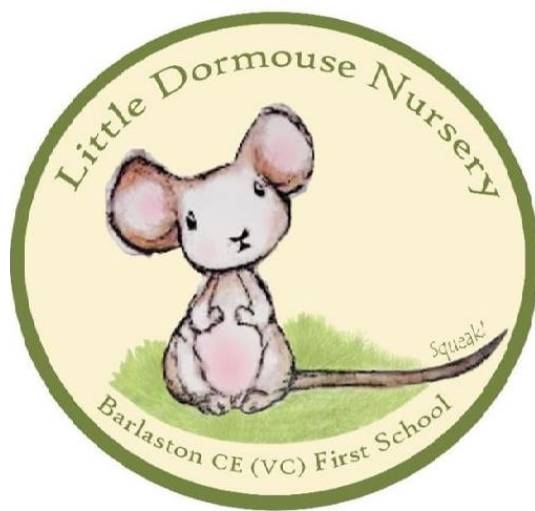


Barlaston CE (VC) First School

'Let your light shine'

Matthew 5:16



Family Engagement Pack

Family engagement

At Barlaston/Little Dormouse nursery we place great importance on a strong home school relationship, and parental/ family involvement wherever possible. Recognising 'It is important for parents and early years settings to have a strong and respectful partnership. This sets the scene for children to thrive in the early years.' (*Development Matters 2021*). What's more providing an environment where both you your child feel welcome to express your views and are part of our early years family.

I am aware that many of you work, and have other commitments so getting time to come into school is difficult. In light of feedback from parents/ carers I have put together this booklet with a calendar of all the events that are coming up throughout the year. Also a brief description about what these events entail, in the hope with giving you more notice you will be able to attend as many of these as possible.

Specific times will be sent out closer to the event. However, generally morning (AM) sessions will take place between 8:45-11:45 and afternoon sessions will run between 13:00-15:30.

Please note that where we will try to keep to these dates, however in some circumstances these may have to be changed or cancelled.

Family worship

This takes place every week, parents, carers and family members are invited to attend, during these time children share their home achievements, 'let your light shine' certificates are given out, as chosen by the class teacher, and birthdays for the week are celebrated.

Parents are asked to arrive at main reception for 2:45pm.

For children in nursery this worship often runs until 3:15-3:30, I am aware this conflicts with pick up time, you will not be charged for nursery on these occasions. Unless you are using wrap around care.

We politely ask that if you would like to collect your child before the worship has finished you do so at 2:45 to avoid your child having to leave in the middle of family worship.

Stay and play

During these events parents and families are invited in to spend some time with your child during child led learning. This will allow you an insight in to the activities that are available to the children and allow them to show you their classroom, playground etc.

After this there will be an opportunity to have refreshments and join your child for snack time.

Let's learn together

This event will be a short event where a single parent or adult (due to space) is invited into the class in the morning to take part in a whole class teacher led lesson/ activity, these will include phonics, maths and wider curriculum lessons. After this, there will be the opportunity to ask any questions you have, the aim of these sessions are to provide parents with a more secure understanding of what your child is learning and how this looks in Early Years.

EY Enrichment days

These take place once a term, it is a day off of timetable and is centred around a theme or topic. More information about the day is sent out closer to the time.

Book time

This only takes place in Hedgehogs (Reception class) due to timetable constraints. During these sessions near the end of the day families are invited in to choose a book(s) in school and read these with your child and their friend.

Secret storyteller

This is a short session where a family member is invited into school towards the end of the day, without your child knowing, and bring in their favourite book for you to read with them to the rest of the class. I appreciate you may not wish to read a story to the whole class so this can be arranged to be done in small groups.

There are no formal dates on the calendar for this, if you are interested in doing this, it can be arranged on most days, please speak to your child's teacher or a member of Early Years staff.

Welcome meeting/ Parent workshop

These take place at the start of each term, during the workshop the class teacher will outline what your child will be learning, the key vocabulary they will be using and how this will be taught will be shared with you. It will also allow you an opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

Oasis coffee morning stay and play

Every half term, Early Years take part in the 'Oasis Coffee Morning' at Barlaston church. During these sessions children have a play and then a mini service (specifically for the children).

There will be tea, coffee, biscuits and other refreshments available. If your child does not attend nursery on this day, both you and your child are still more than welcome to attend the Oasis Coffee Morning.

If you are unable to stay, or stay for the full time, Early Years staff will be there to welcome your child into church. We ask that if you stay, your child is under your supervision until the worship, if you need to leave earlier, if you could let your child's class teacher know this is to ensure that the children are under supervision/ accounted for, for the entirety of the event.

During the worship we ask that the children sit at the front with their class and grown-ups sit at the back of the church. This is so parents can leave church after the worship, allowing staff to get the children back up to school safely.

Vocational talks

I appreciate that many of you are busy during the day, but to really enhance the curriculum for our children wherever possible we strive to have outside visitors in from different fields. In the past we have had music teachers, police, paramedics and more. These are great sessions and the children get lots from them. If this is something you are interested in, or know someone who is please speak to your class teacher, or a member of Early Years staff.

Services at church

For services that are held at church we ask that on those days you drop your child off at church, prior notice of these sessions will be given to parents to allow you to make appropriate arrangements.

Breakfast club will still be available on these days; members of staff will walk down to church with the children in breakfast club.

PTA Events

Our PTA (Parent Teacher Association) organise a range of events throughout the year to raise money for the school. The children are also involved in the spending of these funds.

All parent, carers and family members are members of the PTA and are welcome to attend the monthly meetings. These are held on the *first Thursday of every month, at the Upper House 7pm.*

We appreciate you are busy so wherever you can help, no matter how big or small it is greatly appreciated.

Calendar key

All events on the calendar are for both early years' classes unless stated.

D - events only for Dormouse (nursery class)

H - events only for Hedgehog (reception class)

PTA - Events run and organised by the PTA

If you have any queries about this booklet, please do email me on a Peel@barlaston.staffs.sch.uk or speak to a member of staff.

Best wishes,

Mr A Peel

September 2023	October 2023	November 2023	December 2023	January 2024	February 2024
1 Fr	1 Su	1 We	1 Fr	1 Mo New Year's Day	1 Th PTA Meeting
2 Sa	2 Mo Stay & play (PM) (H) 40	2 Th HALF TERM	2 Sa	2 Tu	2 Fr Family quiz night (PTA)
3 Su	3 Tu	3 Fr	3 Su	3 We CHRISTMAS BREAK	3 Sa
4 Mo INSET DAY 38	4 We	4 Sa	4 Mo 49	4 Th	4 Su
5 Tu INSET DAY	5 Th PTA Meeting	5 Su	5 Tu	5 Fr	5 Mo 6
6 We Sch/ Nurs Starts	6 Fr Harvest service at Church	6 Mo INSET DAY 45	6 We	6 Sa	6 Tu Safer internet day
7 Th PTA meeting	7 Sa	7 Tu	7 Th Book time (H) PTA Meeting	7 Su	7 We
8 Fr	8 Su	8 We	8 Fr Christmas jumper day	8 Mo 2	8 Th
9 Sa	9 Mo 41	9 Th	9 Sa	9 Tu	9 Fr
10 Su	10 Tu World Mental Health Day	10 Fr Remembrance service	10 Su	10 We	10 Sa
11 Mo 37	11 We	11 Sa	11 Mo EY Nativity 50	11 Th	11 Su
12 Tu	12 Th Oasis coffee morning	12 Su	12 Tu Movie morning (D) Theatre (H)	12 Fr	12 Mo 7
13 We	13 Fr	13 Mo 46	13 We	13 Sa	13 Tu
14 Th	14 Sa	14 Tu	14 Th	14 Su	14 We HALF TERM
15 Fr	15 Su	15 We	15 Fr	15 Mo Parent workshop (H) 3	15 Th
16 Sa	16 Mo 42	16 Th	16 Sa	16 Tu Parent workshop (d)	16 Fr
17 Su	17 Tu Book time (H) Parents evening	17 Fr Children in Need Pie and pea night (PTA)	17 Su	17 We	17 Sa
18 Mo Welcome meeting (H)	18 We Stay and play (PM)(D) Parents evening	18 Sa	18 Mo Christmas craft aff' (PM)(H) 51	18 Th	18 Su
19 Tu	19 Th Let's learn together (H)	19 Su	19 Tu Christmas craft aff' (PM)(D)	19 Fr	19 Mo 8
20 We Welcome meeting (D)	20 Fr	20 Mo Let's learn together (H) 47	20 We Christmas lunch	20 Sa	20 Tu Book time (H) Parents evening
21 Th	21 Sa	21 Tu Let's learn together (D)	21 Th	21 Su	21 We Parents evening
22 Fr	22 Su	22 We Book time (H)	22 Fr Christingle at church Christmas party	22 Mo Book time (H) 4	22 Th
23 Sa	23 Mo EY Enrichment day EY Disco (PTA) 43	23 Th	23 Sa	23 Tu	23 Fr
24 Su	24 Tu	24 Fr	24 Su	24 We	24 Sa
25 Mo 39	25 We	25 Sa	25 Mo Christmas Day 52	25 Th Let's learn together (H)	25 Su
26 Tu	26 Th	26 Su	26 Tu Boxing Day	26 Fr	26 Mo 9
27 We	27 Fr	27 Mo 48	27 We	27 Sa	27 Tu
28 Th	28 Sa	28 Tu	28 Th CHRISTMAS BREAK	28 Su	28 We Let's learn together (H)
29 Fr	29 Su	29 We	29 Fr	29 Mo 5	29 Th Let's learn together (D)
30 Sa	30 Mo 44	30 Th Oasis coffee morning	30 Sa	30 Tu EY Enrichment day	
	31 Tu		31 Su	31 We	

March 2024	April 2024	May 2024	June 2024	July 2024	August 2024
1 Fr	1 Mo Easter Monday ¹⁴	1 We	1 Sa	1 Mo EY Picnic ²⁷	1 Th
2 Sa	2 Tu	2 Th	2 Su	2 Tu	2 Fr
3 Su	3 We EASTER BREAK	3 Fr Inset day	3 Mo ²³	3 We	3 Sa
4 Mo ^{Fairtrade fortnight begins} ¹⁰	4 Th	4 Sa	4 Tu	4 Th	4 Su
5 Tu	5 Fr	5 Su	5 We	5 Fr	5 Mo ³²
6 We Book time (H)	6 Sa	6 Mo Early May Bank H. ¹⁹	6 Th	6 Sa	6 Tu
7 Th World book day	7 Su	7 Tu	7 Fr World Oceans Day	7 Su	7 We
8 Fr ^{Mother's day breakfast (PTA)} ¹⁵	8 Mo	8 We Stay and play (D) (PM)	8 Sa PTA Summer Fayre	8 Mo Reports sent home ²⁸	8 Th
9 Sa	9 Tu Parent workshop (D)	9 Th Book time (H)	9 Su	9 Tu	9 Fr
10 Su	10 We Parent workshop (H)	10 Fr	10 Mo ²⁴	10 We	10 Sa
11 Mo ¹¹	11 Th	11 Sa	11 Tu Book time (H)	11 Th	11 Su
12 Tu EY Disco (PTA)	12 Fr	12 Su	12 We	12 Fr	12 Mo ³³
13 We	13 Sa	13 Mo Let's learn together (H) ²⁰	13 Th	13 Sa	13 Tu
14 Th	14 Su	14 Tu	14 Fr ^{Father's day breakfast (PTA)}	14 Su	14 We
15 Fr	15 Mo ¹⁸	15 We	15 Sa ^{PTA Summer Fayre (back up)} ²⁹	15 Mo	15 Th
16 Sa	16 Tu	16 Th	16 Su	16 Tu	16 Fr
17 Su	17 We	17 Fr	17 Mo ²⁵	17 We	17 Sa
18 Mo ¹²	18 Th Book time (H)	18 Sa	18 Tu	18 Th	18 Su
19 Tu	19 Fr	19 Su	19 We Let's learn together (H)	19 Fr	19 Mo ³⁴
20 We	20 Sa	20 Mo ²¹	20 Th Let's learn together (D)	20 Sa	20 Tu
21 Th	21 Su	21 Tu	21 Fr	21 Su	21 We
22 Fr Easter service @ church	22 Mo ¹⁷	22 We EY Disco (PTA)	22 Sa	22 Mo ³⁰	22 Th
23 Sa	23 Tu Earth day	23 Th	23 Su	23 Tu	23 Fr
24 Su	24 We	24 Fr	24 Mo ²⁸	24 We	24 Sa
25 Mo ¹³	25 Th	25 Sa	25 Tu Book time (H)	25 Th	25 Su
26 Tu	26 Fr Ey Enrichment day	26 Su	26 We	26 Fr	26 Mo August Bank Hol. ³⁵
27 We EASTER BREAK	27 Sa	27 Mo Spring Bank Hol. ²²	27 Th	27 Sa	27 Tu
28 Th	28 Su	28 Tu	28 Fr	28 Su	28 We
29 Fr Good Friday	29 Mo ¹⁸	29 We HALF TERM	29 Sa	29 Mo ³¹	29 Th
30 Sa	30 Tu	30 Th	30 Su	30 Tu	30 Fr
31 Su		31 Fr		31 We	31 Sa