



Barlaston First School
Weekly Newsletter
10th 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."

Little Mermaid

On Thursday 4th December we will be paying our annual visit to the New Vic. This year we are taking all children from Reception Class up to Year 4 (our Dormice children will enjoy other activities at school) and we will be watching The Little Mermaid. Thanks to the enormous efforts and tireless hard work of our very active PTFA we have been able to hold the cost of this trip down to last year's price of £15. This is only possible because of a substantial contribution from the PTFA covering the entire cost of the transport.

The cost of transport for school trips is becoming increasingly prohibitive and I would like to express just how grateful we are to a relatively small band of extremely dedicated parents, grandparents and friends of the school, who work hard to put on events for us all to enjoy. This helps us to purchase extra resources for school and ensure these fantastic, enriching experiences for our children can still go ahead.

We will open payments for the trip on Monday (13th).

Danny Butler -Sponsorship and Donations

A big thank you to all those who have sponsored and / or donated, and of course to all of our children who took part in the activities with Danny. We had a great morning exercising and raising money for school sports equipment. Any outstanding sponsorship money or further donations need to be in by Monday (13th Oct).

October Activity Days with ASM

ASM are running holiday club activity days on 29th and 30th October. Please book directly on their website.

Harvest Service

Our Harvest Service takes place next Friday morning (17th) at 9am. Please drop children off directly at the church between 8.45am and 8.55am. We will walk our breakfast club children down at that time.

There will be no family worship next Friday afternoon.

Autumn Discos - 12th and 13th November

PTFA will be holding autumn discos on 12th and 13th November. Details can be found on the attached flyer.

Diabetes Screening - Monday 10th November

As a parent of a child with Type 1 Diabetes it's fantastic to see so many signing up for the opportunity to take part in diabetes screening. Early knowledge and/or diagnosis of the condition is important in reducing its impact, and hopefully in the longer term, its prevalence. If you would like your child to benefit from this screening please book directly using the link that we have previously forwarded.

Regards,
Mr J Gordon

Dates for the Diary 2025

17 October	Harvest Service 9am
10 November	Diabetes Screening am
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
18 November	Flu Vaccinations
19 November	Parents Evening
4 December	Reception - Year 4 New Vic - 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	27 th - 31 st October 2025
Staff Development Day School Closed to Children	3 rd November Monday 3 rd November 2025
Christmas Break	22 nd December - 2 nd January 2026
Spring 2026	
School Opens	Monday 5 th January 2026
Half Term	16 th - 20 st 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 1 st May 2026
May Bank Holiday	Monday 4 th May 2026
Half Term	25 th - 29 th 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 1 st September 2026
Staff Development Day (School Closed to Children)	Wednesday 2 nd September 2026
Autumn 2026 Term Begins	Thursday 3 rd September 2026