

Friday 13th February 2026

Barford Primary School Newsletter

"Happy hearts, healthy minds, exhilarating experiences – inspires success"



Dear Parents and Carers,

Head Teacher's Message

It has been a very exciting half-term with many things to celebrate. I just want to say a big shout out to our LPPA (Leading Parents Partnership Group), who have held their first few meetings at school and prioritised what we need to do to improve our school. There is now a 'LPPA' post box by the main office reception, if you would like to post a comment or any ideas to the group to help improve our school. You are also all most welcome at the meetings if you would prefer to do this face to face and help make a difference together for the good of all of our children at Barford.

Our 'pop up' pool has now arrived on school site and we are looking forward to the children in years 1 - 6 taking part in their swimming lessons up to Easter. The children will receive a swimming badge and certificate at the end of their swimming to help celebrate what they have achieved. Please ensure you have signed your consent on MCAS so your children can take part in the swimming lessons.

We say goodbye to Ms Simms, one of our Lunchtime Supervisors, who is leaving to focus on becoming a teaching assistant. We thank her for her hard work and commitment over the years and look forward to hearing about how she is getting on in the future.

Finally, we hope all have a wonderful half-term; please stay safe and warm!

We look forward to seeing you all back at school on Monday 23rd February.

Head Teacher - Jo Davies



Year 3 Science

Year 3 have been enjoying time up in our science classroom, wearing their new lab coats. They have been observing and measuring for accuracy and exploring which equipment gives



Spring Fun Fair

Wednesday, 25th March

Entrance via Brandon
Passage, B160EF

3:30pm - 7:30pm
Outdoor event



Spring Chicks Hatch

It has been very exciting in Nursery the past couple of weeks. We were able to watch some chick eggs hatch. We observed 9 eggs hatching into chicks! It was amazing to see them coming out of the eggs. Now that they are bigger, they don't need to be in the incubator anymore.



We now offer 30 hours FREE childcare for Nursery

You can now get up to 30 hours' FREE childcare for working parents of 3 & 4 year olds. Collect a form from our office or speak to our Business Manager for more information.

Second Hand Fair

Clothes, toys and more
only £1 per item!

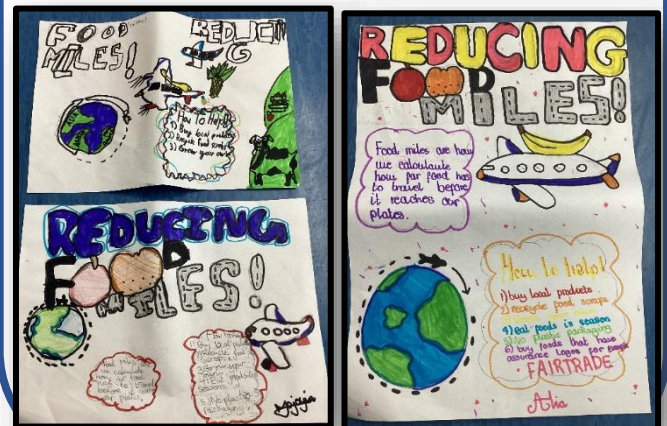
Free Entry
Friday 27th
February
3:30pm-4:45pm

**Grab a bargain at our
second hand fair!**
(Including uniform)

**BRING IN YOUR
UNWANTED ITEMS TO
OUR MAIN OFFICE!**

ECO CLUB - SUSTAINABILITY

In Eco Club we have been talking about reducing food miles to help save the planet. If we buy our food locally or grow some food ourselves, then we will reduce the amount of food miles used, to deliver food from countries abroad. This will mean that transport emissions will be lower. We have created posters to encourage people to buy local produce.



SchoolGrid

As you are aware we have now moved over to our new school dinner platform (SchoolGrid). All parents should have received an email to get your child signed up so you can order your meals via the system.

If you haven't yet received your 'welcome email' you need to contact the main office as soon as possible.

Please make sure you have pre-ordered your child's food at home.

WANTED PRE-LOVED CLOTHES

We will be holding a Second Hand Fair after Half-term. Please donate any new or pre-loved items into Mrs Lilly by Wednesday 25th February

Swimming at Barford

We are delighted to announce that we will offering Years 1 to 6 swimming lessons onsite from Monday 23rd February. This will take place for 4 weeks in our on-site pop-up pool.

Please ensure you have given consent on MCAS by Monday 23rd February 2026!

Below is the timetable for the swimming sessions.

Day	Class
Monday	Year 1 Ash PM and all of Year 2 AM
Tuesday	Year 1 Holly PM and all of Year 3 AM
Wednesday	All of Year 4 AM and Silver Birch PM
Thursday	All of Year 5 AM and Year 6 Sycamore PM
Friday	Year 6 Laurel PM

Appropriate Swimwear



Swimming wear for Boys

- Swimming trunks/shorts, no pockets and above the knee
- Swimming short/log sleeve close fitted tops can be worn
- Swimming hats or hair tied back for hair longer than shoulder length. • No goggles or other accessories are required.
- Jewellery must not be worn – please ensure any jewellery is removed before coming into school • Religious jewellery must be covered before coming to school.

Swimming wear for Girls

- One-piece swimming costume
- Swimming leggings can be worn
- Swim dress with swimming leggings or shorts
- Full, one-piece modesty swimwear General
- Large swimming towel that covers the body
- Flip-flops or croc style shoes
- Plastic bag large enough to hold swimming wear (towel, flip flops and swimwear)

Some Upcoming Events

Monday 23rd February

Ramadan Timetable Starts
Swimming Starts Year 1 to 6
Girl Guiding wearing uniform
Stay and Read Year 5

Tuesday 24th February

Year 3 Cedar Inspire Workshop 9-10am

Wednesday 25th February

Year 3 Elm Inspire Workshop 9-10am
Spring Disco - Nursery & Reception 3:30-4:30pm
Spring Disco - Year 1 & Year 2 4:45-5:45pm

Thursday 26th February

Year 5 Class Assembly for Parents/carers 9-10am
Spring Disco – Year 3 & Year 4 3:30-4:30pm
Spring Disco Year 5 & Year 6 4:45-5:45pm

Friday 27th February

Handwriting parent curriculum meeting for Reception and Year 1 Parents from 3:30pm
Second Hand Fair from 3:30pm

Thursday 5th March

Science parent curriculum meeting 3:30pm

Thursday 12th March

History Parent curriculum meeting
Parent open day for prospective parents 9:15am & 3:30pm

Fasting during Ramadan



During the Holy Month of Ramadan, it is important that parents understand the school's responsibilities to those children who may wish to consider fasting.

For your information, the school has been advised that children under 10 years of age are not required to fast and, as primary age children become very tired when they do not have regular meals and are sometimes unable to safely perform the activities expected of them during the course of a school day.

If your child is over 10 years, you can complete the form sent out to you earlier this week to notify us that your child will be fasting.

