Newsletter: 8th 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/



Year 5 Assembly



Last Friday, Year 5 had the wonderful opportunity to perform their class assembly—linked closely to their recent learning—to the rest of the school and their families. They showcased their work in writing, maths, and History, using role play to bring the early 1900s to life and highlight the challenges women faced in gaining the right to vote. The class even featured their own 'scientist,' who presented images of their investigations into materials and their properties, explaining reversible and irreversible changes too.

Alongside this, a confident 'mathematician' demonstrated how to add numbers up to the millions and talked through the methods used. The children thoroughly enjoyed performing a range of songs and sharing the pieces of writing they were most proud of. It was a fantastic celebration of their hard work, and a moment that truly showed how much they have grown in confidence and knowledge this term.



Year 6 Performance

Reminder Year 6 performance 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

Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day Thursday 11th December.



KS1 and KS2: Festive Singalong and Makers Market



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



Festive Market on Tuesday 9 December, from 2.30pm - 3.00pm.

If you wish to join us, 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 will not have a float and are unlikely to have much change available!

Parents/carers can collect their children as usua from the Nursery and Reception playground after the market closes at 3.00pm.

Please make your way back outside and classe will be brought out to parents in the usual places to enable safe dismissal.

other classes, which will take place on Friday 12 December

ARTICLES OF THE WEEK – 2 and 23



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



A child with a disability has the right to live a full and decent life with dignity and to be as independent as possible. Governments must do all they can to support children with disabilities and their families.

On 3 December, we celebrate International Day of People with Disabilities.

This global event promotes equality for people with disability and celebrates their achievements. It has been celebrated every year since 1981.

It is also a day to promote awareness of the challenges faced by over 1 billion people living with disabilities, and the role communities and societies play in breaking down barriers to inclusion.

Article 2 states: The Convention applies to every child without discrimination, whatever their ethnicity, gender, religion, language, abilities or any other status, whatever they think or say, whatever their family background.

Article 23 states: A child with a disability has the right to live a full and decent life with dignity and, as far as possible, independence and to play an active part in the community.

Governments must do all they can to support disabled children and their families.

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

Last call for good condition books for our Christmas Book Swap – Collection extended to Monday 15 Dec.



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 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
Thurs 18. Party Days – tbc
Fri 19. Carols by Candlelight 1:30 pm
Fri 19 - Break up – No after school club 2 pm
2026: Mon 5 Jan – School returns

Carols by Candlelight Draw

Due to the amount of space available, we cannot fit all parents into the hall, with all the classes, for our Carols by Candlelight Performance on Friday 19 December. Parents who would like to take part in the draw should go to the office or email admin@barlowhallprimary.co.uk and let us know if you want 1 or 2 tickets if successful. The draw will take place on Friday 12 December and winners will be notified 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 13 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 20 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 1 June

School breaks up 17 July 2pm No ASC
School Closed – 20+21 July INSET Days

Manchester City Council has pulled together a booklet full of helpful information. 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. 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.





Week 3: **Mon 8 December ***
Includes Thurs 11 – Christmas dinner
Week 1: **Mon 15 December**
Includes Fri 19 Burger Meal Deal
Week 2: **Mon 5 January**

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 9 am Mon 8th December.

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



Christmas Holidays HAF

Have you registered yet?

There are thousands of FREE places for activities during the Christmas school holidays.

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3 to get involved.

👉Register for FREE benefits-related school meals

👉Create a family account MCRactive Go account

👉Find and book your sessions.

Head to the website below for more information https://www.mcractive.com/activity/haf



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