



Barming Primary School

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Our Core Values

Respect - Responsibility - Courage - Wisdom

Monday, 25 November 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Here is this week's Headteacher Newsletter,

Attendance: Our Target is 95%

This week's attendance figure is...

94.04%

Good attendance this week! We've almost hit our target, thankyou 😊

Absence Reporting

We're pleased to let you know that Arbor have released a new feature to make reporting your child's absence easier.

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 😊

Extreme Weather



As the weather is turning chilly and the possibility 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>

Christmas Donations

Deck the Halls with Boughs of Holly – Let's Make Magic Happen!

'Tis the season to spread joy and cheer! We're getting ready to transform our space into a winter wonderland, and we need your help to make it truly magical.

We're on the hunt for:

Dazzling decorations: Ornaments, garlands, tinsel, Christmas trees and more!



Twinkling lights: Outdoor lights to brighten up the dark afternoon!

Your festive donations will help us create a heartwarming Christmas experience for our children. Imagine their faces as they get to decorate their classrooms!

Please drop off your donations at the school office. Thank you so much!

Book Fair

FREE books for your school when you buy at the Book Fair!

SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS

COME to the BOOK FAIR

A pop-up book-store with hundreds of books from just £2.99

DOG MAN Save £3
£12.99 £9.99

JELLY AND A WOLFE JUST £2.99
£6.99 £2.99

STAR STORIES £7.99

MICHAEL MORPURGO Save £5
£12.99 £7.99

Jonny Gentoo Available from 12th September

MINI-MINI £8.99

COBWEB £7.99

MY BIG FAT BICENTENNARY POOL £8.99

THE LOST LOST LOST Save £3
£7.99 £4.99

LAST YEAR YOUR SUPPORT HELPED DONATE £2.34 IN FREE BOOKS TO SCHOOLS NATIONWIDE

It's that time of year again when the Book Fair comes to Barming Primary School!

This year the fair will be open this week from 3:15pm on Friday **22nd November** and from 3:15pm Monday and Tuesday next week (**25th/26th Nov**). The fair will stay open for about half an hour each afternoon.

Unfortunately, this year there are NO cash facilities at the event. All payments will be made through a displayed QR code.

If you have any questions, please just contact the office and they will pass them on to me.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the fair!
Happy reading, Miss Russell

Nurture



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

It can be hard to balance work & leisure time. Although, at Barming School, we have high expectations of children academically we have a great understanding that their social, emotional and physical development are just as important if they are to live happy and fulfilling lives. We encourage this by balancing their academic lessons with a variety play opportunities provided during break & lunchtimes, sessions at Forest School and with the large choice of afterschool activities that are available.

Enjoy your weekend, we look forward to the children telling us what fun they have been having; whether it be board games, baking, arts and crafts, watching films and many other activities we enjoy doing as a family.

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

Some children and young people use anonymous and decoy apps for a layer of digital privacy. However, these apps can expose children to variety of online safety issues.

What are anonymous apps?

An anonymous app lets users share and interact with each other without revealing who they are. These apps encourage users to stay anonymous while they chat. Honesty or feedback apps let users post images or 'tell-all' posts to get 'honest' feedback from strangers, this can lead to bullying online and offline. Additionally, like asking for others to roast them, these anonymous apps could provide a path towards digital self-harm.



Why are anonymous apps risky?

Anonymous apps can expose children to a range of online risks, including inappropriate content, cyberbullying, child-on-child abuse and sexting. A child might say something hateful online that they would never say face-to-face.

What are decoy apps?

Decoy apps are smartphone apps that look like something else but allow users to hide content within them. These decoy apps can protect personal information from strangers but also allow people to hide content they don't want others to see.

Decoy app icons often look like a regular camera icon, music app, photo app or calculator.

They also make it difficult for parents to monitor what children access and hold on their devices.



Why are decoy apps risky?

If misused, decoy apps might hold explicit content harmful to children's wellbeing. Child-on-child abuse, including sending nudes or inappropriate videos, could go unnoticed if the content is saved within a decoy app.



What should I do if my child uses a decoy app?

- **Talk about it:** Why are they using it? Discuss issues around online safety to help them understand your concerns around using these apps. If it's for privacy or security, work with them to find alternatives such as installing security software on their device.
- **Do a mobile health check:** Regularly review their smartphone's security, settings and apps to stay on top of their digital habits. See our mobile health check guide to help.
- **Stay calm:** Don't jump to conclusions. Give them the benefit of the doubt and listen to their explanation. It's very possible they use the decoy app to secure content in case they lose their phone or a friend tries to use it.

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... Wolf Class! Well done!



Barming Primary School PTA

Please Donate to our...



Christmas Boxes

Winners are randomly selected to receive a box of festive goodies!

Please donate any of the following items:
Christmas jumpers/ dresses
Fluffy socks
Gloves
Christmas chocolates
Mince pies/ Pringles
New teddies & toys
Puzzles /games/ fidget toys
Festive treats/ sweets
Christmas books
Pamper products/ toiletries
& any unwanted sealed gifts

(Food Expiry Dates to be past 31.12.2024)

CHRISTMAS BOXES

A HUGE Thank You to everyone who has donated gifts & goodies to our Christmas Boxes 🎁 so far!

We are still looking for the following items:

- 🎁 Christmas Chocolates, Pringles, Sweet treats
- 🧣 Blankets & Fluffy Socks
- 🧤 Gloves, hats & scarves
- 🎮 Games & new toys

Please drop any donations off to the school office ASAP, thank you 😊

OWN CLOTHES DAY: Thursday 28th Nov

- In return for wearing your own clothes for the day, the PTA would be grateful for **donations**

of **BOXED/ PACKAGED** cakes 🍰 cookies 🍪 and cupcakes 🧁

These will be used at our Festive Friday Events throughout December, so please ensure the expiry dates are past 31.12.2024. ⚠️ Please ensure they are NUT-FREE.

i The children can wear their own clothes but please ensure they are comfortable to move about in... NO Short tops, no jewellery, no make up, no heels and NO fancy dress.

A member of the PTA will be on both gates on the morning of the 28th Nov to accept your donations.



FESTIVE FRIDAYS

Each Friday throughout December, after school, we will be holding our Christmas Market-style Fundraisers!

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP SERVE ON THE STALLS from 3pm-4pm on Friday 6th, 13th & 20th December.

We understand that you will have your children with you at this time and welcome them to help on the stalls too!

Please **contact your PTA Year Representative** to volunteer to help on any of the dates or leave your details with the school office.

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



Pupils of the Week – ending 22nd November 2024

Year Group	Class	
1	Hedgehog: Mrs Murray	George R
	Squirrel: Mrs Catmull & Mrs Hooker	Nellie D
2	Penguin: Mrs Coleman	Charlie B
	Flamingo: Miss Histed & Mrs Visscher	Freya S
3	Husky: Mrs Dyer & Mrs Paton	Ayda-May M
	Wolf: Mr Edwards	Mason M
4	Jaguar: Mr Baker	Isabelle L
	Cheetah: Mrs Robinson & Mrs Davis	Kohbi O
5	Panda: Mrs Rathbone	Lamees A
	Hippopotamus: Mrs Wade & Mrs Stere	Franky B
6	Giraffe: Miss Russell	Alexander T
	Elephant: Mr Morgan	Robert K



Key Stage 1 Numbots Champions of the week

Year Group	Class	
1	Hedgehog: Mrs Murray	Kent H
	Squirrel: Mrs Catmull & Mrs Hooker	Archie C
2	Penguin: Mrs Coleman	Somto O
	Flamingo: Miss Histed & Mrs Visscher	Emilia K



Key Stage 2 Times Tables Rockstars Champions of the week

Year Group	Class	
3	Husky: Mrs Dyer & Mrs Paton	Lillie C
	Wolf: Mr Edwards	Edijs A
4	Jaguar: Mr Baker	Aidan J
	Cheetah: Mrs Robinson & Mrs Davis	Emilia
5	Panda: Mrs Rathbone	Maxwell W
	Hippopotamus: Mrs Wade & Mrs Stere	Niya N
6	Giraffe: Miss Russell	Freddie S
	Elephant: Mr Morgan	Charlie C



Attendance Ted Award

Wolf Class



Punctuality Pup Award

Ladybird 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