



Barming Primary School

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Our Core Values

Respect - Responsibility - Courage - Wisdom

Friday, 06 September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Here is the first Headteacher Newsletter for this school year,

Welcome to our New School Year!

Welcome back, everyone! It's fantastic to see you all again after a well-deserved summer break. We hope you had a chance to relax, recharge, and create some lasting memories.

To our new starters in Reception and Preschool, we're thrilled to welcome you to our school community. Get ready for a year filled with learning, laughter, and making new friends.

We're excited to see what you'll achieve this year. Let's make it a memorable one together! 😊



Exciting OPAL News!



Huge thank you to Barming Youth Football and its fantastic volunteers!

Volunteers from the Club have worked their magic over the summer and created some fantastic outdoor areas for the children! Thank you to all those involved! Here is an update from Gav (Club Secretary) on what they have been up to over the summer break...

Pathway – Membrane and wood chipping was used to lay a path from the welly store to the mud kitchen.

Goals - Topsoil was laid in a new area for the goals to be stored, Mr. Roberts is seeding this, and it will soon be grass. The goal on the bottom pitch has been moved forward to allow more space between the pitch and the forest school area.





Shed/ Scooter Store – The roof of the shed has been extended.

Stage - The wood which was kindly donated to the school has been used to create a wonderful stage for the children to play.



Tables - One of our dads found some plastic sheets which he cut to fit the tables. They have a very light rough surface to them, but it is a considerable improvement on what was there and should offer a better work surface.

Pitches - Turf has been added in the goal mouths which were worn out and has taken well.

Storage Area - We have ordered a new storage shed which will replace the dilapidated shed on the bottom field.



Whilst we had a few of our parents pop up to do little tasks we set for them, we would like to highlight two parents who worked constantly between their fatherly duties over the summer holiday and provided tools and knowledge to create what we have done. Those parents are Adam Gillem-Bussey and Robert Cox. Both are self-employed, any time given was between work and family commitments and they continually

popped up when asked to do bits here and there to ensure it was ready for the new school year.

We are so lucky to have such amazing parents and carers who are willing to give their own time to the school and our community, thank you! <https://www.barmingyouth.co.uk/>



Attendance: Our Target is 95%

This week's attendance figure is...



95.85 %



Wow! We have hit our target!!! What a fantastic start to our new school year!!!

Thank you! Let's keep it up! 😊

Warm Welcomes

We're thrilled to welcome some fantastic new members to our Barming team:

- **Mrs. Collie, our new Inclusion Manager.** Mrs. Collie brings a wealth of experience to help us continue to create a welcoming environment for all students. If you wish to email Mrs. Collie, please send your email to office@barming.kent.sch.uk and the office staff will forward it on.
- **Mrs. Coleman, our new Y2 teacher in Penguin Class.** Welcome to Barming! We hope you've enjoyed your first week! We are so happy you have chosen to join us.
- **Mrs. Joc, our new Teaching Assistant in Y5 Panda Class.** Mrs. Joc has been volunteering in Reception since Easter and has now joined us officially. Welcome to the team!



Donations



If your child has outgrown their school shoes, please consider donating them to the school.

We would be very grateful for any spares that are still in a reasonable condition that another child could benefit from.

Please put them aside and drop them to the school office

Thank you so much to those who have donated already! Huge thanks to the PTA volunteers who have helped to organise our spare uniform area too! 😊



Reminders

As the weather starts to change, please remember to send your child to school with a **named rain mac or waterproof jacket**. We know they love their umbrellas, but please leave them at home!

Don't forget to label everything! This helps us keep track of your child's belongings and ensures they always get back to them safely.

Thank you for your cooperation!



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 EVERYONE!! Well done!



Mr Roberts has noticed all children are making a super effort to keep their classrooms sparkling clean this week! 😊

Barming Primary School PTA

*Important
Dates You
Don't Want to
Miss!*

PTA AGM Meeting – 12 September 2024 from 7pm

I hereby give notice of the PTA's Annual General Meeting on Thursday 12th September 2024 from 7pm (7.30pm prompt start) in the school hall, during which elections will be held to appoint committee members for the academic year 2024/2025. All welcome.

Important dates:

PTA AGM Meeting – 12 September from 7pm in the school hall.

Fireworks Display – 8th November (15th November reserve date).

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Pupils of the Week

Year Group	Class	
1	Hedgehog: Mrs Murray	Oscar R
	Squirrel: Mrs Catmull & Mrs Hooker	Theo P
2	Penguin: Mrs Coleman	Aishat A
	Flamingo: Miss Histed & Mrs Visscher	Olly H
3	Husky: Mrs Dyer & Mrs Paton	Karma A
	Wolf: Mr Edwards	Hope W
4	Jaguar: Mr Baker	Harley W
	Cheetah: Mrs Robinson & Mrs Davis	Amelia F
5	Panda: Mrs Rathbone	Priscilla R
	Hippopotamus: Mrs Wade & Mrs Stere	Sophia F
6	Giraffe: Miss Russell	Freddie S
	Elephant: Mr Morgan	Betsy-Blu P



Attendance Ted Award

Jaguar Class



Punctuality Pup Award

Penguin 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