



Barming Primary School

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Our Core Values

Respect - Responsibility - Courage - Wisdom

Friday, 10 January 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Here is this week's Headteacher Newsletter,

Happy New Year!

We wish you all a very Happy New Year! We hope you had a restful and enjoyable Christmas break!

We are thrilled to welcome you back to school for Term 3 and hope the children have enjoyed their first week of 2025 😊

2025
HAPPY NEW YEAR

Attendance: Our Target is 95%

This week's attendance figure is...

96.54%

BRILLIANT start to the New Year! Thank you! 😊

Sad Farewell!



After many years of working at Barming Primary School Mrs Darby will very sadly be leaving us next Friday 17th January. Mrs Darby is moving out of the area onto pastures new.

Having worked at Barming Primary School for the past 14 years she has supported many children and families over her time. I am sure you will be sad to see her go, like us all here at Barming, but will join us in wishing her all the best.

We will miss you Mrs Darby, good luck in your future endeavours!

Extreme Weather



As the weather is turning chilly and the potential flurries of snow, please take a look at our Severe Weather Policy.

The following link will take you to our Severe Weather Action Plan for Barming Pre-School & Primary School...

<https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/barmingprimary/UploadedDocument/fba01646-dcf2-40f2-b6c8-3ae9adb60e94/severe-weather-policy-november-2024-to-november-2026.pdf>

Fred Frog Day



Thank you to parents and children for joining in with Fred Frog Day today!

Thank you very much for your kind donations. We raised **£125** towards our Phonics and Early Reading. A huge thank you to the PTA for the balloons and a special thank you to Donna for arranging them all. 😊



Term Time Absence Requests

We are receiving an increasing number of requests for term time absences. We ask you to note that the Government has recently changed its rules on what constitutes an authorised absence, and that in the vast majority of circumstances, your request will **not be authorised**, and you may be fined.



In addition to this, we are unable to increase the teachers' workload and ask them to provide work and do request that you instead purchase some books to work from yourselves (we recommend CGP books which are available from Amazon or stores like WHSmith).

Absence Reporting

We'd be grateful if you'd follow the following instructions to notify us that your child is absent:

1. Open your Arbor app and select the relevant child.
2. Click on the 3 horizontal lines in the bottom left-hand side of your screen.
3. Select the Attendance tile.
4. Click on the green bar at the top of the screen titled 'Log Absence'
5. Fill in the relevant times (if different to the normal school day), and the reason for the absence, and select 'Log Absence'.

In addition to the absence function on Arbor, you may continue to report your child's absence by emailing office@barming.kent.sch.uk or leaving a voicemail on the school phone. Please do this every day they are absent. Thank you 😊

Please remember if they have had diarrhoea or vomiting, they must remain off school for 48 hours after the last episode of sickness. This is to prevent the spread of the illness.

Polite Notice

It has been brought to our attention that when dropping off children for Breakfast Club, some younger children or siblings are being left unattended in a car. This is a Safeguarding concern. Please can we remind you of the Government's guidelines on leaving your child on their own:

The law does not say an age when you can leave a child on their own, but it's an offence to leave a child alone if it places them at risk.

Use your judgement on how mature your child is before you decide to leave them alone, for example at home or in a car.

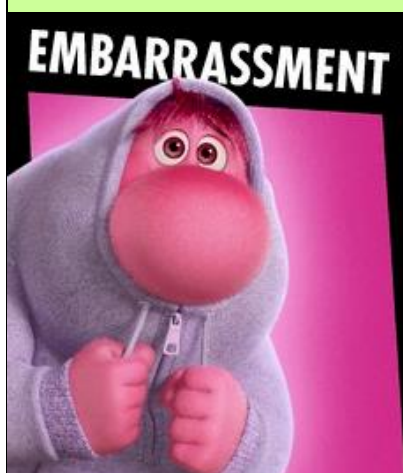
The [National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children \(NSPCC\)](https://www.gov.uk/law-on-leaving-your-child-home-alone) says:

- children under 12 are rarely mature enough to be left alone for a long period of time
- children under 16 should not be left alone overnight
- babies, toddlers and very young children should never be left alone

<https://www.gov.uk/law-on-leaving-your-child-home-alone>



Nurture



Welcome back, I hope you enjoyed your well-earned break with lots of Christmas fun!

In Term 3, the nurture principle we will be looking at is **We All Learn in Our Own Way**. At Barming we work hard to provide many diverse ways for the children to access their learning. We adapt our lessons to suit the variety of learning needs we have within our school.

This term's **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.

Barming Youth



Format: 7-a-side
League: Maidstone Invicta Primary League
Fixtures: [League Site](#)
School year: 5

Barming Youth are looking for children to join their **Under 10's** team (school Year 5). If you are interested, please follow the link below.

<https://www.barmingyouth.co.uk/join>

They are also looking for children in **Year 1** to join Barming Buds – you can just turn up next Saturday morning (18th January) at 8.30am. Please make sure your child has shin pads on, football boots and goalkeeper gloves if they wish to try goalkeeping. Please make sure they bring a bottle of water too. They will be in the playing fields at South Street. There is car parking available.

Brownies

Brownies is full of firsts: she might grow her first plant, bake her first cake, put up (and take down) her first tent, light her first fire, go on her first fun-packed weekend away with guiding friends.

There's something for every girl at Brownies, and plenty of moments she'll never forget.

To find out more email:
1stEastFarleighBrownies@gmail.com

Girls have nonstop fun, learning and adventure
for ages 7 to 10

1st East Farleigh Brownies are looking for local girls in the Barming area who would like to join Brownies.

If you want to enquire, please email Ellissa who is the leader (Brown Owl).

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At Brownies, we welcome all girls to explore their creative side, get out into the great outdoors and start to learn to look after themselves, others and the world we live in.

Join a local Brownies group [girlguiding.org.uk/joinus](https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus)

1stEastFarleighBrownies@gmail.com

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!

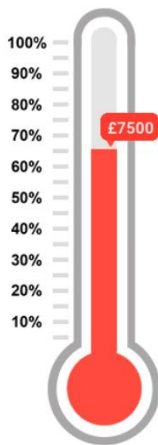


This week's winners are... **Penguin Class!** Well done!



Barming Primary School PTA

Goal: £12000



🎉👋 Welcome Back & HAPPY NEW YEAR from the PTA Team 👋🎉

2024 was an incredible year for us fundraising for the school from uniform sales to discos, cookie sales to Festive Friday's, Quiz Nights to Fireworks and many more events in between!

🎅 Most recently our **FESTIVE FRIDAY** Events raised **£1168.82** PROFIT for the school.

A heartfelt **THANK YOU** to all our core committee, ad hoc volunteers and all the parents and carers who support our events. We are well on the way to achieving our yearly target to help to replace furniture & flooring in some of the classrooms!



📱 If you can spare hour to help at our events throughout the year, please join our **"ADHOC Volunteers" WHATSAPP** alert service
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/JcbskwuAZKpI14QDk8nlih>

💰 EASY FUNDRAISING APP

We've registered Barming School PTA - Maidstone with #easyfundraising, which means over 8000 brands will now donate to us for FREE every time you use #easyfundraising to shop with them.



Turn your everyday spending into magic ✨

These donations will help SO MUCH, so please sign up to support us – it's completely FREE and your shopping generates a donation to the school, for FREE:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/barmingtonpta/?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=gs-fb1

♥ PRELOVED UNIFORM SALE

Our next uniform sale will be on Monday 20th January 3pm on the top playground.

If you are able to help set up from 2pm please get in touch with your year representative or the school office.



PreLoved
Uniform Sale

MONDAY 20th January
@3pm on the top playground

Uniform starts at £1.
Please bring cash or card over £3

barmingschoolpta@hotmail.co.uk | <https://www.facebook.com/barmingschoolpta>



Pupils of the Week – ending 22nd November 2024

Year Group	Class	
1	Hedgehog: Mrs Murray	Riley-Mai N
	Squirrel: Mrs Catmull & Mrs Hooker	Ralphie J
2	Penguin: Mrs Coleman	Sidney H
	Flamingo: Miss Histed & Mrs Visscher	Miles C
3	Husky: Mrs Dyer & Mrs Paton	Lily-May D
	Wolf: Mr Edwards	Mason S
4	Jaguar: Mr Baker	Lacey C
	Cheetah: Mrs Robinson & Mrs Davis	Elizabeth L
5	Panda: Mrs Rathbone	Milan L
	Hippopotamus: Mrs Wade & Mrs Stere	Theo B
6	Giraffe: Miss Russell	Harriett C
	Elephant: Mr Morgan	Niki S



Key Stage 1 Numbots Champions of the week

Year Group	Class	
1	Hedgehog: Mrs Murray	Theo R
	Squirrel: Mrs Catmull & Mrs Hooker	Patrick R
2	Penguin: Mrs Coleman	Ethan P
	Flamingo: Miss Histed & Mrs Visscher	Flynn A-B



Key Stage 2 Times Tables Rockstars Champions of the week

Year Group	Class	
3	Husky: Mrs Dyer & Mrs Paton	Elliot P
	Wolf: Mr Edwards	William S
4	Jaguar: Mr Baker	Ellis C
	Cheetah: Mrs Robinson & Mrs Davis	Freddie B
5	Panda: Mrs Rathbone	Maxwell W
	Hippopotamus: Mrs Wade & Mrs Stere	Poppy S
6	Giraffe: Miss Russell	Alivia L
	Elephant: Mr Morgan	Tiana D



Attendance Ted Award

Hedgehog Class



Punctuality Pup Award

Husky Class



Active Award

Squirrel Class



Active Award

Wolf 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