



Barlaston First School
Weekly Newsletter
6 September 2024



Let your light shine through family, friendship and faith

"Enabling our whole school community to flourish and let their light shine, preparing them for their role as gentle and humble agents for change in the world we share."

Welcome to the autumn term. We once again have a busy time ahead. We are very impressed with how the children have begun their autumn term. Everyone is looking very smart, the behaviour and the way the children are moving around school has been fantastic, and we've all come back ready to learn and have fun.

Lunchtimes

The changes to lunchtimes have been extremely smooth and are a real triumph. The routines are working well and it is lovely to see the children sitting enjoying some lovely food at new dining tables with new plates, bowls, cutlery etc. The children are clearly enjoying their lunchtime experience and the atmosphere in the hall at lunchtimes is wonderful. Thank you all very much for playing your part in the success of this change in terms of using the app and ordering. Please continue to do this, even if your child is entitled to universal free school meals, so that their choice of food is clear when they get to the serving hatch.

Morning Snack (Years 1 to 4)

The new catering suppliers will be providing morning snack for **years 1 to 4**. Should you wish your child to have a snack from the "tuck shop" at morning break this will be done through the Dolce app. You will need to top the account up with money but the choice of snack will be made by your child at the counter. Their choice will be recorded on the app, so you know what they chose, and the cost deducted. A spend limit will be in place to limit the amount your child can purchase on any given day.

The morning snack (Tuck Shop) menu, from which the children will choose, is attached to this newsletter.

School Photos

Monday is school photo day. Where we have siblings in school they will have a photograph taken together as usual, as well as individually.

Wraparound

Breakfast club will run from 7.45am to 8.45am and after-school club will run from 3.30pm to 5.45pm. Both clubs will now run in the main school building. To ensure this provision remains viable and sustainable we have had to review the pricing. Prices from 1st September 2024 will be as follows.

	Booked
Breakfast Club	£5.50
After School Club 3.30pm - 4.30pm	£5.00
After School Club After 4.30pm	£6.50

Additional Charges

- An additional charge of £3 will be applied for breakfast club where it is not pre-booked
- An additional charge of £5 will be applied for afterschool club where it is not pre booked
- An additional charge of £10 will be applied for late pick up after 5.45pm at the end of the day.

The catering for our after school provision is now carried out by our new catering suppliers. They need to have definite numbers for children stopping for tea by 1.30pm each day. They will prepare food for the numbers booked on at that time.

It is therefore important that all children are booked in to after school club in advance, and particularly those stopping for tea.

Please contact Mandy Casey for on the day bookings.

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Parking

A polite reminder as we start the new term to always park considerately and respectfully so that everyone stays safe and our neighbours can enjoy unimpeded access to their properties.

On a related note, you will have noticed that we now have a school crossing warden on the main road by the church. The church carpark is available to use

and I want to encourage you all to take advantage of this, and use the crossing warden provided, to help ease the congestion at drop off and pick up times.
Thank you for your co-operation.

Family Worship

Family Worships will begin on **Friday 20th September at 2.55pm.**

Dates for the Diary

I will include a table of all agreed dates, or dates we have provisionally set, for the entire school year, in next Friday's newsletter.

Regards,
Mr J Gordon

2024/25 School Term and Holiday Dates	
Half Term	28 th October - 1 st November
Staff Development Day School Closed to Children	Monday 4 th November
Christmas Break	23 rd December - 3 rd January
Spring 2025	
School Opens	Monday 6 th January 2025
Half Term	17 th - 21 st February 2025
Easter Break	14 th - 25 th April 2025
Summer 2025	
School Opens	Monday 28 th April 2025
Staff Development Day (School Closed to Children)	Friday 2 nd May 2025
May Bank Holiday	Monday 5 th May 2025
Half Term	26 th - 30 th May 2025
Last Day of Summer Term	Friday 18 th July 2025