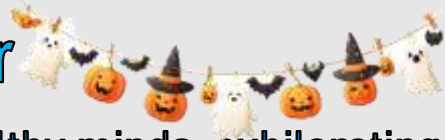


Friday 24th October 2025

Barford Primary School Newsletter



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



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

It has been a lovely Autumn half-term and the children have experienced lots of exciting things over the last few weeks. This week has been particularly exciting for year 6 children as they have had the opportunity to visit Birmingham University and were expertly shown around the campus by one of their University student Ambassadors. Lots of the children are really keen to go to University now !!! We will be starting career afternoons after half-term to further raise aspirations for our children at Barford. As many of you know, we have now opened our nursery full-time this term. A really big thankyou to Miss Carrington (our Nursery Manager)and her staff for navigating this development so well. I know there will be a few more changes coming for the nursery children- including the introduction of Forest Schools- which will be very exciting !

Thank you for supporting my 'parent open door meeting' last week. At the meeting, we discussed how we were introducing the LPPA (Leading Parent Partnership Award) and many parents signed up for this. If you would like to know more about joining this new school improvement group, please contact Mrs Lilly via the school office 0121 464 3765.

Finally have a wonderful half-term with your children and we will see you all safe and sound back at school on Monday 3rd November.

Head Teacher - Joanne Davies



KS1 Diwali Celebration

We have ended the term celebrating the festival of Diwali. It has been lovely to see staff and children dressed in celebration clothing, enjoying craft activities and making Diya lamps.



KS2 – Writing Skills

Eight children from Year 6 enjoyed a visit to meet poet Debra Bertulis. The children were given advice on how to develop their writing skills and have been lucky enough to receive a letter from the poet. I am sure we will see them showcase their new skills in their own writing.



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.

Children In Need Day

Friday 14th November

We are asking all children to bring £1 donation to celebrate Pudsey's 'Challenge 25' where each class will aim to do 25 small acts of kindness.

On this day, children wear something spotty or yellow. We will be writing postcards to Pudsey



Barford Learning Behaviours Year 2 Independent Learners

Murtaza and Aliyah have been producing some amazing work during their lessons. They have been resilient, worked independently and been reflective learners. Well done!



Upcoming events

Monday 3rd November

Back to School

Tuesday 4th November

Curriculum Workshop – Maths (TT Rockstars & Numbers) 3:30-4pm

Thursday 6th November

Autumn Disco

Nursery – Rec 3:30-4:15pm

Y1 – Y3 – 4:25-5:15pm

Y4 – Y6 – 5:30-6:30pm

Thursday 13th November

Curriculum Workshop - Maths Mastery 3:30-4pm

Friday 14th November

Children in Need – Non School Uniform (donation £1)

Monday 17th November

Year 6 SATs Meeting – 3:30-4pm

EYFS Diwali Celebration

Today we have been celebrating Diwali! Children have been dressing up and doing lots of arts and crafts, learning all about Diwali and celebrating the 'festival of light'.

Reception have been learning all about the season of Autumn. We have been outside, looking at the leaves that fall off the trees and exploring these natural materials in our art work.





Used Pumpkin Collection

Left-over pumpkins from Halloween? Don't throw them in the bin!

Bring them to The Active Wellbeing Society 'Compost Culture' Team for composting instead!
Reduce food waste, help reduce climate change!

Collection Point: Barford Primary School, B16 0EF
Collection day: Tuesday 4th November 2025

JOIN OUR Friends Of Barford

PARENT FUNDRAISING GROUP AND HELP US ACHIEVE THE LPPA AWARD

THE LEADING PARENT PARTNERSHIP AWARD (LPPA) IS DESIGNED TO SUPPORT SCHOOLS IN DEVELOPING EFFECTIVE PARTNERSHIPS WITH PARENTS AND CARERS. IT PROVIDES A STRUCTURED FRAMEWORK TO IMPROVE PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT IN SCHOOL LIFE, WHICH RESEARCH SHOWS CAN LEAD TO BETTER OUTCOMES FOR PUPILS.

CARIBBEAN Christmas

SATURDAY 20TH DECEMBER

11AM-5PM

- Caribbean food
- Gift market
- Candy floss
- Santa's Grotto
- Caribbean snacks/sweets
- Face painter
- Gift rum
- Rum cake
- Jewellery
- Entertainment and more.

HOCKLEY SOCIAL CLUB
60 HAMPTON STREET
BIRMINGHAM, B19 3LU

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3 X CAMPS AT HARBORNE ACADEMY

HARBORNE ACADEMY, EGGBASTON, B15 3JL
9AM-4PM 3-11 YEAR OLDS £24.00
9AM-1PM 4 YEAR OLDS £14.00 (MULTI ACTIVITY ONLY)

MULTI ACTIVITY (5 DAYS) MON 30TH - FRI 31ST OCTOBER
FOOTBALL (3 DAYS) MON 30TH - WED 29TH OCTOBER
DANCE (2 DAYS) THUR 30TH - FRI 31ST OCTOBER

WE ARE OFSTED REGISTERED SO WE CAN ACCEPT TAX-FREE PAYMENTS AND CHILDCARE VOUCHERS

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Holiday Club at Harborne

HARBORNE HOLIDAY CLUB MULTI-ACTIVITY TIMETABLE

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FANCY DRESS FRIDAY
ICE-BREAKERS	Zombie Tag	Quarantine Tag	Arms, Bases & Bullets	Haunted Graveyard	Spider Web Tag
ACTIVITY 1	Archie	Ghostly Gymnastics	Dick or Treat Treats	Cricket	Clay in the Dark
ACTIVITY 2	Tagging Games	Halloween Arts and Crafts	Halloween Quiz	Invention Games	Halloween Arts and Crafts
ACTIVITY 3	Archie	Hills and Dink Tag	Tagging Games	Fencing	Quidditch
ACTIVITY 4	Invention Games	Capture the Spider Flag	Shrouded Free Play and Sports	Halloween Competitive Games	Halloween Puppets
CELEBRATION	Certificates and Stickers	Certificates and Stickers	Certificates and Stickers	Certificates and Stickers	Certificates and Stickers

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