



**Barlaston First School**  
**Weekly Newsletter**  
**26 January 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."

**Building Work outside Squirrel and Badger Classrooms**

During the week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> February we are having a canopy installed along the full length of the area outside of the Squirrel and Badger classrooms. This work is expected to complete on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February (the Monday of half term). I will send a separate communication next week outlining the arrangements for safe drop off and pick up of your child during this work.

**Wraparound Care**

Numbers using the booking system have increased. Please ensure you do this. It's important for the planning of catering and staffing now that numbers are increasing so rapidly.

**Parents' Evening**

Parents evening letters will be sent out at the end of next week.

**Clubs**

Teacher-led clubs will start again after the half term break.

**Pie and Peas Night**

The Pie and Peas Night on 2<sup>nd</sup> February is no longer taking place.

**2024/25**

To allow you to plan in advance I have set out below the term dates for the next academic year.

Autumn 2024	
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

### Dates for the Diary

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Children's Mental Health Week
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Building Work - Squirrels and Badgers
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Break for Half Term
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Return to School 8.45am
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents Evening - Details to follow
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Parents Evening - Details to follow
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Teacher led clubs recommence
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day- Details to follow
Monday March 11 <sup>th</sup>	Science Week - Details to follow
Monday March 11 <sup>th</sup>	Early Years Disco - Details to follow
Tuesday March 12 <sup>th</sup>	Key Stage 1 Disco - Details to follow
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Key Stage 2 Disco - Details to follow
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Squirrels and Badgers Easter Performance 2pm
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Squirrels and Badgers Easter Performance 6.15pm
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Easter Service in Church 9am
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Records of Achievement Morning

<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	<b>Break for Easter</b>
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Return to School for Summer Term 8.45am</b>

Regards,  
Mr J Gordon