



Barming Primary School

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Our Core Values

Respect - Responsibility - Courage - Wisdom

Friday, 20 December 2024



Dear Parents/Carers,

Here is this week's Headteacher Newsletter,

Merry Christmas!



All of us here at Barming Primary School wish the children and their families a very Happy Christmas!



Thank you to everyone who helped to make this Christmas one to remember. All the donations and time given by volunteers, as well as our amazing staff have made it extra special!

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school in the new year, on **Monday 6th January 2025** 😊 Have fun!



Attendance: Our Target is 95%

This week's attendance figure is...

95.13%

Well done everyone for a fantastic term! 😊

Elf!!!



A HUGE thank you to the PTA for arranging such a magical surprise for our children! The visit from one of Santa's elves was truly unforgettable.

The children's excited screams filled the school, and it's clear they absolutely loved the experience!

Thank you to the PTA for bringing so much joy to our school!



Sporting Success!



Well done to our Year 5/6 netball team who had a 5-4 victory over St Marks school on Thursday!

This was the girls first game together this year and it was great to see such amazing play.

Well done and here's to a successful year! 😊



Nurture

What a wonderful festive finish we've had to Term 2! Thank you, so much, to all the children who entered Term 2's Nurture Competition. Look out for Term 3's competition!!

I hope you have all enjoyed an insight to how Barming Primary School apply our second Nurture Principle.

The children are still using the worry boxes which is reassuring that they feel comfortable to share their thoughts and feelings. I have had an array of worries that I administer on Monday's and Friday's.

I hope you have an amazing Christmas & enjoy your time off. See you next in 2025!! Mrs Selfe x



Well done to all the children that have worked so hard to win House Points this term!

House Points this Term

Yellow = St Margaret's	2308
Red = Bermelie	2246
Blue = Kettle Bridge	2508
Green = Oaken Wood	2221



**Huge Congratulations to overall winners
Kettle Bridge!!**

Online Safety



Do you think you can spot an AI image from a real image? Take this test with your child to see...

SPOT THE

AI

<https://www.getsafeonline.org/spottheai/>

Christmas Safety

Keep safe online this Christmas!

▲ Online shopping:

Learn how to spot the difference between genuine and fake websites, secure and insecure payment pages and authentic and counterfeit goods.

▲ Scam:

Beware of **fake links** in emails, texts and posts, and email attachments. This also goes for callers impersonating your bank, a retailer, delivery firm or software support company. Or texts claiming to be from a parcel firm telling you there's a 'delivery fee'. If in any doubt, always call the organisation on the number you know to be correct.

▲ Phones, tablets & computers:

Protect all new or second-hand internet-connected phones, tablets and computers with a reputable security app/software. Add a new PIN or passcode as soon as you power up. Ensure all devices are backed up automatically so you don't lose your precious documents and photos.

▲ Updates:

Download updates to software, apps and operating systems on all your devices as soon as you're notified that they're available. Better still, set them to update automatically. Otherwise, they could be infected by malware, resulting in fraud or identity theft.

▲ Mobile apps:

Download apps only from official sources such as App Store, Google Play or Microsoft Store. Getting them elsewhere could result in fraud or identity theft.

▲ Smart devices & wearables:

Always set up new passwords on internet-connected devices like voice assistants, appliances, cameras, kids' toys and fitness watches as soon as they're switched on. Using the factory-set default passwords could result in them being hacked. Always use different passwords for different devices, websites or accounts for the same reason. And remember that voice assistants are designed to hear everything!

▲ Gaming:

When you're gaming, avoid oversharing, in-game overspending and pirated games. Keep track of how much time you're spending online. Keep an eye on your kids' gaming, check on PEGI age limits for the games they're playing and talk to them about who they're or playing and chatting with.

▲ Pre-owned mobile devices:

Do a factory reset to erase your data if you're selling or gifting a computer, mobile device or console. You can find out how from the manufacturer's website. If you've bought or been given a used device, remove the previous owner's settings and data if this hasn't already been done.

▲ Oversharing:

Is what you share on social media necessary? Is it respectful? Could it be helping a fraudster, or telling a burglar you're away? Could it be giving your children an unwanted digital footprint? Think before you post, and also take some time over Christmas to review your device and app **privacy settings**.

▲ Out & about:

Wi-Fi hotspots in cafés, pubs, hotels, on public transport and other public places may not be secure. Or they could be fake, set up by a fraudster. So don't use them if you're doing anything confidential online. Protect your devices from theft, loss and prying eyes.

▲ Protecting your children:

Talk to your children about safe and responsible internet use, including what they share, who they're talking to and the type of content they access, including apps and games. Consider downloading a respected parental control app and using ISP content filters. Make sure your children aren't running up bills in games and other apps.

▲ Video calls:



Many of us will be catching up with family and friends via video call. **Make sure it's safe and secure** by using a service that needs a strong password, and don't share the call invitation or details outside the person or group on the call.

For more information on how to stay safe online this festive season, visit

www.getsafeonline.org

If you think you've been a victim of a scam, report it to Action Fraud, the UK's national fraud and cybercrime reporting centre on **0300 123 20 40** or at www.actionfraud.police.uk

#safechristmas

Barming Primary School PTA



Wishing you all a very HAPPY CHRISTMAS from all of us here at the PTA ❤️

We have been VERY busy spreading Christmas cheer this week, from sorting multiple donations of Christmas boxes, crackers & board games to our final Festive Friday, even arranging a cheeky elf visit!



📦 x34 Christmas Boxes have gone out to the lucky winners this week! 🎉

We do hope you enjoy all the festive goodies inside! ❤️

On Wednesday the PTA provide EVERY child with a Christmas cracker 🎆 to accompany their Christmas Dinner!



For the last day of term and the Class Christmas parties, the PTA provided a selection of brand-new board games to each class! We hope you all have



fun playing them!

We wish to THANK all our core committee and our ad hoc volunteers for all their hard work behind the scenes and at the events - it's been fantastically festive!

THANK YOU to the whole school community for supporting our Festive Friday events throughout December!

It's been a huge success and raised much needed funds towards our annual target to replace flooring in some of the classrooms. We hope you've had fun spending your tokens and enjoyed the festivities!

Wishing you all a Fabulous Christmas!
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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: Monday 24th 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 wonderful Christmas,

Yours sincerely

Mr Laker
Headteacher