



Barlaston First School
Weekly Newsletter
5th February 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

This week 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 12th February (the Monday of half term).

Neighbours

A polite reminder to make sure we are always thoughtful of and respectful to our neighbours. Thank you for your co-operation.

Wraparound Care

We had some days last week where the numbers booked on to after-school club in particular varied greatly to the numbers actually stopping, including one day when we expected 4 to be stopping for tea, but had 14. Obviously this causes great difficulties in the planning and the catering. Please book on if you know you need this provision. There is now a dedicated phone number and email should you need to make last minute changes.

Parents' Evening

Parents evening letters were sent home on Friday. Please try to get these back to us as soon as possible to secure your preferred appointment.

Clubs

I will outline all teacher-led clubs for next half term in Friday's newsletter. Booking will open on the first Monday back (19th February), for clubs to start the following week.

Children's Mental Health Week

Throughout this week the children will take part in various mental wellbeing activities in recognition of Children's Mental Health Week.

Safer Internet Day

Tuesday is Safer Internet Day. Mrs Broome will deliver a worship after lunch and in the afternoon all of the children will discuss and take part in activities in their classrooms related to staying safe online.

Head Lice

We have been made aware of a case of head lice in school. Please check whether you have been paid a visit.

Thank you very much for your continued co-operation in all of the above. It is very much appreciated.

Regards,
Mr J Gordon

Dates for the Diary

Monday 5 th February	Children's Mental Health Week
Monday 5 th February	Building Work - Squirrels and Badgers
Tuesday 6 th February	Safer Internet Day
Friday 9 th February	Break for Half Term
Monday 19 th February	Return to School 8.45am
Tuesday 20 th February	Parents Evening
Wednesday 21 st February	Parents Evening
Monday 26 th February	Teacher led clubs recommence
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day- Details to follow
Monday March 11 th	Science Week - Details to follow
Monday March 11 th	Early Years Disco - Details to follow
Tuesday March 12 th	Key Stage 1 Disco - Details to follow
Wednesday 13 th	Key Stage 2 Disco - Details to follow
Friday 22 nd March	Easter Service in Church 9am
Friday 22 nd March	Records of Achievement Morning
Friday 22 nd March	Break for Easter
Monday 8 th April	Return to School for Summer Term 8.45am

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