Newsletter: 14th November 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/



Article 38 and Remembrance Day

Governments must do all they can to protect and care for children affected by war. Governments must not allow children under the age of 15 to take part in war or join the armed forces. Governments must do everything they can to protect and care for children affected by war and armed conflicts



Remembrance unites people of all faiths, cultures and backgrounds in honouring those who defend our democratic freedom and way of life. The UK has a long tradition of marking Armistice Day, calling to mind the moment when fighting ceased at the end of the First World War, at 11.00am on the 11th November 1918. **In this week's Remembrance Assembly, pupils considered why it is important to remember and commemorate those who have fought in wars. Here are some of their ideas**.

1 Children have a right to be protected during war.
2 It's important to remember and acknowledge those who have fought to keep children safe and to show thanks.
3 Children have a right to life. During wars, some people lose their own lives to protect the lives of children and their communities. It is important to remember their sacrifice.
4 If we forget about wars that have protected our way of life, we might make the same mistakes again
5 Children under 15 should not take part in war.
6 It is important to think about how we can achieve a more peaceful future
7 It is important to consider ways to avoid war to resolve conflict.
8Remembrance unites people of all faiths cultures and backgrounds.



We will be collecting good condition, outgrow Christmas or winter jumpers from Monday to use them as part of the Christmas jumper swap we will be holding from st December.

If anyone has any Christmas jumpers/cardis, or outfits they no longer need please drop them off at the office from Monday

Reminder



Our second Pupil Progress Evening will take place next Tuesday, 18th November.

If you have not yet booked an appointment with your child's class teacher please return your slip or email admin@barlowhallprimary.co.uk to request an appointment.



Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day, Thursday 11th December

All Packed lunch children who want a school Christmas dinner must order it through the School Gateway app commenting either turkey, or quorn and either chocolate log or satsuma

Christmas dinner menu

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

EXPLORING ARTICLES 2, 13, 12 and 19 in conjunction with Anti-Bullying Week



Every child is free to enjoy these rights, whatever their ethnicity, gender, religion, language or abilities.



Every child must be free to express their thoughts.



Every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes.



Governments must do all they can to ensure children are protected.

Anti-bullying Week is held each year in November and is a time for all of us to think about how we can develop positive relationships in school based on dignity and respect, take a proactive approach to preventing bullying and to support people who have faced or are facing bullying.

There are a number of articles from the CRC that link to Anti-Bullying Week, including Article 2, which states that the convention applies to all children without discrimination, Article 12 which says that children's views should be taken seriously in all decisions that affect them, Article 13 which says that children have the right to express their thoughts and opinions and Article 19 which says that all children should be protected from violence and abuse.



This week we considered the following questions as part of our anti-bullying week work in school: What does bullying mean to you? What different kinds of bullying can you think of?

It is repeated behaviour that treats another person badly over time.

Behaviour that makes you feel unsafe and/or puts you down as a person.

Physical – aggressive or violent, being pushed, hit, kicked, intimidated.

Verbal – name-calling, threatening, being laughed at, teasing.

Social – being purposefully excluded from plans with your 'friends'.

Cyber bullying (online, on social media or gaming forums) – unkind comments, sharing photos with negative comments.

Discrimination - against race, nationality, sexuality, faith or another protected characteristic.

Sexual bullying - unwanted sexual comments or contact, spreading sex rumours.

Emotional or psychological – when someone gets what they want by making others feel angry/sad (manipulation) or being told they are not good enough.

What else did you think of?

WHAT'S ON

WEEKLY EVENTS

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



November

Mon 17 Y3 Chorlton walking trip
Tues 18. Pupil Progress Evening 2
Thurs 20.11 Children's Day
Tues 25 Y4 out all day- Castleton Geography trip
Thurs 27 Inclusion Coffee Morning 9 am
Fri 28 Year 5 Class Assembly – 9 am - parents invited
Fri 28 Reception and Y6 Height and weight **screening**
Mon 1 Dec Y3 Chorlton walking trip
Thur 4: Reception Class Performance 9 am
Fri 5 Y2AV Class Assembly- 9am parents invited
Mon 8 House Team Meetings
Tues 9 Christmas sing-a-long and Makers Market
Thurs 11 Christmas Jumper + Christmas Dinner Day
Mon 15 Y6 Winter Wonderland - Etihad
Tues 16. UKS2 Pantomime time **2 pm**
Tues 16. Non-uniform day half-term house winners
Thur 18. Party Days – tbc
Fri 19. Carols by Candlelight 1:30 pm
Fri 19 2 pm - Break up – No after school club
2026: Mon 5 Jan – School returns

Year 6 Panto Change of date



Due to Year 6's very special trip to Manchester City's 'Winter Wonderland,' on Monday 15th November, we have had to pu the Year 5 and 6 pantomime back one day.

The pantomime will now take place on Tuesday 16th December at 2 pm. Parents should ensure that they are in the hall by 2 pm as the doors will close then.

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 2

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 23 February
Break up Thursday 2 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 22 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



Pop Choir Performance at York Lea





In one of her last activities in school, before she starts her maternity leave on Monday, Ms Brien, accompanied by Ms Dowd, took the members of her Pop Choir Club to Yorklea Nursing Home on York Road in Chorlton.

The children performed a variety of the songs they have been learning which was thoroughly enjoyed by the residents. The choir were then given a tour of the nursing to meet residents who couldn't attend the performance, and heard lots of stories about their lives, including from a 101-year-old resident who showed them her birthday letters from King Charles.

Everyone had a great time and the children all received a selection box from York Lea to thank them for attending and taking part.

Reception class presents
A WRIGGLY NATIVITY



The Reception Christmas Performance will take place on Thursday 4th December.

Please bring your child into Reception class from 8:40am and stay and help us to change your child.

You will be directed into the Infant Hall to get a seat after changing your children into their costumes.

The performance will start at approximately 9:00am. It will last approximately 20 minutes.

Please then return to the classroom to change your child back into their clothes. Thank you for your support!

End of Term Burger Meal Special

Our end of term special for the last day of term, Friday 19th December, will be a 'Burger Meal Deal' featuring



Halal Beef Burger or Vege-burger in a bun
Fries
Salad
and
Coleslaw

Ice cream or fruit

Children who normally have a packed lunch have the option to have a school meal on the day.

Free to children on free school meals: £3.10 to children not entitled to free school meal. Orders must be made for all packed lunch children via school gateway. Put meat or vege in the comment box.



Week 3: Mon 17 November
Week 1: Mon 24 November
Week 2: Mon 31 November

Click the week number above to see each menu