Newsletter: 1st December 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/



This Thursday, 4th December, Reception class presents A WRIGGLY NATIVITY

Parents and carers are invited to attend

Please bring your child into Reception class from 8:40am and stay to 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!



Year 6 Performance

Year 6 children will be performing their Christmas Play, Cinderella & Rockerfella, on Tuesday 16th December at 2 pm.

When the doors close. They will reopen again after the performance. Please ensure that your child has their costume in school before in plenty of time for the dress rehearsal for the children in other classes, which will take place on Friday 12 December for the remaining classes.

Nursery Class Stay & Play



Parents/carers are invited into the Nursery class to join their children for a fun stay and play session.

The session will take place on Wednesday 3rd December from 8:45 to 9:45 am and the children would love as many of their parents as possible to join them and the Nursery team.

SAVE MONEY AND SAVE THE PLANET AT THE SAME TIME!



Wanted – Pre-loved Christmas jumpers, clothing or accessories in good condition, for our Christmas/Winter Jumper Swap on Friday 5th December.

Please drop off any items to the office by Monday 1st December so they can be washed and set up ready for the Swap, and be home with you in plenty of time for our

Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day Thursday 11th December.





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.

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

Did you think of these?

- 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

KS1 and KS2: Festive Singalong and Makers Market



We are excited to invite you to Barlow Hall's Festive Singalong and Market on Tuesday 9th December!

If you wish to join us for the Singalong, please arrive at school between 1.45 pm and 2 pm and enter the school playground via the main gates. Refreshments will be available to buy (£1 for a hot chocolate and mince pie) during this time. We will be closing the gates at 2pm promptly, so please be on time to avoid disappointment!



After the singing, we will open the school doors so you can explore the classrooms and make some festive purchases from our very own makers' market inside. The market will be open from 2.30pm - 3.00pm. If you wish to join us for the market only, please arrive at school at 2.30pm and come in through the main office. All items in the market are being sold for either £1 or £2 - please bring coins as we are unlikely to have any change available!

Parents and carers are able to collect their children from the playground after the market closes at 3.00pm. Please make your way back outside and classes will be brought out to parents in the usual places. This is so staff can ensure safe dismissal.

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



December

Mon 1 Y3 Chorlton walking trip
Tues 3 Nursery Class Stay and Play for parents
Tues 3 Reception Class dress rehearsal
Thur 4: Reception Class Performance 9 am
Fri 5 Y2AV Class Assembly- 10 am 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

EYFS: Maker's Market



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Parents and carers can collect their children as usual from the Nursery and Reception playground after the market closes at 3.00pm. Please make your way back outside and classes will be brought out to parents in the usual places to enable safe dismissal.

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

Reminder Year 5 Parents: Play Sufficiency Survey

MANCHESTER CITY COUNCIL

Article 31 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of The Child states "Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities"

Manchester City Council is committed to ensuring all children and young people have access to play opportunities across the city. As they continue the journey to become a UNICEF UK 'Child Friendly City', play is a priority. Please can any Year 5 parents who have not yet completed the Council's Play sufficiency survey, do so as soon as possible to help them to identify areas of need and development of play across the city, so that all children and young people can have opportunities to play. Y5 children will complete their own survey in school.

Vegelicious Christmas



As parents will know, we offer our Vegelicious each week to families for £2.

On Thursday 18th December, there will be no fareshare stall for parents to buy from, all children will be able to visit our free 'fruit and veg' shop to create their own fruit and veg gift basket to take home with them.



Week 1: Mon 24 November
Week 2: Mon 1 December
Week 3: Mon 8 December *
Includes Thurs 11 – Christmas dinner
Week 1: Mon 15 December
Includes Fri 19 Burger Meal Deal
Click the week number above to see each

End of Term Burger Meal Special



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

Ice cream or fruit

Children who normally have a packed lunch need to order their burger meal deal via School Gateway, by Friday 5th December.

No charge to children on free school meals: £3.10 to children not entitled to free school meal. In comments type meat or vege please.

Reminder: Good condition books wanted for our Christmas Book Swap.

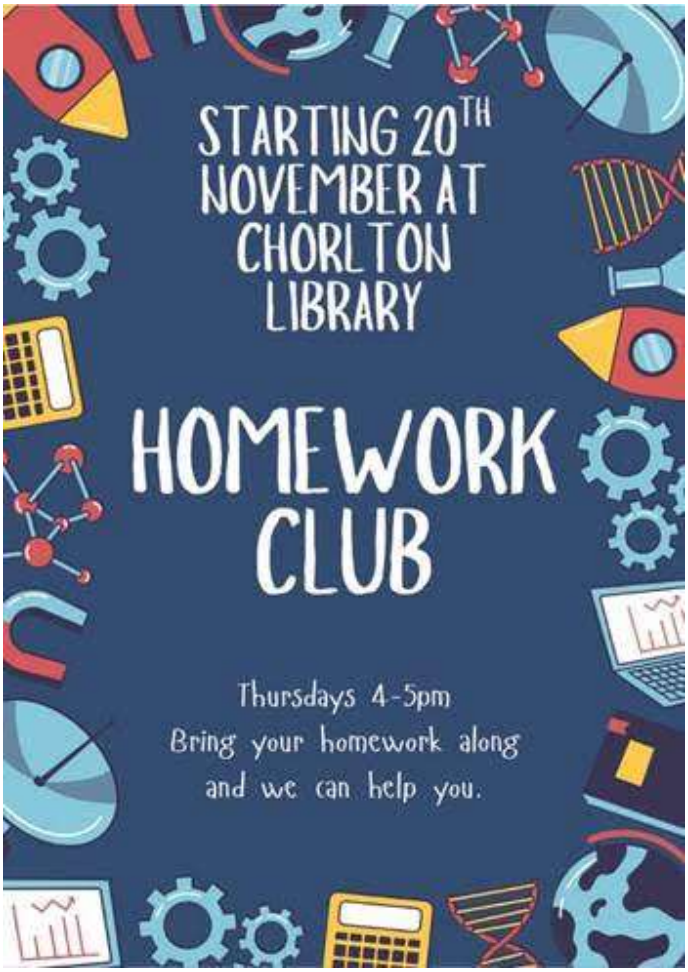


If you have any pre-loved books in good condition, with no rips, tears or writing on, that you would like to donate to our Santa Book Swap, please drop them into the school office by Friday 12th December.

The Book Swap will take place on **Thursday 18 December** and all children will all have the opportunity to visit our book swap library and choose a book they wish to take home to keep.

We will be collecting any book donations up to Friday 12th December, so if you have any children's books you no longer need at home, please do consider donating them to school.

Thank you







Family Friend – Free support for families in Manchester.

Manchester City Council has pulled together information about the free support, resources and activities that are on offer locally for families in the new 'Family Friend' booklet.

This includes things like childcare offers, help with school uniform, health advice and food vouchers, money in a crisis and free school meals/transport, basically, information and support that can help families to thrive.

In the 'Family Friend' booklet, you'll find a free school-readiness diary for children, and a free cookery e-book.

You can also find Family Friend information at www.manchester.gov.uk/family-friend

Via the link above, you will also find out how to sign up to receive Family Friend updates sent straight to your phone via WhatsApp.

