



Barming Primary School

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Our Core Values

Respect - Responsibility - Courage - Wisdom

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Here is this week's Headteacher Newsletter,

Warmest Thank You!



A big thank you to all the children who so generously made Christmas cards for the lovely residents at a local care home. Your kind gestures will bring smiles and brighten the days of many. Each resident will receive a bundle of personalised cards.



Your thoughtfulness and creativity are truly appreciated!

❤ Thank you ❤

Attendance: Our Target is 95%

This week's attendance figure is...

95.43%

YAY!!! We hit our target! Fantastic attendance this week! Well done all! 😊

Sad Goodbyes and Happy Hellos!

As this term is nearing a close, we say a heartfelt goodbye to **Mrs Rathbone** who has been at Barming Primary School for over a decade. Her dedication, warmth, and inspiring teaching have made a lasting impact on us all. We wish you all the very best in your future endeavours. Thank you for everything, Mrs. Rathbone.



We warmly welcome **Mrs Deysel** to our Year 5 Panda class. We look forward to learning from you and creating new memories together.

Mrs Deysel will be starting at Barming Primary School the week beginning 16th December so that she can get to know the class and to have some hand over time with Mrs Rathbone to ensure a quality transition.

Preschool Announcement



We're so excited to welcome **Mrs. Annie Norman** as our new Preschool Manager, starting in the New Year! We can't wait for you to join the Barming community.

A huge thank you to **Mrs. Karen Norman** for stepping up as Acting Preschool Manager since September. We truly appreciate your hard work and wish you the very best in your next role.

Polite Reminder



**No smoking
or vaping
in this area**

Please remember NO SMOKING or VAPING on the school site.

To ensure a healthy and safe environment for our children, we kindly request that you also refrain from smoking or vaping near the school gates, especially during drop-off and pick-up times.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

School Shoes



As a reminder children should wear black shoes only. Please NO BOOTS.

Open toed or sling-backed sandals are not safe to be worn within the school environment. Training shoes, while acceptable for sporting activities, should not be worn as normal footwear to and from school.



Wellington boots should be clearly marked on each boot and a clothes peg bearing the name of the child should be brought into school to keep the boots together in the cloakroom. Your co-operation in this will help to minimise the problems caused by almost 400 plus pairs of similar Wellington boots which are in school on snowy or rainy days!

Flu Season

Cases of winter flu are "rising rapidly" - with England's health boss urging those eligible to get vaccinated.

Cases are highest among those aged 5 to 14, with 16.9% of tests positive for flu - up from 11.5% last week.

Sharing the data on X, England's chief medical officer Professor Chris Whitty said: "Influenza is now rising rapidly. Antiviral flu medicines can now be used in primary care. If you are eligible, please get vaccinated."

If your child missed having their flu vaccination at school or you opted out of having the flu spray and have changed your mind, please contact your local GP surgery.



<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/national-flu-and-covid-19-surveillance-reports-2024-to-2025-season/national-flu-and-covid-19-surveillance-report-28-november-week-48>

Nurture

JOY



In Term 2, the nurture principle we will be looking at is **Nurture is Feeling Good on the Inside.**

A key factor to us feeling good on the inside is the connection we feel with others which helps us build strong relationships. When we have strong relationships, we feel supported, understood and valued. At Barming we continue to do our best to build relationships with the whole school community. By encouraging children to be kind, always share & be inclusive, has really helped them develop positive friendships at school. Making their time at school even more enjoyable. We hope you have a great weekend.

This terms nurture competition is to create a piece of art that shows what makes you feel good and happy on the inside.

The deadline for this competition is Thursday 12th December. 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 Christmas activities in the hut on the last day of term.



Online Safety

Get personalised online safety advice, plus a chance to win an amazing prize bundle this Christmas. Take a look at Internet Matters Digital Family Toolkit, it comprises of 8 questions and takes about 10 minutes to do. The Toolkit has:

- Option to enter **My Family's Digital Christmas prize draw**
- Get **age-specific advice** and tips to support your children online
- Learn about **popular apps and platforms** your children use
- Get information about how to deal with any **online safety concerns**
- Get recommendations for **digital tools** to support their interests and wellbeing



<https://www.internetmatters.org/digital-family-toolkit/>

Golden Duster Award



The children and staff have been in competition to see who can have the cleanest classroom!

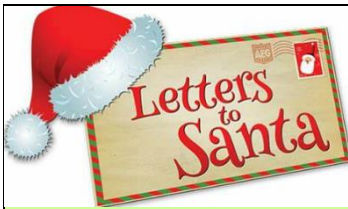
At the end of each week **Mr Roberts** (Caretaker) will award the tidiest and most sparkling classroom with the Golden Duster Award!



This week's winners are...Hedgehog Class! Well done!



Barming Primary School PTA



EYFS SANTA LETTERS

Last week the PTA donated 60 Stamps to EYFS for their walk down to the Post Office to send their letters to Santa! We hope the Reception Classes enjoyed their trip!

DONATED ADVENT CALENDARS

Congratulations to WOLF & LADYBIRD Classes for winning the attendance award and punctuality pup last week! Their Class prize was an advent calendar donated by ALDI & Jamie Leigh from Jelly Sweets! Enjoy!



CAKE DONATIONS

We were overwhelmed with your cake donations last week! 🍰 🧁 🍪 We have enough for all 3 Festive Friday Events, the Preschool Nativity and our Christmas Boxes!

A HUGE THANK YOU ❤️ to all who contributed!

FESTIVE FRIDAY'S

The PTA are excited to hold our 1st FESTIVE FRIDAY this week

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Our Christmas Market-style Fundraiser is FREE for all from 3pm outside under Marquees on the grass area by the school office. each week will be slightly different.

● You will be able to purchase TOKENS at the pencil gate entrance to spend throughout our stalls.

TOKENS are valid for all x3 Friday events & are:

- £5 for 5 Tokens
- £10 for 12 Tokens PLUS a FREE Hot Chocolate



A BIG Thank you to everyone who has come forward to help set up and serve during the events so far! We just need a couple more **Volunteers** to help serve **3pm-4pm on 13th & 20th December**. Please contact your PTA Year Representative to volunteer or leave your details with the school office.

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Pupils of the Week – ending 22 nd November 2024		
Year Group	Class	
1	Hedgehog: Mrs Murray	Joshie C
	Squirrel: Mrs Catmull & Mrs Hooker	Thomas C
2	Penguin: Mrs Coleman	Charlotte B
	Flamingo: Miss Histed & Mrs Visscher	Harrison H
3	Husky: Mrs Dyer & Mrs Paton	Reuben M
	Wolf: Mr Edwards	Joseph M
4	Jaguar: Mr Baker	Erin M
	Cheetah: Mrs Robinson & Mrs Davis	Paige C
5	Panda: Mrs Rathbone	Lilah M
	Hippopotamus: Mrs Wade & Mrs Stere	Leo F-P
6	Giraffe: Miss Russell	Matthew C
	Elephant: Mr Morgan	Henry G



Key Stage 1 Numbots Champions of the week

Year Group	Class	
1	Hedgehog: Mrs Murray	Reuben A-B
	Squirrel: Mrs Catmull & Mrs Hooker	Owen A
2	Penguin: Mrs Coleman	Aishat A
	Flamingo: Miss Histed & Mrs Visscher	Huma-Nur K



Key Stage 2 Times Tables Rockstars Champions of the week

Year Group	Class	
3	Husky: Mrs Dyer & Mrs Paton	Joshua B
	Wolf: Mr Edwards	Bianca N Q
4	Jaguar: Mr Baker	Charlotte C
	Cheetah: Mrs Robinson & Mrs Davis	Dariya K
5	Panda: Mrs Rathbone	Maxwell W
	Hippopotamus: Mrs Wade & Mrs Stere	Franky B
6	Giraffe: Miss Russell	Chikamso O
	Elephant: Mr Morgan	Archie R



Attendance Ted Award

Husky Class



Punctuality Pup Award

Elephant Class



Active Award

Flamingo Class



Active Award

Husky Class



Coming Up...



Dates to remember:

Term Two:

Monday 4th November 2024 to Friday 20th December 2024

INSET Two: Friday 29th November 2024

- **Wednesday 6th November:** New Entrant Tours 9.30am to 11am
- **Wednesday 13th November:** New Entrant Tours 9.30am to 11am
- **Tuesday 12th November:** Parent Consultations - 3.30pm to 5.30pm (Early)
- **Thursday 14th November:** Parent Consultations - 3.30pm to 7.30pm (Including half hour teacher break - Late)
- **Thursday 28th November:** Own clothes day & donate cakes
- **EYFS (Reception children only) Christmas Production:**
- **Wednesday 4th December** Production 1: 9.30am, Production 2: 2.15pm (Two tickets per family)
- **Pre-School Christmas Songs: Thursday 5th December Friday 6th December** – 2.30pm (Held in the Preschool)
- **Friday 6th December:** PTA Festive Friday
- **Thursday 12th and Friday 13th December:** Year 1 School Trip
- **Friday 13th December:** PTA Festive Friday
- **Monday 16th December:** Year 1 Christmas Activity Afternoon with Christmas Songs – Parents/Carers invited 1.30pm to 3pm
- **Tuesday 17th December:** Year 2 Christmas Activity Afternoon with Christmas Songs – Parents/Carers invited 1.30pm to 3pm
- **Wednesday 18th December:** Year 3 and 4 Carols on the playground 3pm (Top playground)
- **Wednesday 18th December:** Christmas Lunch for the children in school
- **Thursday 19th December:** Year 5 and 6 Carols on the playground 3pm (Top playground)
- **Thursday 19th December:** Christmas Jumper Day
- **Thursday 19th December:** EYFS/Year 1/Year 2 Christmas Activity Morning – Children only.
- **Friday 20th December:** Class Parties – Afternoon – No change of clothes needed.
- **Friday 20th December:** PTA Festive Friday

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