



Barlaston First School Newsletter

24th April 2026



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Sports Day

It's currently looking very promising for sports day to go ahead at the first time of asking next Friday 8th May. Early Years will hold theirs at 9.50am. Years 1 - 4 will start at 1.30pm we are asking the children to come in that day in their PE kit but wearing something in their team colours (Yr's 1-4 only). The class teachers have advised the children of which colour they are. If you are unsure please ask your child's class teacher. PTFA will be present, selling refreshments in both the morning and afternoon. We expect the afternoon activities to complete just before 3pm. We will take the children back to classrooms to dismiss them in the usual way but we will open the gates at 3pm so that you can take your child with you after the event. Siblings can also be collected at the same time.

Parking

Thank you to all those using the church car park and for the consideration shown by those needing to park in the crescent. It was good to see a police presence again this week to help us keep all of our children safe. Their increased visibility is very much welcomed.

Standon Bowers

Years 3&4 go on their residential visit to Standon Bowers from the 13th- 15th May. Please can ALL medical forms please be returned by next Wednesday 27th April.

Keyrings on Bags

Keyrings attached to children's bags are presenting an increasing issue. Disputes and arguments over keyrings and keyrings being lost or going missing are becoming a real distraction and beginning to take up valuable learning time. This is something we will monitor closely but in the meantime please keep all such items to an absolute minimum.

Staff Development Day

Reminder school is closed next **Friday 1st May** and will reopen on **Tuesday 5th May** after the Bank Holiday.

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 - 98.61%
- Squirrels - 92.61%
- Badgers - 98.56%
- Deers - 94.44%
- Owls - 96.30%

Well Done to
Hedgehog Class our
 highest attenders
 of the week with
98.61%



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>

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 AGM meeting 7pm Upper House - everybody welcome
8 May	Sports Day
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