



Barlaston First School
Weekly Newsletter
15th December 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."

Christmas Performances

We were treated to some wonderful performances last week, with Dormice and Hedgehogs doing the Nativity on Tuesday and Squirrels and Badgers performing "I'm Gonna Shine" on Wednesday and Thursday.

The children were amazing as usual and every one certainly did shine! A big thank you is due to all of the staff who work so hard to help make these things happen.

I would also like to thank our PTFA for providing many of the costumes for both performances, and also to Mr & Mrs Candlin who very generously purchased the Key Stage 1 production for us this year.

The biggest thanks is, of course, due to the children for their wonderful performances.

Playground Markings

I'm delighted to say that the playground markings, paid for by our PTFA over 3 years ago, and lost during the resurfacing of the playground by the local authority in August of 2024, have now been replaced and updated. The work was completed on Friday morning and the playground was able to be used immediately on completion of the work.

Christmas Dinner Wednesday 17th December

Our Christmas dinner this year will take place on the above date and is open on the Dolce App for booking.

Christingle Service

We will finish this year as usual with our Christingle Service in Church at 9 am on Friday 19th December. Please drop your child off at church between 8.45am and 8.55am on that morning.

A reminder that as we are at church in the morning there is no family worship on Friday afternoon (19th).

Christmas Break

We break for Christmas on Friday afternoon and school reopens at 8.55am on Monday 5th January.

From everyone at school, we hope you have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Regards,
Mr J Gordon

Dates for the Diary 2025

17 December	Christmas Dinner Day
19 December	Christmas Service in Church 9am
2025/26 School Term and Holiday Dates	
Christmas Break	22nd 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