform day will take place Tuesday 21st October. There is no charge for this non-uniform day and only of the winning house should come in their own clothes.

Show Racism the Red Card



Barlow Hall will be supporting the Show Racism the Red Card Appeal next Friday 17th October, and children are invited to come into school wearing for donation to the charity where possible.
Donations should texted directly to the appeal as can be seen below, and not sent into school

For more information on the appeal, please **click here**





Details of this year's Christmas Dinner and End of Term Special – Available for children who normally have a packed lunch to order from Friday 17 October.



Reception Class Autumn Walk – 8th October 2025

Reception went on our annual Autumn Walk, looking for and collecting the signs of autumn. Before the walk, we used 'Google Earth' to find landmarks along the way. We then drew our own maps and used them to navigate on our walk. We found many yellow, orange and brown leaves and discovered pinecones and conkers that had fallen from the trees. Thankfully, the weather was nice and dry... which definitely adds to the experience! A big thank you to the parents/carers who were able to attend and make our walk possible.

















