



Barming Primary School

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Our Core Values

Respect - Responsibility - Courage - Wisdom

Friday, 24 January 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Here is this week's Headteacher Newsletter,

Office Refurbishment

We are pleased to share with you that our office reception area will be undergoing a major makeover over the half term break and at the start of Term 4 (first two weeks... at least).

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!



Caution
Refurbishment
in progress



No
unauthorised
entry

Attendance: Our Target is 95%

This week's attendance figure is...

92.66%

We know this has been a hard week with nasty germs! Let's hope for a better week next week 😊

Sickness

The 48-hour sickness rule is a recommendation that people with vomiting or diarrhoea stay home or away from work or school **for at least 48 hours after their symptoms have stopped**. This rule applies to children and adults.

Why the 48-hour rule exists

- People with vomiting or diarrhoea are most contagious when they have symptoms, but they can still spread the infection before and after symptoms appear.
- It's difficult to know what caused the vomiting or diarrhoea, so it's best to assume it's contagious.

Please keep your child off school for 48 hours after they were last sick or had diarrhoea. Thank you.



Car Parking

We have had more complaints recently from our neighbours in Belmont Close!

Please **DO NOT** park on double yellow lines or across dropped curbs! It is illegal to park on double yellows, and inconsiderate to park across someone's driveway.



We want to have good relations with our neighbours, but some people's actions are making this difficult. Thank you as always to the families who park considerately, further away, or walk. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Number Day

We're taking part in NSPCC Number Day!

Dear parents and carers,

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

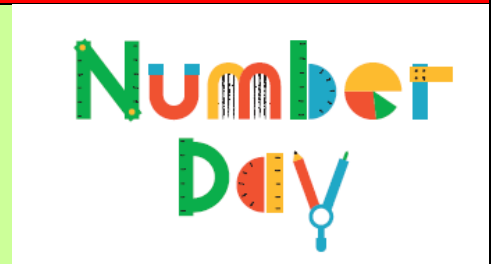
Making maths meaningful

Number Day is a great way to make maths fun and bring about a positive, 'can-do' attitude towards it.

- We are having a fun day of maths activities, and we will be taking part in *Dress up for Digits*. 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!
- Children will complete themed activities throughout the day.
- Children will also take part in competitions.

Fundraising

- If you would like to make a donation towards the NSPCC, you can do this by donating via the website – www.nspcc.org.uk



We're really looking forward to all the fun of Number Day and we really appreciate your support. Any donations made will make an enormous difference to children today.

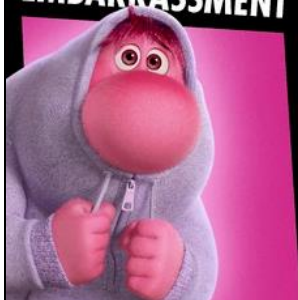
Thank you.

Mrs. L Robinson (Maths Lead)

To find out more about keeping children safe online, visit www.nspcc.org.uk/online-safety

Nurture

EMBARRASSMENT



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

Everybody is different, we all learn differently, and this may be due to our individual needs & difficulties that we may face. At Barming Primary School, we are lucky enough to be able offer so many different activities that encourage the development of language & communication skills, emotional regulation, physical health and so much more. Activities that are adapted to cater for all our pupils.

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.

Non School Uniform Day



Non-School Uniform Day: FRIDAY 14th February (the last day of term) ❤️

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.

There will be 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.

Safety – 999 Silent Call

If you're in danger, call 999 and try to speak to the operator if you can, even by whispering. You may also be asked to cough or tap the keys on your phone to answer questions.

Call **999** from a mobile:

If you don't speak or answer questions, **press 55** or tap when prompted and your call will be transferred to the police.

The police will usually be able to find your location.

If you don't press 55 or respond, your call could be ended.

Call **999** from a landline:

If you don't speak or answer questions and the operator can only hear background noise, they'll transfer your call to the police.

If you replace the handset, the landline may remain connected for 45 seconds in case you pick it up again. Calling 999 from a landline automatically gives the police information about your location.

<https://www.met.police.uk/contact/how-to-make-a-silent-999-call/#:~:text=Call%20999%20from%20a%20mobile,your%20call%20could%20be%20ended>.

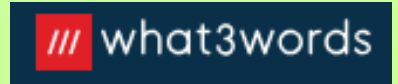
How do I use what3words to get help in an emergency? (UK only):

In an emergency, you should call 999 and give the call handler the **what3words** address for where help is needed (you will need phone signal to do this – the what3words app cannot pass location information directly to the emergency services).

To find your current what3words address, follow these steps:

- Open the what3words app and wait for the blue dot to stabilise. This will ensure you have the most accurate what3words address.
- Tap the arrow icon towards the bottom right (above the satellite mode button).
- The what3words address will then display at the bottom of your screen (if you're using an older version of our app, the address will be at the top of your screen).

<https://what3words.com/how-to-use-the-what3words-app>



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... **Hippopotamus Class!** Well done!



Barming Primary School PTA



♥ PRELOVED UNIFORM SALE

Thank You to everyone who supported Monday's uniform sale, **we raised £113.98!** Diane and her team of volunteers work so hard sorting, moving & arranging everything to ensure you can find whatever you need & we really do value your time and efforts.

If you are still in need of uniform, coats or school shoes, please get in touch with your PTA Year representative (or the school office) and we should be able to arrange for you before our next sale in April.



♥ ADHOC VOLUNTEERS - we need you!

Our core committee works tirelessly behind the scenes planning and implementing fun events for the school community and we are so very grateful for those of you who have stepped forward to help out adhoc to boost our 'manpower'!

We are a friendly bunch and always open to hearing new ideas and value everyone's input, whether it's helping 'as and when' or if you are considering joining the core committee.

As you can imagine 'more hands make light work' and we would love to see some new faces & very much need some more helpers throughout this year's events. Even if it's half an hour before school pick up setting up a stall, it all helps!

A great place to start is by joining our "**ADHOC Volunteers**" **WHATSAPP** alert service where you will be notified of any help the PTA requires, and it is open to all the school community

📱 <https://chat.whatsapp.com/JcbskwuAZKp114QDk8nlihe>

Thank you and have a great weekend!

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Pupils of the Week

Year Group	Class	
1	Hedgehog: Mrs Murray	Freya M
	Squirrel: Mrs Catmull & Mrs Hooker	Frankie N
2	Penguin: Mrs Coleman	Charlotte G
	Flamingo: Miss Histed & Mrs Visscher	Huma-Nur K
3	Husky: Mrs Dyer & Mrs Paton	Amelia F
	Wolf: Mr Edwards	Alfie S-S
4	Jaguar: Mr Baker	Flynn C
	Cheetah: Mrs Robinson & Mrs Davis	Mae M-H
5	Panda: Mrs Deysel	Gus H
	Hippopotamus: Mrs Wade & Mrs Stere	Thomas J
6	Giraffe: Miss Russell	Mia M
	Elephant: Mr Morgan	Hannah F
	Lion: Miss Ager & Miss Matthews	Archie G



Key Stage 1 Numbots Champions of the week

Year Group	Class	
1	Hedgehog: Mrs Murray	Raina E
	Squirrel: Mrs Catmull & Mrs Hooker	Angela J
2	Penguin: Mrs Coleman	Mira P
	Flamingo: Miss Histed & Mrs Visscher	Mya H



Key Stage 2 Times Tables Rockstars Champions of the week

Year Group	Class	
3	Husky: Mrs Dyer & Mrs Paton	Rupert R
	Wolf: Mr Edwards	Isaac B
4	Jaguar: Mr Baker	Harley W
	Cheetah: Mrs Robinson & Mrs Davis	Alex B
5	Panda: Mrs Deysel	Archie G
	Hippopotamus: Mrs Wade & Mrs Stere	Neysa W
6	Giraffe: Miss Russell	Ivan S
	Elephant: Mr Morgan	Archie R



Attendance Ted Award

Jaguar Class



Punctuality Pup Award

Elephant 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