



Barming Primary School

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Our Core Values

Respect - Responsibility - Courage - Wisdom

Friday, 17 January 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Here is this week's Headteacher Newsletter,

Attendance: Our Target is 95%

This week's attendance figure is...

94.81%

Another great week! Thank you! 😊



In last weeks' newsletter we informed you that today would be Mrs Darby's last day at Barming Primary School.

We know you will join us in wishing her all the best for the future, she will be surely missed!

School Bags

We have noticed an increase of bag size and keyrings on bags.

Please may we remind everyone that school bags need to be a **school bag with two backstraps... not a large handbag** as they need to be zipped closed for safety and for the amount of space we have.

Also, keyrings are lovely but not for school bags or book bags please as children get very upset when they get broken or go missing. Then teachers have to spend valuable learning time sorting this out.

We know children love these things, but these are for home use not for school. Sorry to moan but keeping to the norm helps children follow the rules and solves many unnecessary issues.



Can you help?

Empties Please Congratulations to ...



For raising **£135.45** and **136** green points
From their printer cartridge collecting 'to date'

The Empties Please Team

Nina Cradock - Recycling Co-ordinator

16th January 2025

Date

We have raised **£136** recently by collected our used printer ink cartridges!

There is a box in the school office if you would like to donate any empty cartridges in order to help make money for the school. We would be very grateful!

The cartridges must be original (eg. HP, Lexmark, Epson etc.) and NOT compatible ones (ones that don't have a branded name). **Thank you so much!**

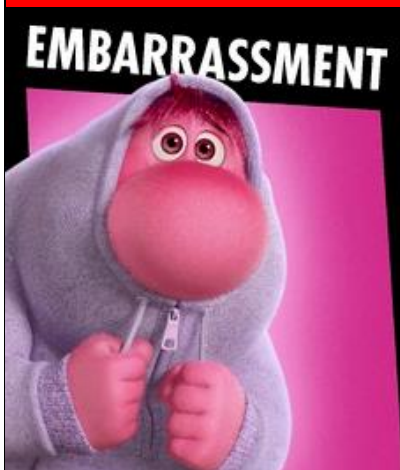
Inset Day



There has been some confusion over the date for February's inset day. This is confirmed as **Friday 28th February 2025**.

We apologise for any confusion that this may have caused.

Nurture



Staff at Barming Primary School understand that a pupil's individual development will depend on earlier learning experiences & that a lack of positive and/or poor nurturing can affect their development. This is why we try to begin to instil positive & nurturing experiences from Pre-school & continue to do so as they move through the school years, adapting our approach as they get older.

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.

Online Safety

Life360 is a location-sharing and family safety app that helps you stay on top of each family member's whereabouts and monitor their driving habits.

Here's a breakdown of its key features:

- **Location Sharing:**
 - Real-time location tracking of family members.
 - See where everyone is on a map.
 - Receive notifications when family members arrive at or leave designated places.
- **Circles:**
 - Create private "Circles" of family and friends to share locations within.
- **Places:**
 - Set up geofences (virtual boundaries) around important locations like home, school, or work.
 - Receive alerts when family members enter or leave these places.
- **Driving Safety:**
 - Monitor driving behaviour, including speed, harsh braking, and phone usage.
 - Receive alerts for potential accidents.
- **Crash Detection:**



Free

£0.00/mo

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- ✓ 2 days Location History
- ✓ 2 places with Unlimited Alerts
- ✓ Family Driving Summary
- ✓ Crash Detection
- ✓ SOS Help Alert
- ✓ And more...

- Automatically notifies emergency contacts in case of a car accident.
- **Help:**
 - Request help from other Circle members in case of an emergency.

Who is it for? Life360 is primarily designed for families, but it can also be used by friends, coworkers, or anyone who wants to share their location with others.

Is it right for you? Life360 can be a valuable tool for peace of mind, especially for families with young children or elderly relatives.

However, it's important to consider privacy concerns and have open conversations with family members about location sharing before using the app.

<https://www.life360.com/uk/>



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...Panda Class! Well done!

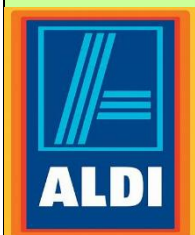


Barming Primary School PTA



♥ PRELOVED UNIFORM SALE

Our next uniform sale will be on Monday from 3pm on the top playground. Please do pop along and top up on any uniform items you need, we will also have some sweet treats on sale too!



🛒 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 set up near the bottom playground and help yourself to whatever you need, whilst being mindful of other family's needs too.

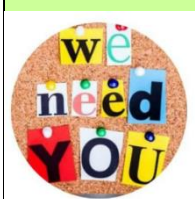
♥ Valentines Day Events

We are in the process of finalising our Valentines Day plans for 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! All proceeds will go towards our annual target for the school.



🗓 If you can help at our events throughout the year, please join our **"ADHOC Volunteers"** WHATSAPP alert service

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/JcbskwuAZKpI14QDk8nlihe>



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Pupils of the Week – ending 22nd November 2024

Year Group	Class	
1	Hedgehog: Mrs Murray	Arthur S
	Squirrel: Mrs Catmull & Mrs Hooker	Freddie H
2	Penguin: Mrs Coleman	Cody W
	Flamingo: Miss Histed & Mrs Visscher	Quentin P
3	Husky: Mrs Dyer & Mrs Paton	Joshua B
	Wolf: Mr Edwards	Matthew W
4	Jaguar: Mr Baker	Phoebe H
	Cheetah: Mrs Robinson & Mrs Davis	Toby L
5	Panda: Mrs Rathbone	Mia C
	Hippopotamus: Mrs Wade & Mrs Stere	Lily-Rae B
6	Giraffe: Miss Russell	Alivia L
	Elephant: Mr Morgan	Gus B



Key Stage 1 Numbots Champions of the week

Year Group	Class	
1	Hedgehog: Mrs Murray	Noah B
	Squirrel: Mrs Catmull & Mrs Hooker	Thomas C
2	Penguin: Mrs Coleman	Jack W
	Flamingo: Miss Histed & Mrs Visscher	Noah H



Key Stage 2 Times Tables Rockstars Champions of the week

Year Group	Class	
3	Husky: Mrs Dyer & Mrs Paton	Lillie C
	Wolf: Mr Edwards	Bianca N-Q
4	Jaguar: Mr Baker	Charlotte C
	Cheetah: Mrs Robinson & Mrs Davis	Thomas K
5	Panda: Mrs Rathbone	Archie G
	Hippopotamus: Mrs Wade & Mrs Stere	Harry C
6	Giraffe: Miss Russell	Jamie H
	Elephant: Mr Morgan	Archie R



Attendance Ted Award

Husky Class



Punctuality Pup Award

Giraffe Class



Active Award

Penguin 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.
- **Friday 7th February:** Maths Number Day
- **Tuesday 11th February:** Safer Internet Day
- **Thursday 6th February:** Year 4 Class Assembly 9am. (15 mins approximately)

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