

Friday 19th December 2025

Barford Primary School Newsletter



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

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

It has been a wonderfully busy Autumn Term, and we have had so much to celebrate in school. I want to say a big thank you to everyone who makes 'Barford' such an amazing place – our children, staff, parents, Governors and the community. Your help and support have enabled us to give our children the best opportunities that we can.

If you would like to be involved in 'steering' our school, please join our LPPA (Leading Parent Partnership Award) group in the Spring term. Mrs Lilly & I will be holding meetings next term where you can get involved in school improvement and make Barford even better!

We will be putting up post boxes outside our Nursery, Reception, KS1 & 2 entrances where you can 'post' your suggestion to help us continue to improve & get it 'right' for the children.

Have a great Christmas break and stay safe & sound and we will see you on Tuesday 6th January to start our new spring term.

Head Teacher - Jo Davies



Art Exhibition at Barford

We enjoyed a lovely art exhibition this week celebrating the children's fantastic artwork produced for 'Black History Month'. The children worked with artist Bethany Walker and produced work inspired by Kimmy Cantrell. We are extremely proud of how they have developed their art skills and the work they created. There will be a display of the work in school during Spring Term, if you missed the event. Thank you to Mrs Woolgar who helped to organise the event.



Children as Leaders

This term, Hawa and Yasmin in 6 Sycamore started a lunch time crochet club. They are sharing their skills and knowledge as they teach other children how to crochet using different types of wool. Well done girls!



**It's not too late to confirm 30 hours
for your Nursery Child for January
2026 – please email
enquiry@barfordprimary.co.uk**

Grand Theatre Trip

Children in KS1 & 2 visited the Grand Theatre in Wolverhampton to watch 'Sleeping Beauty'. The children thoroughly enjoyed the trip and joined in with singing and cheering where needed. A wonderful way to end the term!



Santa Visits Barford!

Santa and his elf visited all our classes this week to give every child a present!

All of our children were good this year 😊



Eco Art

The children have worked hard putting together some amazing pieces of eco-art using recycled materials! Wow!

Winter Wonderland

Reception has very busy morning during our Winter Wonderland Parent Workshop this week. Some of our parents came to work with us to create some wonderful winter crafts. We made snowmen, wreaths, polar bear masks and snowflakes. We used lots of different materials to decorate them too!



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.

Back to School

Tuesday 6th January 2026

Children return to school

Monday 5th January is a staff training day

5 CHRISTMAS SAFETY TIPS

01

Be Bright About the Lights

Check your Christmas lights carefully for frayed wires, cracked sockets or insulation gaps. If in doubt, throw them out! Better safe than sorry.

02

Be Cautious with Candles

They look so pretty, but can cause great damage. Never leave lit candles unattended, and be sure to blow them out at bedtime.

03

Be Kid & Pet Friendly

Keep shiny, bite-size decorations out of reach for Junior & Fido. And remember, live holly, poinsettia & mistletoe are poisonous if ingested.

04

Be Prepared for Fires

Whether they're in the fireplace or the kitchen, have the proper type of extinguisher handy in case a fire gets out of control.

05

Be Safe on Ladders

When you drag out the ladder to hang those last few ornaments, be sure to keep three body parts in contact with the ladder at all times.

Have a Lovely Christmas Break and a Happy New Year!

Community News



CARIBBEAN Christmas

SATURDAY 20TH DECEMBER
11AM-5PM

- Caribbean/ International food
- Gift market
- Candy floss
- Santa's Grotto
- Caribbean snacks/Sweets
- FREE ENTRY
- Face Painter
- DJ
- Flare Bartender
- Entertainment and more

HOCKLEY SOCIAL CLUB
60 HAMPTON STREET
BIRMINGHAM, B19 3LU
FREE TICKETS ON EVENTORITE

DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION - FUNDED

HOLIDAY CLUBS IN BIRMINGHAM 2025/26

MORE INFORMATION

Did you know that as well as free school meals during term time, your child can also benefit from Department for Education-funded spaces at holiday clubs in your local area?

Thanks to the Holiday Activity and Food Programme, known in Birmingham as 'Bring in on Brum!', your child can experience holiday clubs filled with fun, learning and healthy meals at no cost to you!

If your child is aged between 4-16 years old* and is eligible to receive benefits-related free school meals, they're entitled to access Bring it on Brum! holiday clubs.

With a wide range of activities such as sports, arts and crafts, cooking, dance, music and more, there's something for everyone! Plus, every session includes a nutritious meal to keep them energised and happy throughout the day.

Each club offers a unique programme depending on its location and type—there's so much to explore!

Not eligible? Many clubs also offer paid places, so every child has the chance to join the fun.

*See website for full eligibility criteria.

IMPORTANT DATES

SPRING
Bookings open: 24th March 2025
Holiday clubs open: 14th April 2025 - 25th April 2025

SUMMER
Bookings open: 30th June 2025
Holiday clubs open: 21st July 2025 - 29th August 2025

WINTER
Bookings open: 1st December 2025
Holiday clubs open: 22nd December 2025 - 2nd January 2026

All dates include bank holidays and weekends.

HOW TO BOOK

- 1 Get your unique BIOB/ HAF code from your child's school
- 2 Go to our website bringitonbrum.co.uk
- 3 Follow our handy [How to Book Guide](#)
- 4 Sign Up for 'Bring it on Brum!' updates.

MORE INFORMATION: bringitonbrum.co.uk

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Nutrition for Family Life

Free to all parents living in Birmingham

What will I learn?

- ✓ To understand a balanced diet
- ✓ strategies for creating healthier meals
- ✓ Managing family meal times
- ✓ How to navigate food labelling
- ✓ To eat healthily on-the-go



Scan QR code to register

Zoom
Tuesday 20th January 2026
9.30am - 12.00pm

For Further Info
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Fun and Exciting Classes on Yoruba Language and Culture

Each class ends in uplifting African communal singing, dancing and drumming. It is amazing!

TÀN MỌLÈ

Every Saturday
3:30 pm - 5:00 pm
Ladywood Leisure Centre
Ladywood Middleway
Birmingham B16 8TR







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