

Thursday 10th April 2025

Barford Primary School Newsletter



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

Dear Parents/ Carers

Head Teacher's Message

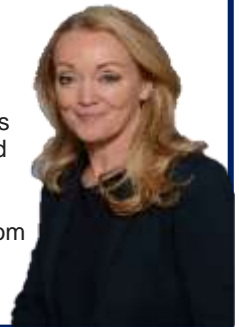
I really can't believe we have finished our Spring term. It has gone so fast! So we celebrated Easter this week with our annual Easter bonnet parade; all of the children wore a 'bonnet' and took part in the parade which was exciting for them all. The children also all took part in an Easter egg hunt as well so everyone had a bit of chocolate to take home! There will be lots going on at school over the holidays; we are building a huge sandpit on our KS2 playground for the children to use during their play at lunchtime in the summer term and some of our year 6 will be coming into school for their Easter school tuition. Many thanks to our staff including Mr Harrison (our Site Manager) and our hardworking year 6 teaching team who will be leading the Easter school in the holidays.

We look forward to our school residential which will be going out the first week back after the Easter holiday; years 3,4, and 5 will be developing their leadership and outdoor skills at Blackwell Outdoor Adventure centre in Bromsgrove.

Finally, we say goodbye to some of our staff who will be leaving this term: Miss Toal is leaving to pursue other interests and Mrs Anderson who the children know really well will be taking over 3 Cedar. Miss Taylor, who has been on maternity leave, has managed to secure a job closer to her home; Miss Bishop has done a great job of covering Miss Taylor whilst she has been off and will continue to lead EYFS until the end of the Summer term.

Mrs Begum, Lunchtime Supervisor is retiring this term and we thank her for her commitment and service which spans over 20years! Miss Hale also our Lunchtime Supervisor, will starting her maternity leave next term so we wish her well and look forward to meeting her new baby. Miss Whorrie, our School Business Manager, will be getting married in the Easter holidays!! Congratulations to her and she will be known as Mrs Lilly when she returns after the Easter holidays. Lots of lovely news to share with you! Finally, I wish you and your families a very happy Easter holiday and I hope the sun shines brightly for you all! We will see you all back at school on Tuesday 29th April (Monday 28th is a staff training day) and at the usual time. Please remember that we are finishing slightly earlier on Friday 11th April at 1.45pm. Please collect your children from the usual place.

Head Teacher - Joanne Davies



Birmingham Royal Ballet

Today at Barford, we had the Birmingham Royal Ballet visit year 1. The children had fun dancing and practicing their stretches with professional ballet dancers.



CLUBS

All new clubs will start on the week commencing the 5th of May. Please ensure you sign up via mcas or email by the 29th of April.



Eid Celebration

On Thursday, KS2 learnt about Eid al-Fitr. We wore our party clothes to school and had an assembly delivered by Mrs Baig and Miss Muflahi. In the afternoon, we made Eid cards and then each year group completed their own craft. Year 4 created their own Mehndi designs on an outline of a hand, Year 5 used collage to make a picture of a mosque with a 3D dome and Year 6 created their own bookmarks.

KS1 thoroughly enjoyed celebrating Eid this week. They came in dressed in their own traditional Eid outfits which looked amazing! We then talked and discussed what celebrations we did during Eid and finished the day by having a lovely craft activity!

On Thursday, in EYFS, we had a wonderful day celebrating Eid. Everyone dressed in their special party clothes! We made some fun Eid crafts and then to finish the day we had cake outside with our friends.



Easter Bonnet Parade

This week we had our Easter Bonnet parade at Barford and the children had lots of fun making and decorating their bonnets. All the children took part in the Easter Bonnet parade and winners left with Easter eggs. Well done to everyone!



**School finishes early on Friday
11th April – 1:45 pm**

Please collect your child as normal
at this time

**Children return to school on
Tuesday 29th April**

(There is a Teacher Training Day
on Monday 28th April)

**School closed on Monday 5th May
Bank Holiday**

Upcoming events

Thursday 10th April

Birmingham Royal Ballet

Wednesday 30th April – 2nd May

Blackwell Trip

Monday 5th May

Bank Holiday (school closed)

Tuesday 24th June

Y1 Toy Museum Workshop

Wednesday 16th July

Parents Showcase Evening

3:30 – 5pm

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.

Barford Inclusion Team



At Barford we have started our participation in the **Opal Playground Programme**. Over the last few weeks, we have had cardboard box play, arts and crafts, obstacle courses and parachute play. **We now need your help!** We are looking for donations of small world toys and cars. Any figures or play worlds your children have finished playing with, and that are in good working condition will be gratefully received. Mrs Janagal will set up a donation box for after the holidays in the main school playground.

Here are some examples of items you could donate:



Our new creations in our new OPAL playground" The children have been very busy creating and building during dinner times.

