



Barming Primary School

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Our Core Values

Respect - Responsibility - Courage - Wisdom

Friday, 14 February 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Here is this week's Headteacher Newsletter,

Happy Half Term!



Thank you and happy half term to all the children for their hard work this term. We're so proud of everything you've achieved!

Enjoy your well-deserved half term break, we hope you'll have plenty of fun, let's hope the rain stays away!

We can't wait to see what you'll achieve in the term ahead. See you all back to school on **Monday 24th February!** 😊

Attendance: Our Target is 95%

This week's attendance figure is...

92.03%

It's been a long term! We look forward to welcoming you all back after your week off! 😊

Inset Day Reminder



Please remember that the first Friday back after Half Term is an inset day! No children to attend school that day please!

Friday 28th February - school closed!

World Book Day

World Book Day – Thursday 6th March

Each class will have their own fairy tale to explore and the staff in school are dressing up as characters from different fairy tales too!

What could they be?



Any character they wish, from any book they wish - they just need to be comfortable in their costume for a day. I would ask that children are considerate of other children's feelings and nothing which could be seen as scary is worn to ensure it is a fun day for all.

We look forward to seeing lots of different costumes with prizes for each year group. I will add that homemade costumes are usually more likely to win too, so please do not spend lots of money on a costume the children may grow out of in a year!

We look forward to enjoying lots of stories through the week and hearing about what the children have enjoyed about it too.

Here is a link for some homemade ideas for costumes...

<https://www.madeformums.com/toddler-and-preschool/last-minute-easy-world-book-day-costumes/>

Reminder: Office Access

We are pleased to share with you that our office reception area will be undergoing a major makeover over the half term break, and start of Term 4.

This does mean that there will be some disruption during the first couple of weeks of term.

What does this mean for you?

Our office staff will not be working in the usual area whilst the works are carried out. Should you need to visit the school for any reason (including dropping off personal items, collecting your child earlier (other than for sickness) etc, you will need to make an appointment in advance.



How do I make an appointment?

Please email us on office@barming.kent.sch.uk or call on 01622 726472

What if my child is late to school?

As a reminder, the gates open at 08:35 & children should be in their classrooms ready for the day by 08:50. If you are arriving after 08:50 and before 09:00, your child will receive a late mark. If you are arriving after 09:00 your child will receive an unauthorised absence for the morning session. For the duration of the building works, we will be admitting any child arriving late through the Year 3&4 door. You will need to see your child to the door where they will be met by a member of office staff - adults will not be permitted to enter the building through this door.

We will keep you updated as the works progress and look forward to welcoming you into our new office area very soon!

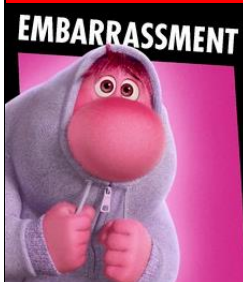
Achievements Outside of School

If you would like to share anything your child has achieved, please email us and attach any photos you are happy for us to share! 😊

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Nurture



Week 6: Term 3 Nurture Principle: **We All Learn in Our Own Way**

What a cold but great start to 2025!! Thank you, so much, to all of the children who entered the Term 3 Nurture Competition. Look out for Term 4's competition!! I hope you have all enjoyed an insight to how Barming School apply our third Nurture Principle, I believe we can all relate to how we learn things in our own way and making sure that it feels more than acceptable to do this is important.

I hope you have a fantastic half-term. See you next term. Mrs Selfe x

Online Safety

Cyberbullying includes sending, posting, or sharing negative, harmful, false, or mean content about someone else. It can include sharing personal or private information about someone else causing embarrassment or humiliation. Some cyberbullying crosses the line into unlawful or criminal behaviour.

Cyberbullying is a significant issue in the UK, affecting nearly one in five teenagers. This form of harassment can occur through various online platforms, including social media, messaging apps, and gaming sites. The impact of cyberbullying can be severe, leading to emotional distress, mental health issues, and even physical harm. With the rise in online activity, the prevalence of cyberbullying has increased. Resources for parents, carers and professionals are available here... <https://www.childnet.com/blog/free-resources-to-help-tackle-cyberbullying/>



<https://www.childnet.com/blog/cyberbullying-advice-for-parents-and-carers1/>

Golden Duster Award



The children and staff have been in competition to see who can have the cleanest classroom!

At the end of each week **Mr Roberts** (Caretaker) will award the tidiest and most sparkling classroom with the Golden Duster Award!



This week's winners are... Squirrel Class! Well done!



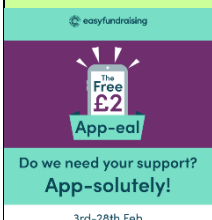
Barming Primary School PTA

VALENTINES EVENTS

♥ We hope you all enjoyed our Valentines Events this week. Once again Thank you to our volunteers - we couldn't do it without you! The total raised from both days Events will be revealed after half term break.



EASY FUNDRAISING APP



The easiest way to support our PTA for #FREE is to sign up to easyfundraising! It's simple, shop with 8,000+ online retailers and we'll receive a free donation.

DURING FEBRUARY only, with their #Free £2 App-eal, if you register to support us via their app, we'll get £2, plus when 10+ of you register we'll unlock more bonus funding!

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/easyfundraising-app?utm_campaign=pmc&utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_content=pta-bonus-feb-fb1

ALDI DONATIONS

Huge thank you to Dr James for organising and collecting donations from ALDI. The PTA are working alongside Dr James to set up 'pop ups' to distribute all the food and household items gifted to us as they come in each week, so do keep an eye out for our tables and help yourself to whatever you need, whilst being mindful of other family's needs too.



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Pupils of the Week

Year Group	Class	
1	Hedgehog: Mrs Murray	Bow C
	Squirrel: Mrs Catmull & Mrs Hooker	Ayana N
2	Penguin: Mrs Coleman	Clary D-B
	Flamingo: Miss Histed & Mrs Visscher	Harrison B-O
3	Husky: Mrs Dyer & Mrs Paton	Theo S-S
	Wolf: Mr Edwards	William S
4	Jaguar: Mr Baker	Ethan W
	Cheetah: Mrs Robinson & Mrs Davis	Alexander B
5	Panda: Mrs Rathbone	Evie A-D
	Hippopotamus: Mrs Wade & Mrs Stere	Dolce S
6	Giraffe: Miss Russell	Lauren R
	Elephant: Mr Morgan	Samuel H



Key Stage 1 Numbots Champions of the week

Year Group	Class	
1	Hedgehog: Mrs Murray	Oscar
	Squirrel: Mrs Catmull & Mrs Hooker	Louis R
2	Penguin: Mrs Coleman	Libby P
	Flamingo: Miss Histed & Mrs Visscher	Ivy G



Key Stage 2 Times Tables Rockstars Champions of the week

Year Group	Class	
3	Husky: Mrs Dyer & Mrs Paton	Nia B
	Wolf: Mr Edwards	Abdul G
4	Jaguar: Mr Baker	Robert E
	Cheetah: Mrs Robinson & Mrs Davis	Winnie B
5	Panda: Mrs Rathbone	Leonardo S
	Hippopotamus: Mrs Wade & Mrs Stere	Zeeva U
6	Giraffe: Miss Russell	Finley P
	Elephant: Mr Morgan	Archie R



Attendance Ted Award

Giraffe Class



Punctuality Pup Award

Hippopotamus Class



Active Award

Flamingo Class



Active Award

Cheetah Class



Coming Up...

Dates to remember:

Term Three:

Monday 6th January 2025 to Friday 14th February 2025

- **Friday 10th January:** Fred the Frog Day for Phonics
- **Thursday 23rd January:** Open Classrooms (No appointment needed just come after school until 4pm) Please come through the office only due to Safeguarding. Thank you.
- **Thursday 6th February:** Year 4 Class Assembly 9am. (15 mins approximately)
- **Friday 7th February:** Maths Number Day
- **Tuesday 11th February:** Safer Internet Day
- **Thursday 13th Feb** - PTA Valentines Stall after school (Teddy Raffle & Valentines Gifts)
- **Friday 14th Feb** - PTA Valentines Dress Down (£1 donation)
- **Friday 14th Feb** - PTA Valentines Stall after school (Cookies & Hot Chocolates)

Term Four:

Monday 24th February 2025 to Friday 4th April 2025

- **INSET Three: Friday 28th February 2025**
- **Monday 3rd March:** Book Week
- **Thursday 6th March:** World Book Day Dress Up day
- **Thursday 13th March:** Year 6 National Tests video goes on the website
- **Thursday 13th March:** Year 4 Multiplication Check video goes on the website
- **Thursday 13th March:** Year 1 Phonics Talk video goes on the website
- **Friday 28th March:** Reports Out
- **Thursday 20th March:** Year 3 Class Assembly 9am (15 mins approximately)
- **Wednesday 2nd April:** EYFS/Year 1/Year 2 Easter Activity Morning

INSET Days 2024 to 2025:

- **INSET 1:** Monday 2nd September 2024: Trust Inset
- **INSET 2:** Friday 29th November 2024: Closed
- **INSET 3:** Friday 28th February 2025: Trust Inset
- **INSET 4:** Monday 21st July 2025: Trust Inset
- **INSET 5:** Tuesday 22nd July 2025: Closed

Have a great weekend,

Yours sincerely

Mr Laker
Headteacher