

Thursday 22nd May 2025

Barford Primary School Newsletter



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

Dear Parents/ Carers

Head Teacher's Message

It has been an amazing half term with so many success! Year 6 not only completed their SATs tests but have shown so much resilience this term and during the year! Well done to you all and all our wonderful staff who have supported them including parents and carers. We are really looking forward to our swimming pool arriving next half term and I know the children are very excited about their on-site swimming lessons. We sadly say goodbye to Miss Nell this Friday. She is leaving us as she is relocating back to Cornwall and has current family commitments. We thank her for her service at Barford and wish her a wonderful future.

We say goodbye and thank to Mrs Mahmood, one of our teaching assistant and Eager Beaver staff. Mrs Anderson, our Eager Beavers manager will be stepping down as club manager after half-term. She had run the club for many years but she would like to focus on purely on her role as one of our HLTAs in school. Thank you Mrs Anderson, you have been a fantastic leader at Barford!

Finally - have a wonderful half-term, we will see you back at school on Tuesday 3rd June (normal time) as we are closed for staff training on Monday 2nd June.



Head Teacher - Joanne Davies

Phonics LIVE – Cherry Tree Nursery

We had phonics live in nursery last week. It was great to have the parents coming in and seeing their children engage in phonics lessons and seeing how we teach phonics. Remember, phonics live happens every half term, so look out for the announcement and sign up to our phonics live sessions for next half term!



Glee Concert

Thank you to all who came to watch our Glee Concert Monday 19th May. The children had so much fun performing for you!



Blackwell Adventure Trip

KS2 thoroughly enjoyed learning and exploring new skills during their time at Blackwell! They were busy completing activities each and every day and particularly enjoyed the swimming and campfire sessions!



VE Celebration Day at Barford



On Thursday 8th May, Barford celebrated the 80th anniversary of VE day. In the morning, we had an assembly to learn about the importance of this significant day. Children across the school have created a written outcome linked to VE Day. In the afternoon, we held a tea party outside and every year group attended. We decorated the environment with bunting and enjoyed scones and cakes. It was an important moment to reflect on the sacrifices of those who fought in the war and how people in Europe would have felt once the war was over.



Year 6 SATs Week

Year 6 have worked incredibly hard this year to prepare for their SATs. Last week, Year 6 have enjoyed a delicious SATs breakfast every morning and meditation. A big thank you to Chef Mockble and the team. They were presented with some lovely cards from the other classes in the school to wish them well with their exams. They have made us incredibly proud this week with how well they have worked.

Well done Year 6!



Health for Life is a community programme that aims to make a sustained difference to healthy lifestyles in local communities across Birmingham. On average only 12 schools in Birmingham are selected per year to take part in the programme and this year, Barford is one of those schools!

A parent meeting, with information about how you can support this exciting project is coming soon!

Year 6 Bowling

This week, Year 6 enjoyed a trip to Hollywood Bowl - a well-earned treat after their hard work during SATs week. We had a great time!



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.

Swimming at Barford

After half-term, Years 1 to 6 swimming lessons onsite from Tuesday 3rd June 2025 as part of the school timetable. This will take place for 7 weeks in our on-site pop-up pool. Your children will access 210 minutes of bespoke swimming lessons. Swimming offers numerous benefits for children, including enhanced physical health, improved mental well-being, and the development of essential life skills.

Excited for a splashing new term!



Upcoming events

Thursday 22nd May

Swimming at Barford

Phonics LIVE Y1 10-11am

Friday 23rd May

Sports Day

Monday 26th – Friday 30th May

Half Term (school closed)

Friday 23rd May

Parents Meeting 11:30 am

Tuesday 3rd June

Children return to school

Wednesday 11th June

Open Day 9:15am & 3:30pm

A fundraising poster for Barford Primary School. It features the school crest and name at the top. The main text says "Join our Friends of Barford Fundraising group". Below that, it says "COME ALONG TO OUR INFORMATION MEETING TO GET SIGNED UP FRIDAY 23RD MAY | 11:30AM". At the bottom, it says "We need parents, carers, grandparents and community members to help us improve our school by fundraising!". On the right side, there is a photograph of a young girl in a blue uniform holding a blue banner that says "JOIN NOW!". There are also decorative blue flowers on the poster.

Summer Activities in the Community

There are many activities happening in the community this summer term. Ward End Fire Station are holding a Station Open Day on Sunday 22nd June and Summerfield Church are having a Youth Drop-In with activities and food every Thursday. & more!



School Trips Reminders

Please be aware that with trips fast approaching we need everyone to have paid before we come back after half term. Nursery trip to Ash End Farm on the 9th June and Reception trip to Kingswood Activity Centre on the 13th June.

If there are any problems, please contact the EYFS team.

