



Barlaston First School
Weekly Newsletter
9 January 2026



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."

Dear Parents / Carers,

Happy new year! The weather has brought us some new year challenges this week, but hopefully we're over the worst of that, for now at least. Thank you very much for your patience this week.

As ever we have a busy term ahead, and I will add all dates for the diary for the spring term in next week's newsletter.

Staffing

As you know, Mrs Edge is now our Year 4 teacher. Replacing Mrs Edge in her previous role we have this week welcomed Miss Hegewald to our team. She is very much looking forward to her new role.

Outdoor Gym

Next week we are having an outdoor gym installed near the edge of our playground where the old solar dome used to be. The work is likely to take place over Tuesday and Wednesday. This will be another fantastic enhancement to our outdoor area for our children to enjoy.

ClassDojo

Parents / Carers in Year 2 will know that Mr Mellor is piloting the use of ClassDojo. This is part of a wider review of our communication approach and we will review its use later this term and make a decision on whether or not to adopt ClassDojo school-wide.

Newsletter

We are also looking at revising the format of this newsletter, and some of its contents. You will notice some changes imminently and we'll also be asking for your views on frequency of newsletters and what you'd like to see covered in them.

Family Worship

Family worships this term will begin next week at 2.55pm on Friday (16th) afternoon.

Regards,
Mr J Gordon

Dates for the Diary 2026

Spring 2026	
School Opens	Monday 5 th January 2026
Half Term	16 th - 20 st February 2026
Easter Break	30 th March - 10 th April 2026
Summer 2026	
School Opens	Monday 13 th April 2026
Staff Development Day - School Closed to Children	Friday 1 st May 2026
May Bank Holiday	Monday 4 th May 2026
Half Term	25 th - 29 th May 2026
Last Day of Summer Term	Friday 17 th July 2026
2026/27 School Term and Holiday Dates	
Staff Development Day (School Closed to Children)	Tuesday 1 st September 2026
Staff Development Day (School Closed to Children)	Wednesday 2 nd September 2026
Autumn 2026 Term Begins	Thursday 3 rd September 2026