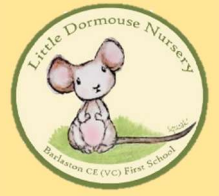




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30<sup>th</sup> April 2026



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## Breakfast and After School Club

Please ensure that you book well in advance as it is crucial to planning staffing and in afterschool club in particular, catering requirements. These are very difficult things to change at the last minute and I am keen to avoid, if at all possible, capping numbers and/or imposing a longer notice period to accept bookings.

It is also important for the ongoing viability of our wraparound provision that accounts are kept up to date. Please ensure that these are settled prior to the end of each half term. Thank you for your co-operation in helping us to sustain this provision.

## Sports Day

Sports day will take place on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May. Early Years will hold theirs at 9.50am and Years 1 - 4 will start at 1.30pm. PTFA will be present, selling refreshments in both 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.

If the weather is not kind and we have to postpone, we will make the decision as soon as it clear we cannot go ahead and a text will be sent.

## Standon Bowers

Years 3&4 go on their residential visit to Standon Bowers from the 13<sup>th</sup>- 15<sup>th</sup> May. A reminder that ALL outstanding payments must be made by the 30<sup>th</sup> April. Thankyou

## Requests for Permission and Other Information

We are currently reviewing permissions held for each child and reviewing allergy and other information. You will have received a form by email to help us keep your child's information up to date. Please complete the form ASAP so that we can update our records where needed.

## Little Stars

Little Stars nursery are running their usual half term holiday club at the end of May. Their flyer with all the details is attached to this newsletter.. Please book directly with them.

Hope you all have a great long weekend,  
Regards, J Gordon

## Dates for the Diary

1<sup>st</sup> May - Inset Day School  
Closed to Children

4<sup>th</sup> May - Bank Holiday Monday

8<sup>th</sup> May - Sports Day - Details to follow

13-15<sup>th</sup> May - Yr3&4 Residential to Standon Bowers

25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> May - Half Term

1<sup>st</sup> June - Back to School



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## Attendance Stars this Week !

Hedgehogs - 100%  
Squirrels - 90.91%  
Badgers - 89.56%  
Deers - 96.71%  
Owls - 100%

Well Done to  
**Hedgehog & Owl**  
**Class** our highest  
attenders of the  
week with **100% !**



### 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 <sup>st</sup> 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