



Barming Primary School

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Our Core Values

Respect - Responsibility - Courage - Wisdom

Friday, 31 January 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Here is this week's Headteacher Newsletter,

Attendance: Our Target is 95%

This week's attendance figure is...

91.95%

Attendance is important, but we understand illness does happen.
Your child and their health are our priority.

Thankyou!

On Wednesday Mrs Jillians and Mr Roberts rescued an injured Redwing bird on the school grounds. As the children in Reception have been learning about birds this week, it gave them an opportunity to see the Redwing up close, they named the bird 'Hot Chocolate', made the bird comfortable in a box with water and some feed.

We wanted to express our sincere gratitude to those volunteers at Folly Wildlife Rescue who came to school and collected the Redwing, to see if they could help. It's wonderful to know that there are dedicated people and charities who are committed to rescuing and rehabilitating wildlife.

The rescue team rescue wildlife in Kent & Sussex. If you see any injured wildlife you can contact them on 01892 543213 (9.00am - 4.00pm) For Out Of Hours advice please click here

https://www.follywildliferescue.org.uk/after_hours_advice.html

<https://www.follywildliferescue.org.uk/donatenow.html>



Folly Wildlife Rescue

SAVED!

Thanks to you, our campaign to save Folly has raised an astounding **£343,470.33** November 2024

Where will the money go?

Every penny raised will go back into treating and rehabilitating injured and orphaned wildlife in our care.

We will also be looking to implement a sustainable income to supplement public donations for Folly's future.

How you can continue to help?

- Continue to share our work
- Become a 'Friend of Folly'
- Consider us for future fundraising events such as coffee mornings, cake sales or sponsored walks/marathons

Sporting Success!

A big well done to our Key Stage 1 football team, who won their second game of the season. A **6-4** win, with goals for Cameron, Samuel, Louis, Harry and Erin x2. A tough game with some great commitment and teamwork (not to mention some big tackles).



Well done everyone, we are very proud of you!

Childhood illness

We've noticed an increase in flu and other respiratory illnesses circulating amongst children. To help protect the health and wellbeing of all our children and staff, we kindly ask that you please do **not send your child to school if they are unwell**. Specifically, please **keep children at home if they have a temperature**, do not send them in if you they are need Calpol or Nurofen to keep their temperature down.



Other signs of illness such vomiting or diarrhoea they must remain off school for 48 hours from the last episode of illness.

We understand that it can be difficult to juggle work and childcare, but sending a sick child to school can lead to the rapid spread of illness, impacting both children and staff. This can result in further absences for everyone.

If your child is unwell, please contact the school to let us know. It is very straight forward to notify the school of their absence on **Arbor**. If they have any of the symptoms listed above, please follow current NHS guidance.

By working together and being mindful of our children's health, we can minimise the spread of illness and ensure a healthy learning environment for everyone. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

<https://www.cambspborochildrenshealth.nhs.uk/common-illnesses/>

Reporting Absences and Communication

A polite reminder to all parents and carers regarding how to report student absences and communicate with the school office.

To report your child's absence, please **do not use Class Dojo**. Instead, we kindly request that you use one of the following methods:

- **Arbor:** This is our preferred method.
- **Email:** Contact the school office via email office@barming.kent.sch.uk
- **Phone:** Call the school office directly on 01622 726472.



Class Dojo is not designed for instant messaging. Teachers are busy in the classroom teaching and may not see messages until later in the day. Therefore, using Class Dojo to report absences can lead to delays in our records.

Similarly, please do not inform staff members at the school gate about your child's absence or pass on messages for the office. Miss Rootes and Mr Laker see many families each morning, and important messages may unintentionally be missed.

For confidential matters requiring discussion with a staff member, please avoid doing so at the school gate. Sensitive issues should be communicated by email to the school office, who will then forward your message to the appropriate staff member.

Thank you.

Parking

Please do not park in a way that blocks the school entrance under any circumstances. This is crucial for the safety of our children and for access in case of emergencies.

We also kindly request that you refrain from parking at The Redstart Pub. Their car park is exclusively for the use of their patrons, and we need to respect their business.

Thank you for your cooperation in making our school a safe and considerate environment for everyone.



Number Day Next Friday



We are delighted to be supporting the NSPCC by taking part in Number Day on **Friday 7th February 2025**.

Pupils are asked to wear an item of clothing with a number on it (football shirt, cap, netball shirt or even a **onesie!**). Or you could even get creative by dressing in a maths or numbers theme. Ideas include dressing up as dominoes, playing cards, making maths hats or even writing on plain t-shirts!

Nurture

EMBARRASSMENT



Week 4: Term 3 Nurture Principle: **We All Learn In Our Own Way**

We all have different strengths and weaknesses, Barming Primary School recognise this and try to adapt the delivery of our lessons to meet the needs of all our pupils. We have recently created a Hub for some children in KS2. The Hub – now known as Lion Class - will be for the Maths, Read and English teaching and learning in a smaller group. The hope is that by delivering their learning in this way, they will make good progress and close the gap between their attainment and their peers.

This terms **nurture competition** is to give me a copy of a piece of work you are proud of with a small description of why you have chosen it. The deadline for this competition is Thursday 6th February. Please make sure your name and class are on your entry and give it to your class teacher, the office or Mrs Selfe. Some winning entrants will join Mrs Selfe for some activities in the hut on the last day of term.

Half Term



Football Camp:

19th, 20th & 21st February

- Grass pitch
- Matches
- Fun football drills
- Competitions



TO SIGN UP

www.ddivinetraining.com
ddivinetraining@outlook.com

Multi Activity Camp:

19th, 20th & 21st February

- Sports hall & Playground activities
- Dodgeball, badminton, basketball and volleyball
- Techzone gaming on site
- Arts and crafts & Film club

INFORMATION

Age: 5-14 years old

£20 a day and additional £5 for a provided hot lunch

10 am - 3pm

Snowfields academy
Popesfield way, Maidstone
ME14 5GA

Danny Devine will be running his Football Camp during Half Term.

<https://ddivinetraining.com/holiday-camps/>

Maidstone United are also offering their Soccer School in February. <https://maidstoneunited.co.uk/soccerschool/>



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... **Flamingo Class!** Well done!



Barming Primary School PTA

Did you know... the PTA GIFT every Year 6 a Leavers Hoody!? If you see Sophie (Year6 Rep) walking around with this homemade measuring device  and a clipboard, she's gathering this year's sizes & colour choices! Thank you for your hard work Sophie.



We also GIFT all Year R's their book bags when they start too! ❤️ We cover the cost of these GIFTS through our various fundraising events throughout the year, so thank you as always, for your support.



Non-School Uniform Day: FRIDAY 14th February

In return for the children wearing their own **PINK or RED clothes*** for the day, the PTA would be grateful for a £1 donation which can be given to their class teachers on the day.

*Please ensure their clothes are comfortable to move about in... NO Short tops, jewellery, make up, heels and NO fancy dress. Thank You.

We will also be holding a **stall after school on the 13th & 14th February** including a 'Name the giant Teddy' Raffle, Hot Chocolate & Cookie Sale PLUS some very special pre-made Valentines Gift Bags... more info to follow

👉 EASY FUNDRAISING APP

We currently only have 79 supporters raising FREE donations, when you shop online, for Barming School PTA using this clever APP.



https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=77521&invite=&referral-campaign=&utm_medium=email&utm_source=&utm_campaign=referral-2025&utm_term=&utm_content=socialshare

Thank you and have a great weekend!

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Pupils of the Week

Year Group	Class	
1	Hedgehog: Mrs Murray	Bella A
	Squirrel: Mrs Catmull & Mrs Hooker	Lucy P
2	Penguin: Mrs Coleman	Rupert H
	Flamingo: Miss Histed & Mrs Visscher	Lily K
3	Husky: Mrs Dyer & Mrs Paton	Alexander J
	Wolf: Mr Edwards	Kenuli A
4	Jaguar: Mr Baker	Fraser A
	Cheetah: Mrs Robinson & Mrs Davis	Sienna G
5	Panda: Mrs Deysel	Lily B
	Hippopotamus: Mrs Wade & Mrs Stere	Josie Q
6	Giraffe: Miss Russell	Mo A
	Elephant: Mr Morgan	Hainsley H



Key Stage 1 Numbots Champions of the week

Year Group	Class	
1	Hedgehog: Mrs Murray	Abby K
	Squirrel: Mrs Catmull & Mrs Hooker	Ralph J
2	Penguin: Mrs Coleman	Oliver M-R
	Flamingo: Miss Histed & Mrs Visscher	Harrison B-O



Key Stage 2 Times Tables Rockstars Champions of the week

Year Group	Class	
3	Husky: Mrs Dyer & Mrs Paton	Isabelle S
	Wolf: Mr Edwards	Bianca N-Q
4	Jaguar: Mr Baker	Charlotte C
	Cheetah: Mrs Robinson & Mrs Davis	Amelia F
5	Panda: Mrs Deysel	Harvey H
	Hippopotamus: Mrs Wade & Mrs Stere	Emily H
6	Giraffe: Miss Russell	Vinnie P
	Elephant: Mr Morgan	Archie R



Attendance Ted Award

Husky Class



Punctuality Pup Award

Giraffe Class



Active Award

Hedgehog Class



Active Award

Panda 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