# Barlaston First School Newsletter

**4th June 2026**

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## Records of Achievement Afternoon – 5th June

We are currently reviewing our Records of Achievement days and how they run. I will update you on any changes in the autumn term. On Friday (5th June) however it will run as previous.

As last time we will invite parents/carers of Year 1 and 2 children to join us between **1.30pm and 2.15pm**. Year 3 and 4 parents /carers are invited between **2.30pm and 3.15pm**.

**Please use the main school entrance.**

If you have children in both key stages choose your preferred session and you will be able to work with both/all children in that session.

For both sessions you are free to take your child and all siblings immediately after the session if you wish. Children remaining with us after the first session will go out to play at 2.15pm and complete their afternoon in the usual way. All children remaining with us at 3.15pm will be dismissed in the usual way from the classroom door or into after school club.

## Balances on Accounts

As the school year draws to a close I am reviewing the viability and cost of our wraparound provision with our governing body. It is important that all outstanding balances are paid and accounts are up date. Balances that persist towards year end have to be reported to the local authority for them to follow up. Individual reminder letters will be sent out next week for all accounts with an outstanding balance. Thank you very much for your co-operation in this.

## Stoke City

Stoke City delivered an assembly yesterday, inviting the children to get sponsors for a penalty shootout which will take place on the morning of **17th June**. Sponsor forms will be sent home with your child today and need to be returned by **Wednesday 24th June**.

## Dates for the Diary

**3rd June** – Stoke City Assembly

**4th June** – PTFA meeting @ The Upper House 7pm Start

**5th June** – Record's of Achievement afternoon

**17th June** – Stoke City Penalty Shoot out Day

**5th July** – Junior Parkrun 8.45am

**8th July** – Report's Come Home

**8th July** – Stoke City Presentation

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

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

**17th July** – End of Term Service in Church 9.00am

**17th July** – Yr 4 Leaver's Picnic

**17th July** – Break for Summer

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junior parkrun

We would like to invite all children and their families to take part in **Longton Junior Parkrun** on

**Sunday 5th July 2026.**

This is a fantastic opportunity for our school community to come together, enjoy being active, and spend time outdoors. Junior parkrun is a free, fun, and friendly 2km event for children aged 4–14, where participants can walk, jog, run, or simply take part at their own pace.

As we approach the summer holidays, we hope this event will provide a chance for families to:

- Meet up with friends and families from across the school.
- Be active and enjoy the benefits of exercise.
- Celebrate the end of the school year together.
- Enjoy a relaxed summer social atmosphere with our school community.

Whether your child is a regular runner or would simply like to give it a try, everyone is welcome. Family members are encouraged to come along to support, cheer, and join in the community spirit.

## Event Details

- **Longton Junior Parkrun**
- **Sunday 5th July**
- **Please arrive by 8:45am / 8.50am for a warm up and a 9:00am start**
- **Location: Longton Park**

We would love to see as many families as possible taking part and helping to make this a memorable community event.

If you are not familiar with parkrun, you can register your child, following the link:

register | parkrun UK.

When you submit the form, the email will link to their personal barcode. Ideally, this needs to be printed and taken to the parkrun event. Save a clear photo of the barcode on your phone. Without a barcode, your child can still run, but their time won't be recorded. Many families laminate the barcode or keep a spare.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to seeing you there.

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## Staffing from September 2026

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| **Nursery** | Mr Peel | Mrs Kendrick |
| **Reception** | Miss Gill | Miss Soanes |
| **Year 1** | Mrs Hewitt | Mrs Southern |
| **Year 2** | Miss Hulme | Mr Evans |
| **Year 3** | **Teacher Vacancy** | Mrs Casey |
| **Year 4** | Mr Mellor | Miss Agar |

Although support staff are based in particular classes their work will inevitably take them beyond those classes to support children as required. Miss Hegewald will continue in her role providing regular cover in classrooms as needed.

**Mrs Edge has decided to take a very well earned early retirement. She has been a fantastic member of our team over the past 3 years, working in several year groups and playing a key role in establishing and sustaining our Forest Schools provision. She will be greatly missed by children and staff alike.**
**Though we are extremely sorry to see Mrs Edge leave us we all wish her a wonderful retirement.**

**Mrs Casey has relinquished her role as Wraparound Lead. Mrs Casey has done an outstanding job in this role and we are very grateful for the excellent work that she has done. Mrs Casey is remaining with us and continuing her work supporting in classrooms.**

The recruitment process for a new Year 3 Teacher and Wraparound Lead are underway. I will update you as soon as appointments are made.

Mrs Stone and Mrs Wildsmith will also work across year groups to provide support as required.

Regards
Mr J Gordon

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## Barlaston First School PTFA is searching for new volunteers!

### Why Join the PTFA?

Strengthen the school community, support fun activities and events for students, and help raise vital funds for extra's that make a big difference!

### How much do I have to do?

As much or as little as you like!

Got a spare hour to help at an event? Brilliant! Want to share ideas or organise something bigger? Fantastic!

In addition to parents, Grandparents, carers and friends are welcome too!

Contact the PTFA on pta@barlaston.staffs.sch.uk
Or simply turn up to our monthly meetings at The Upper House – 7pm – First Thursday of the month.

## PTFA news

**Next meeting: Thursday 4th June 7pm @ Upper House**

Following the AGM last month our new committee is as follows:

**Chair:** Clare Parker
**Vice Chair:** Claire Bailey
**Secretary:** Kathryn Ellis
**Treasurer:** Claire Ratcliffe

As always volunteers are welcome to attend meetings and new input is always welcomed. Feel free to contact the PTFA on: **pta@barlaston.staffs.sch.uk**

The PTFA will be running a Father's Day craft afternoon for the children on the afternoon of 19th June.

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## 7th June 2026

### Visit Bowers Hall Farm
### Standon ST21 6RW
### 10:30am to 3pm

Our open farm Sunday is back! The big fun-filled family day out with lots of activities and things to see for all ages! Join us as we celebrate all things farming, and give you the opportunity to see what goes on behind the scenes and our story at Bowers Hall Farm! On the day you can enjoy; **Tractor trailer rides**, **Hog roast**, **Sheep shearing**, **Milking, Meeting the farm animals, New and old machinery on show** and much more! Free entry for everyone, we look forward to seeing you all! Find our event on Facebook for more details and queries!