Newsletter: 4th November 2025

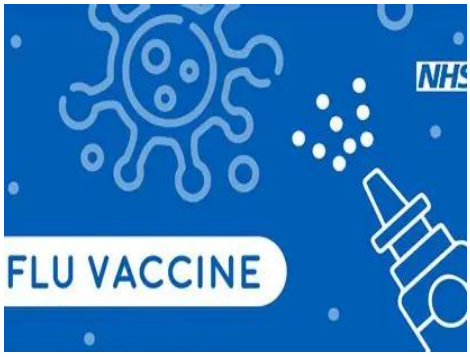
Barlow Hall Primary School

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/



Nasal Flu Immunisations took place today, Tuesday 4 November



The Intrahealth Team were in school today to give nasal flu immunisations to those children who we had consent for and who were in school today.
Please contact your GP surgery for advice on how to get the nasal flu immunisation if they have not had it.



Our After School club currently runs from 3:15 to 5 pm and is under review in regards to its finishing time. Staffed by our own teaching assistants, who are well known to the children, the club offers opportunities for children to relax and play together and includes a snack to tide the children over until tea time.

Help towards costs is available, and includes the Tax-free childcare scheme. Tax-Free Childcare is a government scheme which helps parents with childcare costs. For every £8 a parent pays into their childcare account, the government will pay in £2, up to a maximum of £2,000 per child per year (or £4,000 for disabled children). Parents can then use that money to make childcare payments direct to their childcare provider's bank account.
Click here to access the Best Start in Life Parent hub and find out more about childcare options



Thank you to those parents who cast their vote in our Parent Governor Elections this week.

The two winning candidates are Camille Humle and Umme Chowdhury, who will take up their new posts today when the Governing Board holds its first meeting since Barlow Hall amalgamated into the Connect Alliance Trust (CAT).

We would like to thank all candidates for stepping forward to be part of the election process, we really appreciate your support.



Our newly elected Parent Governors join the rest of our recently formed Governing Body.

Many of the members of the Governing Body are continuing their term of office from our previous Academy Council and we thank them all for their service.

The new Barlow Hall Governing Board is as follows:

Parent Governors:
Matthew Williams
Camille Hulme
Umme Chowdhury

Staff Governors
Alice Corlett (Headteacher)
Alison Brien
Joanne Leah

Co-opted Governors
Angela Young
Katy Walker-Etchells
Philip Gay
Angela Mallon

EXPLORING ARTICLE 14



I have the right to think and believe what I choose and I have the right to practice my own religion, as long as I am not stopping other people from enjoying their rights.

In the week before half term we considered article 14

Who or what influences the way you think about the world and shapes your thoughts and beliefs?

- Your cultural background and heritage
- Friends
- Family
- TV
- School
- Where you live
- Your religion
- Your health
- Social media
- Personal life experiences
- Your family history
- Politicians
- Celebrities
- Education

What else did you think of?

REFLECTION

Article 14 is all about your thoughts and beliefs. These are very personal things and help to define who you are.

- What things do you feel most strongly about that make you the person you are?
- What more can you do to help other people around you to enjoy this right?



Odd Socks Day 2025 will take place on **Monday, November 10th,** as part of Anti-Bullying Week, which runs from November 10th to 14th.

Odd Socks Day is a fun and lighthearted event organized by the Anti-Bullying Alliance to promote individuality and raise awareness about bullying. Participants are encouraged to wear mismatched socks as a symbol of embracing differences and celebrating what makes each person unique. This day marks the beginning of Anti-Bullying Week, which aims to empower children and young people to speak out against bullying and support one another.

The theme for Anti-Bullying Week 2025 is "Power for Good," which focuses on encouraging children to use their voices to combat bullying and foster a culture of kindness and support.

Don't forget to wear mismatched socks to school, work, or at home .

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



November

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
Tues 25 Y4 out all day-Castleton Geography trip
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

Reminder



Pupil Progress Evening will take place next Tuesday, 11th November, and the following Tuesday, 18th November.

If you have not yet booked an appointment with your child's class teacher please return your slip or email them to request an appointment.

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 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 or end of term Burger meal.

End of Term Burger Meal Deal 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 at a cost of £3.10 to children who aren't entitled to a free school meal. All children who normally have a packed lunch but want the meal deal must order either halal beef burger or a vege burger to get the deal, whether they are entitled to free meals or need to pay.





Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 11th December 2025

Also available to children who usually have a packed lunch

Packed lunch children should order Christmas Dinner through the School Gateway App by
Monday 1st December.

Cost £3.10 unless your child is entitled to free school meals.

Children who normally have school meals do not need to order a dinner.

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.



We will be collecting outgrown Christmas jumpers from next Monday. If anyone has any they no longer need please drop them off at the office.

CHECK OUT OUR

NEW MENU



Barlow Hall Primary School - Week One

Weekly menu

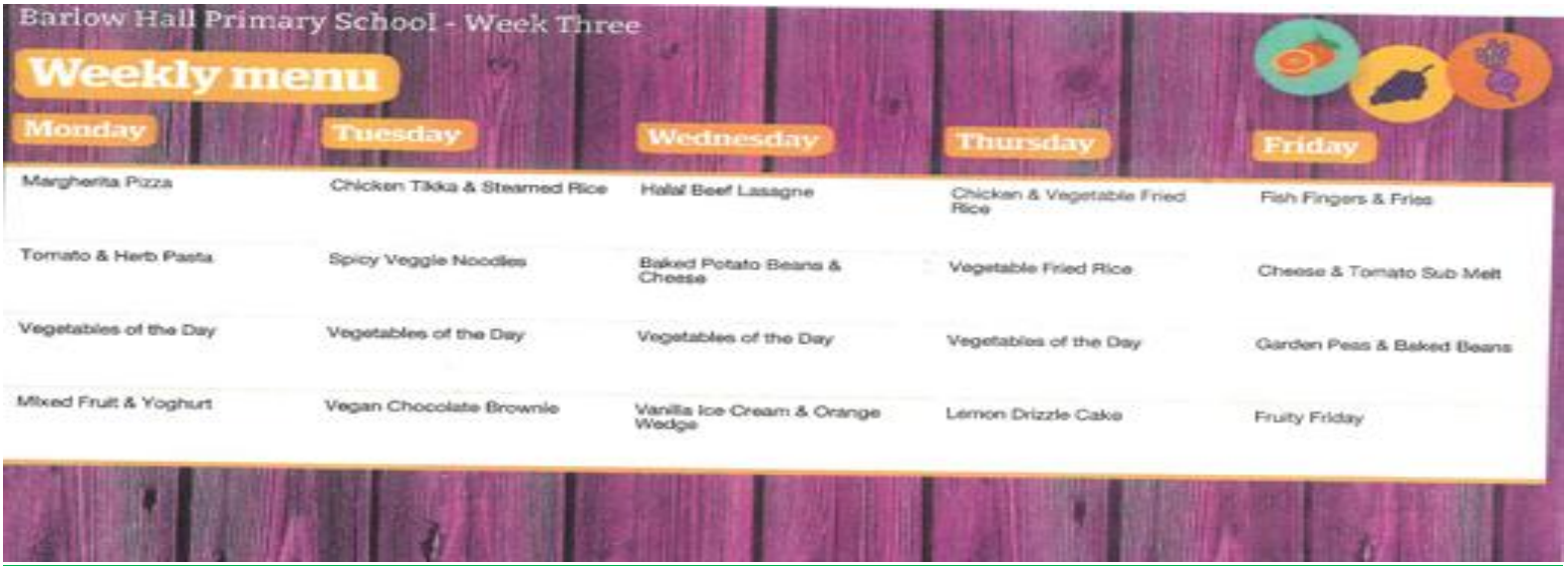
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Baked Potato Cheese & Beans	Cottage Pie	Halal Chicken Sausages & Gravy	Chinese Style Chicken Curry & Rice	Fish Fingers & Fries
Indian Style Chickpea & Vegetable Biryani	Pasta Napolitano	Quorn Sausages	Tomato & Basil Pasta	Vegetable Burgers & Fries
Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Creamed Potatoes & Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
Lemon Shortbread Biscuits with Orange Wedges	Fruit Jelly & Mixed Fruit	Vanilla Ice Cream & Watermelon	Chocolate Beetroot Cake	Fruity Friday



Barlow Hall Primary School - Week Two

Weekly menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Macaroni Cheese	Chicken & Vegetable Pie	Spaghetti Bolognaise & Garlic Bread	Chinese Chicken Noodles	Battered Fish & Fries
Vegetable Pilau Rice	Tuna & Tomato Pasta	Leek & Sweetcorn Pasta	Veggie Chow Mein	Quorn Burger & Fries
Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Garden Peas & Baked Beans
Flapjack	Fruit Crumble with Cream	Courgette Muffins	Lancashire Nut Cookies	Fruity Friday



Barlow Hall Primary School - Week Three

Weekly menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Margherita Pizza	Chicken Tikka & Steamed Rice	Halal Beef Lasagne	Chicken & Vegetable Fried Rice	Fish Fingers & Fries
Tomato & Herb Pasta	Spicy Veggie Noodles	Baked Potato Beans & Cheese	Vegetable Fried Rice	Cheese & Tomato Sub Melt
Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Garden Peas & Baked Beans
Mixed Fruit & Yoghurt	Vegan Chocolate Brownie	Vanilla Ice Cream & Orange Wedge	Lemon Drizzle Cake	Fruity Friday