



Barming Primary School

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Our Core Values

Respect - Responsibility - Courage - Wisdom

Friday, 25 October 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

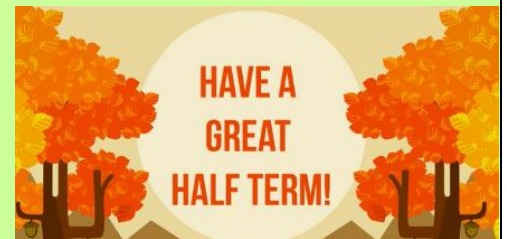
Here is this week's Headteacher Newsletter,



Happy Half Term!

Thank you and happy half term to our incredible children for their hard work and dedication this term. We're so proud of everything you've accomplished!

Enjoy your well-deserved half term break, we hope you'll have plenty of fun and relaxation, enjoy your Halloween if you are celebrating!



We can't wait to see what you'll achieve in the term ahead. See you all back to school on **Monday 4th November!** 😊

Attendance: Our Target is 95%

This week's attendance figure is...

92.52%

It's been a long term! We look forward to welcoming you all back in November! 😊

Welly Boots

Please remember next term we are asking all children to bring in a pair of wellies to keep at school – **please remember to name them!** If you are unable to provide a spare pair for your child, please speak to the school office. Thank you 😊

Please also ensure your child always has a named waterproof coat for school with sleeves – no doubt the weather will soon be getting colder. No body warmers! Thank you.

If you are able to donate any wellies then Miss Rootes would be very grateful, but only if they are larger sizes (4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9). Thank you so much!



Polite Notice

Please can you ask your children not to run or play on our resident's property – gardens/driveways. One of our core values is **respect** and we are asking all families to remind their children to respect other people's property.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



Fireworks Night

Barming Fireworks Display: Friday 8th November

Tickets go on Sale to the GENERAL PUBLIC this weekend!

Less than 70 FAMILY discounted tickets left!

Don't delay buying tickets as last year they sold out quickly!

We still need over 30 VOLUNTEERS to help to set up, at the event and after to clear up. If we do not have enough volunteers, we will be forced to scale back the event.



If you are able to help, please visit this link and sign up. Thank you!

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/barmingpta/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=87322>

Thank you!



Huge thank you to Richard, the father of Kitty (Y2 Flamingo Class) for coming to volunteer at the school on Friday!

He has spent his day off working so hard sorting out our pond area! Richard has done a fantastic job! We really appreciate his time and effort he put into sorting it out, it has made a significant difference. We're so grateful for your generosity - using your day off to make our school a more enjoyable place for the children. 😊

Achievements Outside of School

Thomas (Cheetah Class) plays futsal for a team called Finest Futsal. Futsal is 5 a side football, played indoors and is much faster and uses a heavier ball and started in Uruguay in the 1930's.

Thomas' team got through to the U8 National Final and this was played at the Score Centre (opposite Leyton Orient's ground) in London. They were to play a team from Essex called GOL in the final itself. The game was 8-8 with 30 seconds left when Thomas shot from distance and scored the winning goal and Finest Futsal became national U8 champions.





Aiden (Panda Class) attends Razzmatazz Theatre School of performing arts, based out of Cornwallis academy on a Saturday. The school alongside the normal classes provide opportunities to partake in additional performances which include Panto, West End Gala Performances and singing and dancing at organised events. This year there was an opportunity to audition to perform in the main street pre-parade in Disneyland Paris, which will take place next September, out of 16 people that auditioned, Aiden was 1 of only 8 selected.

The audition required him to learn and perform a routine with both static and directional movement with a continuous Disney Smile.

Well done to both boys!!! You are an inspiration to us all!

If you would like to share anything your child has achieved, please email us and attach any photos you are happy for us to share 😊 office@barming.kent.sch.uk

Staff Achievements



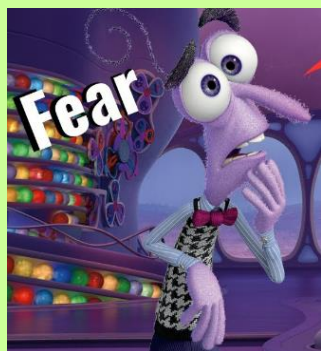
We're so proud of **Mr Edwards**, Wolf Class Y3 on his fantastic achievement last weekend! Such an impressive time too, well done!

"I ran the Maidstone Half Marathon on Sunday. Starting in Mote Park, out to Hollingbourne, along the Pilgrims Way and back down into Bearsted and Mote Park. I finished 40th out of 450 runners with a time of 1 hour and 34 minutes. I got very, very wet!"

Mr Edwards

Nurture

Term 1 Nurture Principle: **School is a Safe Space**



What a fantastic start to our school year!! **Thank you, so much, to all the children who entered the Term 1 Nurture Competition.** Look out for Term 2's competition!!

I hope you have all enjoyed an insight to how Barming School apply our first Nurture Principle. The children have embraced our new worry boxes & they have made full use of them. I have had an array of worries that I administer on Mondays and Fridays.

I hope you have a fantastic half-term; we all deserve a break after 8 solid weeks of school. See you next term. Mrs Selfe x

Halloween Safety



Halloween can be an exciting time of year for children, dressing up and going out after dark. But whilst Halloween is supposed to be spooky there are some horrors that families will want to avoid.

So, here are our top tips for a safe Halloween that you can remember for all the right reasons.



1. Remember Halloween costumes are highly flammable - Many fancy dress costumes are not manufactured to the same safety standards as normal clothing, meaning they can ignite almost instantly and burn far faster. That's why it is crucial to ensure children wearing Halloween costumes are kept well away from naked flames and other heat sources at all times.

2. Try to buy costumes from a reputable store or website - It may mean spending a bit more but buying from a reputable store or website will be safer. Cheap costumes may not meet UK safety standards.

3. Check costume labels for a UKCA or CE mark - These labels don't mean a costume won't catch fire. But it has been tested for fire safety so it should burn more slowly. Also, The British Retail Consortium has introduced stricter fire safety tests for children's dressing-up costumes. Look for a label that says: "This garment has undergone additional safety testing for flammability".

4. Encourage children to layer up - If children wear clothes under their dressing-up costumes, there is a layer of protection between the costume and their skin. This can help protect their skin if their costume catches fire. [Discover what to do in an emergency with burns first aid](#)

5. Teach children to Stop, Drop and Roll

Ahead of Halloween, make sure children know what to do if their clothes catch fire. The instinct is to run. So, encourage them to practice stopping, dropping to the ground, covering their face with their hands, and rolling over a few times to put out the flames.

Stop.



Drop.



Roll.



6. Keep candles well out of the path of trick or

treaters - Candles and lit pumpkins create a fantastic spooky atmosphere but can be dangerous. Keep them well out of the path of trick or treaters and away from any Halloween decorations that might catch light.

Remember not to put candles on a surface that may burn. And, in all the excitement, don't forget to blow them out when you're done.

7. Consider switching to battery-powered candles - You may want to switch to LED / flameless battery-powered candles to reduce the fire risk. But be sure the battery compartment is secure. Many LED lights, and the remote controls for them, contain button batteries which can badly hurt or kill a small child if they swallow one and it gets stuck. [Learn more about the dangers of button batteries](#)

8. Be visible - Visibility is important all year round. However, after the clocks go back, it gets dark much earlier. By Halloween it will be dusk by 5 o'clock, just when children are out trick or treating. Reflective tape can make a fun addition to Halloween costumes and make children more visible to drivers at twilight, as it is picked up in car headlights.

Fluorescent glow sticks and glow jewellery can make good costume accessories and can also help make children more visible to drivers.

If you're going out earlier with little ones, then bright or fluorescent clothing is better for daytime visibility.

9. Stay safe near roads - Masks can make it harder for children to see or hear traffic. So, save the special masks for indoors and use face paint for trick or treating.

Encourage children to put mobile phones away when they are out trick or treating and crossing roads. Instead of using the phone as a light, carry a torch.

Children under 12 are best accompanied by an adult. Agreeing a pre-planned route for children over 12 and having a way of contacting a trusted adult if they need to offer freedom with less risk. [Visit our road safety hub for more tips](#)



11. Watch out for treats that might be a choking hazard for young children - Lollipops, hard candy and mini eggs in particular can pose a serious choking risk. Plus, remember it's best to avoid eating while walking or running, so you may want to save up all the treats to enjoy back at home. [Learn more about choking prevention](#)

That's why it's so important when buying button battery-powered Halloween novelties that you check the battery compartment is secured with a screw or similar fastener to prevent children gaining access. [Learn more about button battery safety](#)

New Menu

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Please remember to **book your child's lunches** on Arbor before they return to school after half term, even if they are packed lunch everyday, thank you.



Online Safety

“For years, Roblox has allowed parents and guardians to set a parent PIN to prevent changes to their child’s settings and parental controls. We’re changing the way parents manage their child’s experience on Roblox by introducing Roblox accounts with parent privileges. After linking an account to their child’s, parents can view and update parental controls for their child all from their own device. Parents also get access to insights about their child’s Roblox usage, such as their daily screen time and on-platform friends. In most regions, these features will be available to parents of children under the age of 13.

We will share more information on linking accounts with parent privileges when the changes go into effect next month.”

The image features the Roblox logo in large, red, blocky letters at the top. Below the logo, a group of eight Roblox avatars stands on a grassy field under a blue sky with clouds. The avatars are dressed in various outfits, including a blue cap and vest, a pink floral dress, a grey jacket and jeans, a pilot's uniform, a red shirt and cap, a blue shirt and green pants, and a golden armor suit.

NHS Minor Ailment Scheme



If you don't pay for your prescriptions, you may be able to use the NHS Minor Ailment Scheme to get advice and, when appropriate, free treatment for certain common illnesses without seeing a GP

Help for common illnesses

If you want help dealing with a common illness such as a cold, cough or diarrhoea, you may be able to use the free NHS Minor Ailment Scheme at selected pharmacies, including some Boots pharmacies. Their pharmacist will be able to offer advice and may be able to offer you medicines for a minor illness without you having to book an appointment to see your GP.

Who is the service for?

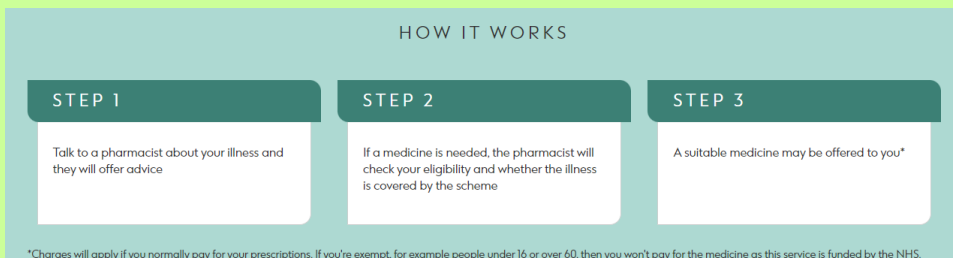
Schemes vary between locations, but the NHS Minor Ailment Scheme is for adults and children who:

- Are registered with a GP surgery which is taking part in the scheme
- Want treatment for a minor illness included in your local scheme

Medicines can be supplied free of charge to the customer if they are exempt from NHS prescription charges.

The NHS Minor Ailment Scheme is available across Northern

Ireland, Wales and Scotland but only in selected pharmacies across England. Ask your local Boots pharmacy whether they offer the scheme and they'll check if you're eligible to receive it.



House Points

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	2381
Red = Bermelie	2651
Blue = Kettle Bridge	2121
Green = Oaken Wood	2350



Huge Congratulations to overall winners Bermelie!!!

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... **Giraffe Class!** Well done!



Barming Primary School PTA

Important dates for next term:



Fri 8th Nov – Fireworks night (reserve date 15th Nov)
Thurs 28th Nov - Dress Down & Donate cakes
Fri 6th Dec - Festive Friday Christmas Stalls after school
Fri 13th Dec - Festive Friday Christmas Stalls after school
Fri 20th Dec - Festive Friday Christmas Stalls after school

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Pupils of the Week

Year Group	Class	
1	Hedgehog: Mrs Murray	Blu G
	Squirrel: Mrs Catmull & Mrs Hooker	Travis H
2	Penguin: Mrs Coleman	Ethan P
	Flamingo: Miss Histed & Mrs Visscher	Flynn A-B
3	Husky: Mrs Dyer & Mrs Paton	Nia B
	Wolf: Mr Edwards	Isaac B
4	Jaguar: Mr Baker	Amelia R
	Cheetah: Mrs Robinson & Mrs Davis	Ava-Jade L
5	Panda: Mrs Rathbone	Milan L
	Hippopotamus: Mrs Wade & Mrs Stere	Charlie A
6	Giraffe: Miss Russell	Dylan S
	Elephant: Mr Morgan	Ruby Anne H



Key Stage 1 Numbots Champions of the week

Year Group	Class	
1	Hedgehog: Mrs Murray	Elsie-Rose M
	Squirrel: Mrs Catmull & Mrs Hooker	Nellie D
2	Penguin: Mrs Coleman	Liliana P
	Flamingo: Miss Histed & Mrs Visscher	Quentin P



Key Stage 2 Times Tables Rockstars Champions of the week

Year Group	Class	
3	Husky: Mrs Dyer & Mrs Paton	Evana A
	Wolf: Mr Edwards	Finn F
4	Jaguar: Mr Baker	Evan M

	Cheetah: Mrs Robinson & Mrs Davis	Rejoice O
5	Panda: Mrs Rathbone	Leonardo S
	Hippopotamus: Mrs Wade & Mrs Stere	Thomas J
6	Giraffe: Miss Russell	Morireoluwa A
	Elephant: Mr Morgan	Darcey - Rose M

 <u>Attendance Ted Award</u> Hippopotamus Class	 <u>Punctuality Pup Award</u> Ladybird Class
 <u>Active Award</u> Squirrel Class	 <u>Active Award</u> Cheetah Class

	<u>Coming Up...</u>
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Dates to remember:

Term One:

Tuesday 3rd September 2024 to Friday 25th October 2024

- **INSET One: Monday 2nd September** (Closed for children – Staff in)
- **Tuesday 3rd September and Wednesday 4th September:** Parent Meetings for New Entrants Parents.
- **Wednesday 4th September:** Year 1 and Year 2 'Meet the Teacher' (3.30pm to 4pm)
- **Wednesday 4th September:** Year 3 and Year 4 'Meet the Teacher' (4pm to 4.30pm)
- **Thursday 5th September:** Year 5 and Year 6 'Meet the Teacher' (3.30pm to 4pm)
- **Friday 13th September:** Reception children start full time.
- **Monday 23rd September:** Harvest Assembly for children by Rev Wil North
- **Wednesday 16th October:** Read Write Inc (Phonics) Meeting for EYFS Parents
- **Monday 21st October to Wednesday 23rd October:** Year 6 Residential

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)
- **EYFS Christmas Production:**
- **Wednesday 4th December 9.30am:** Production 1, 2.15pm: Production 2 (Two tickets per family)
- **Pre-School Christmas Songs: Thursday 5th December and Friday 6th December: 2:30pm**
- **Thursday 12th and Friday 13th December:** Year 1 School Trip
- **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
- **Friday 20th December:** Class Parties – Afternoon – No change of clothes needed.

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
- **Year 4 Year Group Assembly Thursday 6th February 9am**

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