



Barlaston First School
Weekly Newsletter
2nd October 2025



Let your light shine through family, friendship and faith

"Enabling our whole school community to flourish and let their light shine, preparing them for their role as gentle and humble agents for change in the world we share."

Staffing News

After 13 years as a teacher at Barlaston, and an even longer association with our school, Mrs Broome is leaving us at Christmas to embark upon other exciting adventures on the Isles of Scilly. Mrs Broome has been an integral part of the team here at school, carrying out many roles. She has taught across the age groups, currently in Year 4, and leads in Maths, Computing, Safeguarding, Health and Safety and Educational Visits, among many others. She has served as our Assistant Head for the last 2 years and our Designated Safeguarding Lead since September last year. Her work in these areas and in that of Early Help and Family Support have played a key role in the school's success over the recent years, not least in the outcomes achieved in our latest SIAMS, Ofsted and Health and Safety inspections. She is also the longest serving member of our current governing body.

Mrs Broome will be very much missed by the children and staff alike, and we wish her every success in the very exciting times ahead. The recruitment process for a new teacher from January will begin next week.

Visiting Athlete - Danny Butler

Danny Butler will be with us on Monday 6th October. Please send your child to school in their PE kit for the day.

A reminder that all sponsorship money / donations are due in by Monday 13th October. Please make any donations by using the link below;

<https://sportal.sportsforschools.org/events/landing>

Parking

I received complaints once again from our neighbours in Broughton Crescent about parking and the blocking of access to their properties at drop off and pick up time. Please use the church car park and the crossing patrol that we now have, and if it is absolutely necessary to park in the crescent, please ensure you do so with consideration and respect for our neighbours. Thank you for your co-operation.

October Activity Days with ASM

ASM are running holiday club activity days on 29th and 30th October. Please book directly on their website. <https://asmsports.co.uk/holiday-clubs/>

Regards,
Mr J Gordon

Dates for the Diary 2025

17 October	Harvest Service 9am
10 November	Diabetes Screening Morning
11 November	Remembrance Service
12 November	Disco - Dormice, Hedgehogs and Squirrels 4.30pm - 5.30pm
13 November	Disco - Badgers, Deer and Owls 4.30pm - 6pm
17 November	Parents Evening
17 November	Non-Uniform Day - more detail to follow
18 November	Flu Vaccinations
19 November	Parents Evening
4 December	Reception - Year 4 New Vic - The Little Mermaid
5 December	Rainbow Christmas Hamper Draw in Family Worship
9 December	Nativity 4.30pm Early Years
10 December	Key Stage 1 Performance 2.15pm
11 December	Key Stage 2 Performance 5.30pm
12 December	Rocksteady Performance 9.30am - Details to follow
19 December	Christingle Service in Church 9am
2025/26 School Term and Holiday Dates	
Half Term	27th - 31st October 2025
Staff Development Day School Closed to Children	3rd November Monday 3rd November 2025
Christmas Break	22nd December - 2nd January 2026
Spring 2026	
School Opens	Monday 5 th January 2026
Half Term	16th - 20st February 2026
Easter Break	30 th March - 10 th April 2026
Summer 2026	
School Opens	Monday 13 th April 2026
Staff Development Day - School Closed to Children	Friday 1st May 2026
May Bank Holiday	Monday 4 th May 2026
Half Term	25th - 29th May 2026
Last Day of Summer Term	Friday 17 th July 2026
2026/27 School Term and Holiday Dates	
Staff Development Day (School Closed to Children)	Tuesday 1st September 2026
Staff Development Day (School Closed to Children)	Wednesday 2nd September 2026
Autumn 2026 Term Begins	Thursday 3rd September 2026