



**Barlaston First School**  
**Weekly Newsletter**  
**1 March 2024**



**Let your light shine through family, friendship and faith**

"Enabling our whole school community to flourish and let their light shine, preparing them for their role as gentle and humble agents for change in the world we share."

**Easter Holiday Club**

Charlotte from Sports Coaching Group came to talk to the children this morning about their holiday club offer for the Easter Holidays. She talked us through a typical holiday club day and the wide range of sports and theme days they do, and also many examples of the arts and crafts activities that will be on offer.

The children are all bringing a flyer home tonight. Booking is directly through their website and there are also contact details on there for you to ask any questions if you wish. They give a 10% sibling discount and they are offering a 10% discount for Easter if you book by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

Unfortunately, they do only accept children from the age of 4 upwards. I am continuing to look for a solution that will also cater for our nursery children.

**World Book Day**

For World Book Day on Thursday March 7<sup>th</sup> we are having a pyjama day. Come dressed in your pyjamas and bring your favourite book. We will share our favourite stories with each other, as well as a drink of cocoa.

**Mother's Day Breakfast**

Our PTA Mother's Day Breakfast takes place next Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March from 9am to 10.15am. **Booking for both this and all of the Discos closes this Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 6pm.**

**Safety at drop-off and pick-up.**

Please take great care in the mornings and afternoons when dropping off and picking up. With 150 children now in school these times are extremely busy with high volumes of both cars and pedestrians in a very small area.

Please also do not drive on to the school car park in the mornings. It's a relatively small car park and not at all a helpful shape. It is intended for staff cars only. There is not the capacity for other vehicles, and traffic on and off the car park at these times is increasingly hazardous. Children should at no

time be on the car park. Keeping our children safe at all times is our absolute top priority. Thank you for your co-operation.

Regards,  
Mr J Gordon

### Dates for the Diary

Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day-Come in your pyjamas
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Mother's Day Breakfast 9am - 10.15am
Monday March 11th	Science Week - Details to follow
Monday March 11th	Early Years Disco - 4.30pm - 6pm
Tuesday March 12th	Key Stage 1 Disco - 5.30pm - 7pm
Wednesday 13th	Key Stage 2 Disco - 5.30pm - 7pm
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Easter Service in Church 9am
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Records of Achievement Morning - Details next week
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Break for Easter
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Return to School for Summer Term 8.45am

2024/25 School Term and Holiday Dates	
Staff Development Days (School Closed to Children)	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> September
School Opens to Children	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September
Half Term	28 <sup>th</sup> October - 1 <sup>st</sup> November
Staff Development Day School Closed to Children	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November
Christmas Break	23 <sup>rd</sup> December - 3 <sup>rd</sup> January
Spring 2025	
School Opens	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025
Half Term	17 <sup>th</sup> - 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2025
Easter Break	14 <sup>th</sup> - 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2025
Summer 2025	
School Opens	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2025
Staff Development Day (School Closed to Children)	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2025
May Bank Holiday	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2025
Half Term	26 <sup>th</sup> - 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2025
Last Day of Summer Term	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2025