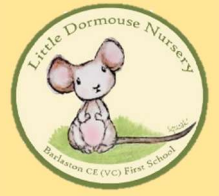




Barlaston First School Newsletter

17th April 2026



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Our whole school vision...

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Welcome to the summer term. We hope everyone has had a great Easter break and are ready for the busy term ahead.

Parking

Many of you will have noticed that we had a visit from the PCSO covering our area. The visit followed complaints from local residents and the purpose was to discuss the situation with school and to look at issues for themselves. He could see how dangerous the crescent is at pick up times and as a result he advised that, whilst he obviously can't be here every day, he will make ad hoc visits to view the situation first hand. He did specifically ask me to remind everyone that driveways must NOT be blocked and that is illegal to park on the yellow zig zags at any time! We agreed to stay in touch and to update him with any recurring issues.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Sports Day - Friday 8th May

Sports day will take place on Friday 8th May. Early Years will hold theirs at 9.50am and Years 1 - 4 will start at 1.30pm. More details will be included in next week's newsletter.

Years 3 and 4 Residential Trip to Standon Bowers

Our Key Stage 2 children are looking forward to their residential visit to Standon Bowers from Wednesday 13th to Friday 15th May. Thankyou for all payments made so far, a gentle reminder that all outstanding payments must be made by the 30th April. Thankyou

Staff Development Day

My apologies for the mistake in the previous newsletter. The staff development day is **Friday 1st May**. School will be closed to children on this day. **Monday 4th May is Spring Bank Holiday** and school will reopen on Tuesday 5th May.

Dates for the Diary

1st May - Inset Day School
Closed to Children

4th May - Bank Holiday Monday

8th May - Sports Day - Details to follow

13-15th May - Yr3&4 Residential
to Standon Bowers

The School Day

Entry to Breakfast Club -
7.45-8.45am

Main School Gates Open -
8.40am

Classroom Doors Open -
8.45am

Classroom and Main Gates
Closed - 8.55am

Enter through the Office
after 8.55am

End of the day Main School
Gates Open - 3.25pm

Classroom Doors Open -
3.30pm

(3.25pm Hedgehogs)

Classroom Doors Closed -
3.40pm

Collection After 3.40pm is
From the School Office



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Attendance Stars this Week !

Hedgehogs - 97.53%
Squirrels - 98.48%
Badgers - 97%
Deers - 98.48%
Owls - 99.26%

Well Done to **Owl Class** our highest attenders of the week with **99.26%**

Keep it up!

**Superb Overall Attendance for ALL classes this Week!
Well Done to Everybody!**

Dates for the Diary 2026

Summer 2026	
1 st May	Staff Development Day - School Closed to Children
4 May	Mayday Bank Holiday - School Closed
7 May	PTFA meeting 7pm Upper House - everybody welcome
8 May	Sports Day - details to follow
13-15 May	Year 3 and 4 Residential at Standon Bowers
22 May	Break for Half Term
Half Term	25 - 29 May 2026
1 June	Return to school for second half of summer term

Regards,

John Gordon



PTFA news

Next meeting: Thursday 7th May, 7pm @ The Upper House

The next meeting is the AGM all are welcome. No commitment to come to every meeting. Bring your ideas, your energy and your voice. Chairperson and Treasurer roles available, no experience needed - just enthusiasm!
Come along and help plan future events, support the school community and meet friendly faces.



Welcome to Barlaston C. E. (VC) First School lottery PTA. This lottery has been set up specifically to raise money and make a difference for our children!

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/barlaston-cevc-first-school-pta>