

Friday 31st January 2025

Barford Primary School Newsletter

“Happy hearts, healthy minds, exhilarating experiences – inspires success”



Dear Parents/ Carers

Head Teacher's Message

There have been lots of exciting events happening over the last fortnight. Many thanks to everyone who helped to make our Chinese New Year Celebrations a real success this year! The children really enjoyed the day and many thanks to our wonderful kitchen staff who gave us some amazing Chinese food at lunchtime! After half-term, we will be opening our school lending library to the children in Key Stage 2 so they will be bringing a second book home which is not linked to their Accelerated Reading book. The book will be purely for your child to enjoy and one that interests them. We have purchased some lovely new books for our school library which will be available for the children to borrow. These books were bought from the funds we raised at our book fairs. Many thanks for all of your support at these events which enables us to give our children at Barford so many different opportunities and experiences. Have a super weekend and we will see you all safe and sound next week.

Head Teacher - Joanne Davies



Chinese New Year Celebrations



Children in EYFS have been very busy over the last 2 weeks. We had phonics LIVE sessions in both Nursery and Reception where parents came to watch their children take part in phonic lessons. This week Reception had a fantastic time celebrating Chinese New Year! We did lots of different activities like making lanterns, dragon masks and using chop sticks. We made a massive Chinese dragon out of boxes and material and did a dragon dance round the reception playground.



Year 2 were lucky enough to take part in an exciting Chinese dance workshop last week where we all learnt a Chinese dragon dance. We got to dance with fans, parasols, and of course - the dragon head itself!

All of the children had great skills and loved trying on the dragon head to welcome in the Chinese New Year.

Anglo-Saxon Workshop!

This week, Year 4 enjoyed an Anglo-Saxon workshop. They learnt about battle formations and took part in a demonstration. They explored Anglo-Saxon artefacts and played traditional games. The workshop really helped Year 4 understand Anglo-Saxon life.



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Year 6 Rehearals with Spoz

Before the holidays, Year 6 had a visit from Spoz where they learnt to create and perform poetry. This week six children from Y6 Laurel have been rehearsing their performance and they will be performing alongside children from other schools in a competition next month.



This week we had Incredible Surplus in school giving away food for donations. They donate food and other usable materials that would otherwise go to waste from supermarkets, restaurants and other sources, and provide them to individuals and community organisations on a [“Pay-As-You-Feel”](#) basis.

Visit them every Thursdays & Saturdays at Western Business Park B18 4QF.

Opening times: 8:30-12pm

Upcoming events

Monday 3rd February

Year 1 Maths Live 10-11 am

Parents Open Day 3:30-4pm

Wednesday 5th February

5 Oak Inspire Workshop 9-10am

Thursday 6th February

5 Beech Inspire Workshop 9-10am

Friday 7th February

Year 2 Maths Live 10-11am

Tuesday 11th February

Year 1 Phonics LIVE 10-11am

Tuesday 11th February

Tour of School 3:30-4:30

Barford Inclusion Team



If you would like some support, please book an appointment with Mrs Janagal our Pastoral Lead. She can signpost you to where you can access help or support you in accessing early help referral.

Next Week

Children's Mental Health Week 2025 is taking place from 3rd – 9th February 2025

Download this [official free resources](#) for families to help take part in Children Mental Health Week. This jam-packed resource pack includes top tips for you to encourage your child to express their emotions.



We still have Reception & Nursery places available for September 2025!

If you haven't yet made an application online to Birmingham to Reception 2025 – It's not too late. Submit a late application now! Nursery applications can be made directly to school.