



Barlaston First School Newsletter

27th February 2026



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World Book Day - Thursday 5th March

Next Thursday is World Book Day and this year we are asking children to come dressed as their favourite fictional character, or alternatively if they prefer, to come in their pyjamas.

This year we are inviting children to join in with a book swap by bringing in a pre-loved book that you would like to find a new home. Please bring in a pre-loved book by **Tuesday 3rd March**. On World Book Day, children who have brought in a pre-loved book will then be able to swap this book for another pre-loved book.

Children will also be coming home today with a Scholastic Book Club leaflet, if you'd like to order books from their leaflet there is a QR code on the booklet itself or you can go to <https://clubs.scholastic.co.uk/C-2P1L1PT3> to browse the latest books and order online. For **every £1 you spend** on the Book Club, **our school will earn 20p** in Scholastic Rewards.

Please place your order online by **Friday March 20th**, for FREE delivery into school.

Open Evening

An Early Years Open Evening for prospective parents will take place on **Wednesday 4th March**, drop in anytime between 4.30-6.30pm. If you could pass this on to anyone who may be interested in joining our nursery or reception class that would be greatly appreciated.

Attendance

Our school attendance target is 96%. The overall attendance so far this year is 95.6%. Thank you to all those families who are working with us to prioritise their child's learning. We appreciate your working with us to achieve the best outcomes for your child.

Dates for the Diary

4th March - Early Years Open Evening

5th March - World Book Day

16th & 19th March - Parents Evening Years 1-4

18th & 19th March - Early Years Parents Evening

17th March - Badger Class Visit to National Forest Adventure Farm

20th March PTFA Chocolate Bingo - details to follow next week

27th March - Easter Service in Church

APPOINTMENTS IN SCHOOL HOURS

We recognise that of course we don't always have a choice when scheduling medical appointments for children.

Any absences at all do cause disruption to pupils' learning so where possible we would ask for any appointments to be made outside of the school day.



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Parent Governor Vacancies

We have 2 vacancies for parent governors. This is an opportunity for you to support the school in sharing your views for the vision and strategic direction and governance of the school. There is a commitment of 3 full governing body meetings and between 3 and 9 further committee meetings depending on the particular committee you sit on. If you feel you would like to help support the school as part of our governing body please complete the nomination form attached (copies are also available from the school office). Please return it to school by midday on Friday 13th March. All parents and carers with at least one child on our current school role are eligible to put themselves forward. There is no need to be nominated or seconded by anyone else. Simply complete and return the form.

If more than two nominations are received then a ballot will be held. If a ballot is required details will be advised on Friday 13th March, with voting closing on Friday 27th March at midday, after which results will be announced.

Pick Up and Drop Off

The number of complaints that I am receiving from local residents regarding both parking and encroachment onto their properties by pedestrians continues to increase. Please take care when driving and parking near to school, observing all road markings and dropped kerbs, and ensure that you don't venture on to our neighbours' properties near to school when arriving and leaving on foot, or when waiting for us to open the gates.

Thank you for your continued co-operation.

Regards,

Mr J Gordon



PTFA news

Next meeting: Thursday 5th March, 7pm @ Upper House

Upcoming events...

On Friday 13th March PTFA volunteers will be running a Mother's Day Craft Afternoon - all children will get a chance to take part over the duration of the afternoon and bring something home for their someone special.

20th March - Chocolate Bingo 6-8pm at School - more details next week

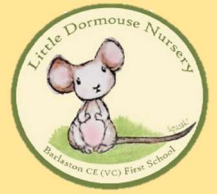
Newsletter

We will continue to evolve the format of the newsletter over the coming weeks. If you do have further comments or suggestions please let us know.



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Parent Governor Nomination Form

Name	
Child Currently on Roll	
<p>Please provide a brief statement below on why you would like to be one of our new parent governors. (Maximum 200 words)</p> <p>In the event of there being more than 2 nominations your statement will be published to all current parents / carers to assist them in deciding how to cast their vote.</p>	