



Barming Primary School

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Our Core Values

Respect - Responsibility - Courage - Wisdom

Friday, 13 September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Here is this week's Headteacher Newsletter,

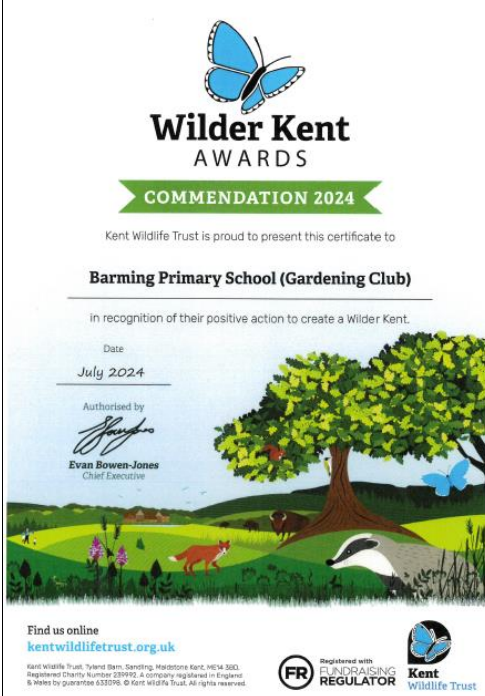
Wilder Kent Awards 2024

We are so proud of our Gardening Club has been awarded a Commendation at the Wilder Kent Awards!

"Thank you for entering the Wilder Kent Awards 2024. We were really impressed by the amazing work that you have been doing at Barming Primary School (Gardening Club) and all your efforts in contributing to a Wilder Kent."

The Wilder Kent Awards were set up by Kent Wildlife Trust in 2020 as a way of recognising and rewarding the positive actions that groups across Kent are taking in order to protect wildlife and safeguard nature for future generations.

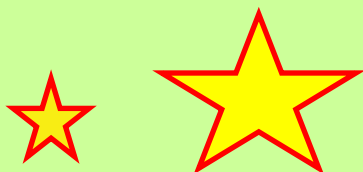
Congratulations to Dr James who, with the help of the children from Gardening Club, have worked so hard on this achievement and making our school a prettier and sustainable place to be. Thank you!



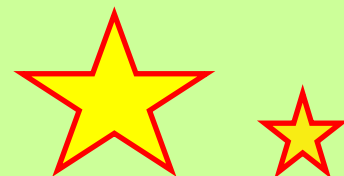
<https://www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk/whats-on/wilder-kent-awards>

Attendance: Our Target is 95%

This week's attendance figure is...



97.26 %



Fantastic attendance this week!!!

Thank you to you all for a great start to our new school year! 😊

School Photo Day

SAY CHEESE



This is a friendly reminder that your child's individual school photos will be taken on **October 2nd**.

Please ensure your child is wearing their full school uniform, including a **jumper or cardigan**, thank you.

Our Core Values

Here is a refresher of our Core Values. Embedding these values are essential. Try asking your child to show you the Core Value actions to see how many they can remember?

1. **Early Formation:** Our children begin to form their understanding of the world and their values. By embedding our Core Values at this stage, we are laying a foundation for ethical behaviour and decision-making throughout their lives.
2. **Character Development:** Our Core Values of Respect, Responsibility, Courage and Wisdom are crucial for character development. These values shape how our children interact with others and navigate various situations.
3. **Positive School Culture:** These help us create a positive and supportive environment where we all share common values.
4. **Conflict Resolution:** Teaching our Core Values helps our children learn conflict resolution skills. They understand the importance of empathy, compromise, and communication in resolving disagreements peacefully.
5. **Academic Success:** Research suggests that schools with strong character education programs often see improvements in academic performance, as students develop the social and emotional skills necessary for learning effectively.
6. **Preparation for Citizenship:** Instilling our Core Values helps prepare our children to become responsible citizens in their communities. They learn the importance of contributing positively to society and respecting diverse perspectives.
7. **Resilience Building:** Our Core values of Responsibility and Courage are critical for overcoming challenges and setbacks. By reinforcing these values early on our children develop the resilience needed to tackle obstacles later in life.



Overall, embedding our Core Values sets the stage for our children to become compassionate, responsible, and ethical individuals who contribute positively to our community!

Is my child too ill for school?

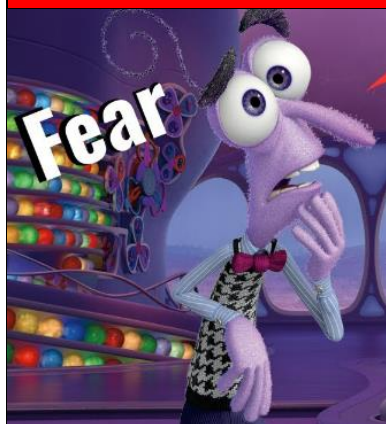


There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about [health protection and managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK](#). These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.

If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone, email or message the school or preschool on Arbor **each** day they are off. We need a reason why they are not attending school. Here are some common conditions and the guidance from the NHS website:

- **Vomiting and diarrhoea** - Children with [diarrhoea or vomiting](#) should stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at **least 2 days** (48 hours).
- **Feeling anxious or worried** - It's normal for children to feel a little anxious sometimes. They may get a tummy ache or headache or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can make a child's anxiety about going to school worse. It's good to talk about any worries they may have, also work with the school to find ways to help them. If your child is still struggling and it's affecting their everyday life, it might be good to talk to your GP or school nurse. [Find information and advice about how to help children with anxiety](#)
- **Chickenpox** - If your child has [chickenpox](#), keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.
- **Hand, foot and mouth disease** - If your child has [hand, foot and mouth disease](#) but seems well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.
- **Head lice and nits** - There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice. You can treat [head lice and nits](#) without seeing a GP.
- **Impetigo** - If your child has [impetigo](#), they'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school..
- **Ringworm** - If your child has [ringworm](#), see your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.
- **Scarlet fever** - If your child has [scarlet fever](#), they'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.
- **Slapped cheek syndrome (fifth disease)** You don't need to keep your child off school if they have [slapped cheek syndrome](#) because, once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. But let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.
- **Threadworms** - You don't need to keep your child off school if they have [threadworms](#). Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.
- **Coughs and colds** - It's fine to send your child to school with a minor [cough](#) or [common cold](#). But if they have a high temperature, keep them off school until it goes. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues and to wash their hands regularly.

Nurture Competition



Barming Primary School believes that nurture plays a fundamental role in the wellbeing of our school community. There are six principles of nurture, and we will be addressing one principle per term. We will also have a competition based on the nurture principle for that term.

In Term 1 we will be looking at **School is a Safe Space**. It is a new beginning for us all this term with new classes & teachers. It can be a worrying time for some. At Barming we pride ourselves on being an inclusive school where we make sure that no one feels left out and most of all, feel safe.

This terms **nurture competition** is to design or describe your own safe space at school. You can work independently or with a friend. The deadline for this competition is **18th October**. Please make sure your name and class are on you work and hand your entry to your class teacher. Mrs Selfe will choose some winning entrants to join her for a small **Halloween party** in the hut on the last day of term. Please drop your entry into the school office, thank you.

Achievements Outside of School



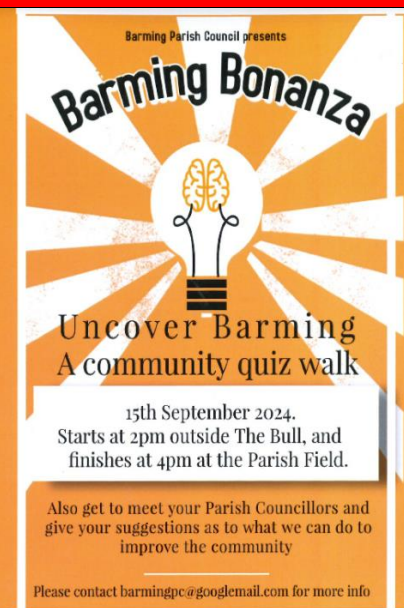
Ava-Jade L in (Y4 Cheetah Class) did a wonderful challenge over the summer holiday! She signed up for a 1 mile a day movement challenge for Young Lives vs. Cancer. The aim was to move 1 mile a day for 31 days. You could walk, run, scooter, anything really. Ava-Jade's target was to raise £150 for the charity and she raised **£152**. Wow! Well done what a fantastic achievement!

Neysa W (Y5 Hippopotamus Class) achieved her level 2 in swimming last week. Well done Neysa! You should feel very proud of yourself!



If you would like to share your child's achievement in our school newsletter please email the school office@barming.sch.uk we would love to see what they have been up to!

Barming Events



St Margaret's Church in Barming is having a quiz trail **this Sunday**. Please see attached flyer for more information.

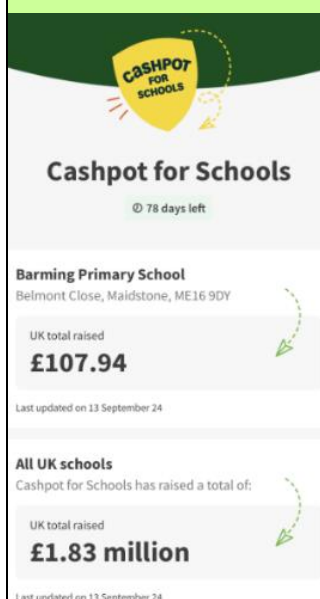
The Church also runs a football club called **Kick About**. They meet on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month, 3-4:15pm at South Street Park, Church Lane, Barming. The club is for both boys and girls and is for children in KS2 and above. The club welcomes those of all abilities, and just wants to see children on the pitch enjoying playing together.

<https://www.stmargaretsbarming.org.uk/copy-of-youth-children>



Asda Rewards

You can help raise money for our school each time you shop at Asda! Please download and register for Asda Rewards and select to support Barming Primary School.



For every Asda Rewards member who opts into Cashpot for schools Asda will donate an additional **£1**. This is free and we will receive the money even if you don't buy anything!

So far we have raised **£107.94**. Thank you to all those who have helped so far! We have 78 days left of this great opportunity to raise money for our school!

<https://groceries.asda.com/event/asda-rewards-top-picks>



Online Safety

How to protect your children's back-to-school photos

If you decide to share photos of your children online, taking some simple steps can help to keep them safe and limit the risk of them being seen by people who might misuse them.

You'll be helping to ensure that your children's back-to-school moments are shared with the right people.

- 1) **Check and use your social media settings** – change your settings so they are **not** public.
- 2) **Don't post information that identifies the school.**
- 3) **Ensure your children are happy with what you're doing** - Images of your children that you post online now can affect their wellbeing now and well into the future. It's well worth making sure that your child is happy both with the image and with what you're planning to do with it. It's also a great way to role model good behaviours for sharing images of others online.
- 4) **Check with parents or carers before photographing other children** - Other parents might say no, and it's important to respect that. They may not want photos of their children to be taken and/or shared for a number of important and valid reasons.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/about-us/news-opinion/2024/how-protect-childs-back-to-school-photos/>

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...**Panda Class!** Well done!



Barming Primary School PTA

Fireworks 2024 – 8th November 2024

Preparations have begun for this year's Barming Primary School PTA Fireworks Display! This year's display is on Friday 8th November 2024 (15th November 2024 as reserve date in case of bad weather).

We cannot run such a major event without the help of our amazing volunteers. As we welcome over 1000 people through the gates, we need all the help we can get! This event takes months to organise, and the team has been working on it since July.

If we don't have enough volunteers, we will have to scale back the event considerably, therefore, we want to reach out now and ask for your help. There are plenty of jobs, some during the day when we set up, some during the event itself and some post event to help tidy up.



Please use the link below or scan the QR code to sign up.

More details will follow closer to the time but in order for us to know what we can offer, we need to know what help we have. It's worth noting that **by volunteering, you will not miss out on seeing the display**. All trade stops during the show.



Thank you! 😊

<https://bit.ly/BarmingFireworks2024>

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 Pupils of the Week		
Year Group	Class	
1	Hedgehog: Mrs Murray	Sarah A
	Squirrel: Mrs Catmull & Mrs Hooker	Mia B
2	Penguin: Mrs Coleman	Liliana P
	Flamingo: Miss Histed & Mrs Visscher	Mya H
3	Husky: Mrs Dyer & Mrs Paton	Sofia D
	Wolf: Mr Edwards	Ellie W
4	Jaguar: Mr Baker	Beau S
	Cheetah: Mrs Robinson & Mrs Davis	Emilia M
5	Panda: Mrs Rathbone	Sienna F
	Hippopotamus: Mrs Wade & Mrs Stere	Harry M
6	Giraffe: Miss Russell	Chikamso O
	Elephant: Mr Morgan	Oliver T
 Key Stage 1 Numbots Champions of the week		
Year Group	Class	
1	Hedgehog: Mrs Murray	Oscar H
	Squirrel: Mrs Catmull & Mrs Hooker	Thomas C
2	Penguin: Mrs Coleman	Morola A
	Flamingo: Miss Histed & Mrs Visscher	Miles C
 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	Robert E
	Cheetah: Mrs Robinson & Mrs Davis	Khalid J
5	Panda: Mrs Rathbone	Harvey H
	Hippopotamus: Mrs Wade & Mrs Stere	Emily H
6	Giraffe: Miss Russell	Deborah O
	Elephant: Mr Morgan	Hannah F



Attendance Ted Award

Husky Class



Punctuality Pup Award

Giraffe Class



Coming Up...

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
- **Year 5 Class Assemblies Thursday 24th October First Class 9am and Second Class 2.45pm 15 mins max**

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:** 9.30am
- **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.

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