# Barlaston First School Newsletter

**30th June 2026**

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## PTFA Activity Day and Colour Run

Next Tuesday is our PTFA Activity Day run by Bee Active. In the morning all children will get the opportunity to take part in activities on inflatables and in the afternoon we are holding a Colour Run!

All children will take part in the colour run on the school field and playground. Please send your child(ren) to school on Tuesday in their PE kit, preferably with a white or light shirt that you don't mind getting covered in paint!

Once again, an enormous thank you to our tireless PTFA for funding this entire day. It could not happen without them.

## Year 4 Violin Performance

Year 4 represented our school at The Victoria Hall on 19 June. They performed with their violins and were wonderful ambassadors for our school on and off stage. Well done Owls. We are very proud of you.

## Activity Week

The PTFA also funded a significant part of our Activities Week last week. Despite extremely challenging weather we had an amazing week with poetry, art and an absolutely wonderful end to the week with African Drums. Seeing the joy on the faces of the children whilst taking part in the drumming activity was a real highlight of the week.

Unfortunately we did have to postpone the chocolate making, but we are looking to rearrange possibly for the last week of term. The visits to Wedgwood have also proved a great success, with the children visiting the museum and getting the opportunity to make their own pot.

**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

**REMINDER**

**Please make sure ALL outstanding balances on Eduspot are paid by the end of term.**

**Thankyou**

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## Dementia UK

Leon Stanley, one of our grandparents, is walking 500 miles, throughout May, June and July for Dementia UK. This is apt timing in that we will be working towards becoming a Dementia Friendly School from September 2026, supported by Lichfield Diocese. There will be more detail on this in September but in the mean time we would like to support Leon's phenomenal efforts. To this end we are holding a non-uniform day on **Friday 3 July**. We will collect any voluntary donations in support of Dementia UK. Sponsor/ Donation forms will be available at performances / family worships etc for you to contribute to Leon's fundraising for this excellent cause.

## Congratulations Georgia

Georgia Candlin from Badger Class recently entered the Stafford Writers Competition in the 7-11 category. Being one of the very youngest entrants in her category was impressive enough, but not happy to settle for this Georgia won! Not only that but she received some glowing praise for her writing. Amazing Georgia! What an achievement. We are as proud of you at school as you should be of yourself. Congratulations.

## Stoke City Presentation Assembly

Stoke City are joining us on 8th July to give out their gifts for all of your fundraising. Thank you to all those who have taken time to raise money.

## Tickets for Aladdin

Tickets for the Year 3 and 4 summer performance are now on sale. As usual just 2 per child per performance initially to be fair to everyone. Any tickets still available on Tuesday 7th July will be available on a first come first served basis. Initial purchases of more than two tickets will have the cost of the additional tickets refunded.

## Dates for the Diary

**29th + 30th June** – Yr 4 Transition Days

**30th June** – Yr 2 Wedgwood Trip

**30th June** – Yr 1 Twycross Zoo Trip

**2nd July** – Yr 3 + ½ Yr4 Wedgwood Trip

**3rd July** – Non-Uniform for Dementia UK

**5th July** – Longton Junior Park Run 8.45am

**7th July** – PTFA Activity Day – Colour Run

**8th July** – Reports come home

**9th July** – Owl Leavers Disco

**14th July** – KS2 Performance 1.30pm

**15th July** – KS2 Performance 5.30pm

**17th July** - End of Term Service in Church 9am

**17th July** – Leaver's Picnic 1.30

**17th July** – Break for Summer

**Return to School – Thursday 3rd September 26.**

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## Park Run

We are looking forward to seeing you all in Longton Park for a 9am start at Junior Parkrun on Sunday (5th July). Parkrun is a great event and I am keen to do all we can to promote this. Fresh air, exercise, great people and great fun. The best way to start your day!

## Music Squad

Gemma came into school to give a great assembly about Music Squad lessons she will be offering 1-2-1 piano lessons in school time, but will also be offering an after school keyboard club from September. All instruments will be provided. Please see the attached posters with more information and Gemma's details if you wish to get in touch. All booking are done directly with Gemma.

## Reports

Reports will be sent home next Wednesday (8 July).

**Regards – John Gordon**

## Attendance Stars this Week !

Hedgehogs -96.71%
Squirrels -94.95%
Badgers -98.29%
Deers -98.18%
Owls -94.67%

Well Done to Badger Class! Our highest attenders of the week with 98.29%.

Keep it up!

## PTFA news

Next PTFA meeting is:

Thursday 9th July
@ The Upper House
7pm Start

## Lost Property

We currently have an overflowing box of lost property in the foyer! This includes over 25 jumpers / cardigans with no name on, if you are missing some uniform please come and collect them. Any unclaimed items will be donated at the end of term. Thankyou