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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/



Show Racism the Red Card!



Thank you to all parents and families who were able to make a donation to Show Racism the Red Card as payment for today's non-uniform Red Day.

Show Racism the Red Card was established in January 1996, thanks in part to a donation by then Newcastle United goalkeeper Shaka Hislop. In 1990s Newcastle, Shaka was at a petrol station near St James' Park when he was confronted with a group of young people shouting racist abuse at him. After one of the group realised that they had been shouting at Shaka Hislop, the Newcastle United football player, they came over to ask for an autograph.

Shaka realised he could use his influence, as a professional player and role model to make a difference using education to challenge racism in society. At the charity's first ever event, Shaka and fellow teammate John Beresford visited Gosforth High School in the North East of England to speak to pupils about their experiences in football and society; the rest is history!

SRtRC still uses the high-profile status of football and football players, as well as other sports stars, to help tackle racism in society; Most of the campaign's work involves the delivery of educational workshops to young people and adults in schools, workplaces and at events held in football stadiums. Across the UK, SRtRC provides educational sessions to more than 50,000 people per year, along with hosting the UK's largest equalities themed School Competition. In 2023, SRtRC had engaged over 1 million people in these programmes.



Thank you to those parents who met with Ms Corlett and put forward their nominations for the role of School Governor. We have now received personal statements and eligibility declarations, from 4 candidates, Heather Berry, Umme Chowdhury, Camille Hulme, and Laura Gavrilut.

You will today receive copies of the personal statements from all of the candidates as well as a link to the Google Ballot form that you need to cast your vote on.

As we have 2 vacancies all parents can vote for 2 candidates on the same ballot form and you can only cast your votes once.

Please cast your vote by 12 pm on Thursday 23rd October so that we can inform everyone of the result before we break up next Friday, 24th October.

House Point Winners Autumn 1



It was a close run thing this half term with the house points...

4th - Gaskell with 233 points
3rd - Pankhurst with 251 points
2nd - Johnson with 252 points
1st - Turing with 256 points

Well done to everyone who earned house points for their team.

Children in Turing house can wear their own clothes to school next Tuesday 21st October.

Articles of the week



I have the right to be treated without discrimination, whatever my religion, gender, ethnicity, language or abilities.

This Friday is Show Racism the Red Card's 'Wear Red Day' and this links perfectly to Article w of the UNHCR. It is also ties in to Black history Month, which begins at the end of October.

Black History Month

Black History Month takes place in October every year and is a celebration of key figures and events in Black history. Having begun in the USA, it has been celebrated in the UK since 1987, with the emphasis on celebrating particularly the history and contributions to society of people with an African or Caribbean heritage.

There is a different theme every year, for example in 2021 the theme 'Proud to Be', aimed to recognise the achievements and contributions that Black people make to the UK every day. The 2025 theme is Standing Firm in Power and Pride. This year, the theme highlights the profound contributions made by Black people be they leaders, activists, or pioneers who have shaped history, while also looking towards a future of continued empowerment, unity, and growth.

We asked our classes why they thought it was important to celebrate Black History Month and some of the answers they came up with included:

To recognise the contribution and achievements of those with African and Caribbean heritage throughout history.

To ensure that we hear a diverse range of stories when considering the past.

To celebrate people's heritage and cultures.

Because all communities, including schools, should encourage respect for everyone and celebrate diversity and inclusion.

To think about how we can make the world a more equal place where everyone's rights are respected.

To ensure that there is time and space for people to discuss more recent events and issues such as Black Lives Matter, the treatment of the Windrush generation and the death of George Floyd.



To learn how to challenge negative stereotypes.

Because no one should be treated differently because of who they are.

To learn about racism and its effects.

To support people to recognise and challenge discrimination.

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



Mon 20/10/25 Diiwali
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**

November

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
Tuesday 11.11 – Odd Socks Day for 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, children go to their lines. Lines go in 8:40am
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 3 November – NEW MENU STARTS**
Week 2: **Mon 10 November**
Week 3: **Mon 17 November**
Click the week number above to see each menu

We know many people don't want to think about Christmas yet, but we are giving parents plenty of time to pay if their child wants a school Christmas dinner.

Christmas Dinner on Thursday 11th December

Packed lunch children should order Christmas Dinner through the School Gateway App by Monday 1st December
Cost £3.10 unless entitled to free school meals

Christmas menu
Roast turkey or Quorn Roast
Roast Potatoes and mashed potatoes
Seasonal Vegetables, Gravy and stuffing
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Homemade chocolate Log or Satsuma
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Mince Pie



Wrap Around Care



Thank you to all those who completed our Wraparound Care survey. We will be looking at the results and determining whether we can make any changes to support any highlighted needs and ascertain whether we can afford to make thos changes short or long–term. In the meantime, our wrap around currently runs from 8am until 5 pm.

Our Breakfast Club is run by our Learning Mentor, Mr Murray, and our Senior Learning Mentor, Ms Jackson. It currently opens at 8 am and provides breakfast and activities for the children using it, and when it finishes Mr Murray and Ms Jackson take the children to their classrooms ready for lessons to start. The cost is £5 per session.

After School club currently runs from 3-5 pm and children can play with their friends and do activities, or even just relax after a busy day. Children get a snack and drink part way through the session. The cost is £8.

For parents concerned about the cost there are a number of different schemes, which may be able to help.

Go to the best start in life website for more information

