

Friday 16th January 2026

Barford Primary School Newsletter



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

Dear Parents and Carers, **Head Teacher's Message**

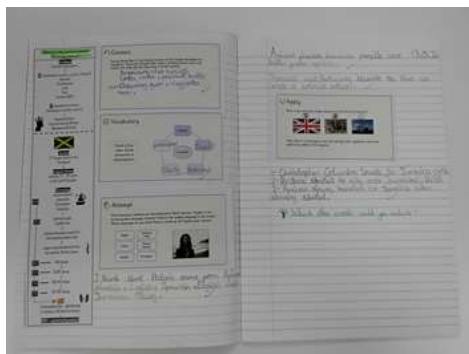
It has been a very cold start to our Spring Term and thank you for working with us during our snow closure day. We hope the communication for the closure was effective and you received messages quickly so you could plan your day. You should have received letters this week that provide details about up and coming events at Barford over the next term. These have been uploaded onto our school website and are displayed on the display boards outside school. We hope you find this information useful to help you plan ahead. Finally, we are holding two parent meetings next week: our fundraising group on Wednesday 21st January 2-3pm and our new school improvement LPPA group on Thursday 22nd January 1.30-3pm. If you would like to be involved with either of these groups and help make a difference for our children at Barford, please join us by coming to the main entrance on Barford Road and a member of staff will meet you there. We will even provide a cup of tea and a biscuit!

Head Teacher - Jo Davies



KS2 Curriculum

In Key Stage 2, we have begun our new CUSP History Curriculum. We started the term learning about Chronology and this week, we have begun our new topics. Year 4 are exploring the Anglo-Saxons, Year 5 are learning all about Ancient Greece and Year 6 are studying The Windrush. We are excited to see how their historical skills and knowledge develop.



Animal Man Visit Year 1

Last Thursday, Year 1 started their new topic 'Our Wonderful World' with a visit from the Animal Man. The children were shown different creatures from around the world and learnt more about their features. They had the chance to see these animals up close. The visit was a success and we thank Laura for coming in to see us.



We now offer 30 hours FREE childcare for Nursery – September 2025!

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.

Recycling at Nursery



In Nursery, we have been learning about how we can help save our area and planet by recycling. We read a story by Ellie Bethel, called Michael Recycle. The story is about a superhero who helps to save a town by showing them how to recycle old things. Then we did a sorting activity where we had to sort things into two groups. One group had things we can throw away and the other group had things we can recycle. Recycling means to turn old things into something new, instead of throwing it away.



It can be challenging at times to keep your child's packed lunch healthy and interesting. Here are some lunch box tips and a recipe for you to try.

Lunchbox tips



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.

Eco warriors at Barford

Barford is measuring the air quality in and around our school to help promote sustainability.



Some Upcoming Events

Tuesday 20th January

Year 6 SATs Meeting 3:30-4pm

Wednesday 21st January

Year 1 Ash Inspire Workshop 9-10am

Phonics LIVE in Nursery 9-10am (invite only)

Friends of Barford Meeting 2pm-3pm

Barford Fundraising Group – all welcome!

Thursday 22nd January

Year 1 Holly Inspire Workshop 9-10am

LPPA Parent Meeting - all welcome 1:30-3pm

Tuesday 3rd February

Year 2 Maple Inspire Workshop 9-10am

Wednesday 4th February

Year 2 Hazel Inspire Workshop 9-10am

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