

Prospectus 2025-2026

BARMING SCHOOL

Pre-School & Primary

“Pupils love being part of this vibrant school where staff welcome them enthusiastically each day.

As one parent put it: ‘Barming Primary School is not only a school, but a family and community.’

Pupils are knowledgeable about the school values and how they should behave... Pupils are passionate about celebrating each other’s differences and treating everyone fairly. They comment, ‘It doesn’t matter what you look like on the outside, it’s what’s on the inside that counts.’ “

Ofsted September 2024



Headteacher's Welcome



“Thank you for taking the time to look at our school prospectus. I am Mr Laker, the Headteacher of Barming Pre-School & Primary School. I joined the team in September 2016. Before working here I worked in two other schools, a small village primary school and another large primary school, like Barming.

Our aim at Barming Pre-School & Primary School is to provide the children with a nurturing environment that cares about wellbeing within an enjoyable and challenging, but supportive curriculum, where everyone can achieve regardless of needs and/or background. We are proud to be recognised as a **Pioneer Wellbeing School**.

We strongly believe in inclusion and this is reflected in our curriculum design and within our core values of courage, wisdom, responsibility and respect.

Our core values are important to us and we expect our whole community to behave in a way that makes us good citizens. All adults should be positive role models. Home and school are a partnership... but we won't always get things right. However, we always work together to find solutions in order to provide a safe environment for your children.”





Our Core Values

Our Core Values and Vision are upheld in everything we do in school by all stakeholders... including you; our mums, dads, carers, aunts, uncles and grandparents...

Courage
Wisdom
Responsibility
Respect

At Barming we want our children to become well rounded individuals who are kind, caring and will look out for each other. This is becoming ever increasingly important in a world with so many challenges and which is changing at an incredible pace.

Courage is particularly important as this means we acknowledge the mistakes we will make, as after all this is how we have all learnt... we are all human and mistakes are inevitable!

By choosing our school, you believe in these values too and will endeavour to uphold them.



Starting School



Choosing a school for your child can be a daunting experience and one of the biggest decisions you will make as a parent/ carer.

There are many schools in the area and they will all have different personalities, therefore take your time reading our prospectus, look at our website and most importantly visit our school before making your decision.

“Choosing a school is a bit like choosing a home... you will get a sense of place and can see your child thriving there!”

At Barming Pre-School & Primary School we pride ourselves on providing a safe, inclusive and nurturing environment for all children. Our environment will build on your child's foundations, whatever their prior experience; creating curious minds about the world around them and producing individuals with life skills for the future.

We believe our school is welcoming and has the best intentions for all our families. We are not only here to support the children, but for our families and community too.



Curriculum



As a school community, we believe our children possess unique gifts and qualities; as such they have the right to succeed, recognise their own greatness, and develop into the best versions of themselves in a respectful and nurturing environment. Our school ethos is firmly rooted in our values with a 'love of learning' being the foundation of everything we do... so that 'safe in knowledge, together we grow...'

At Barming Pre-School & Primary School we believe that learning is a journey and as such our curriculum is designed to be broad, balanced, inspiring and purposeful and is one that meets the needs of all pupils. It is designed to promote learning and personal growth and development.

The curriculum allows children to develop effective interpersonal skills, build resilience and become creative, critical thinkers. It provides opportunities for children to develop as confident and successful learners, with high aspirations and a sense of personal responsibility.



Beyond Just Academic



As a school we believe in more than just academic achievement, this is why we offer the following at our school:

Music Opportunities:

- Join a Rock band, run by an external agency.
- Learn a musical instrument

A Forest School lead on site:

Each class gets at least two days of Forest School per year and Year R have a weekly session. 'Forest School aims to promote the holistic development of all involved, fostering resilient, confident, independent and creative learners. Forest School offers learners the opportunity to take supported risks appropriate to the environment and to themselves'.

A P.E. coach:

Our fully qualified coach teaches the children P.E. skills and the importance of looking after our bodies, both mentally and physically.

Many of our staff run after school clubs for a range of interests e.g. crochet, mindfulness, gardening, board games...



Home / School Partnership



What does it mean to be a parent of a child who comes to our school...

- 1) You are instantly a part of the Parent/Teacher Association (PTA), meaning you can support the school by joining in with fundraising for the school as much or as little as you want!
- 2) You agree to uphold our Core Values, role modelling them to your children, especially respect when parking!
- 3) Open door policy, meaning that if you have a concern about your child you arrange to speak to their teacher, Key Stage Lead, Inclusion Manager etc.
- 4) You support your child at home, by listening to them read regularly (as well as reading to them), engage with 'Number Bots' and 'Times Table Rockstars'.
- 5) Supporting the school with behaviour by reading our School Behaviour Policy and engaging with staff positively. Remember ALL children make mistakes and misbehave and that's alright! However, please support your child's class teacher by listening to what they have to say and the part your child played in an incident.

We care for all our children and want the best for them just as much as you!



Admissions

We accept children at any point during the school year, providing we have a space available. If we do not have space your child can be placed on our waiting list at your request.

If you have any queries or would like to visit our school, please contact our school directly on 01622 726472 or office@barming.kent.sch.uk

Early Years Foundation Stage

Children start school in the September following their 4th birthday.

Applications for Reception open on 7th November 2025 and close on 15th January 2026.

- You can apply for up to 3 schools
- Put the schools in order of preference

More information can be found online: www.kent.gov.uk/ola

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