

BARCROFT NEWSLETTER

Friday 2nd October 2026

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DIARY DATES

01.10.26 – 31.10.26
Black History Month

05.10.26
Harvest

09.10.26
World Mental Health Day

15.10.26
Phonics Reception Workshop

15.10.26
School Photographs

19.10.26 – 22.10.26
Book Fayre

20.10.26
New Reception (2027) Open Evening.

21.10.26
Parents Evening
3:30pm – 5:00pm

21.10.26
No afternoon Nursery due to parent meetings.

22.10.26
Parents Evening
3:30pm – 7:00pm

Further dates will be added to the Newsletter as we progress through the year.

Our Academy Rules

Be Safe

Be Kind

Be Ready to Learn

Headteacher Message

Dear Parents /Carers,

Wow – how is it October already? September has been such a busy month at Barcroft Academy, and it has certainly flown by! October promises to be just as busy, with lots to look forward to across the academy.

This week marks the start of Black History Month, and throughout October we will be providing opportunities for our pupils to learn, reflect and celebrate the achievements, history and contributions of influential people and communities.

You will have received a letter this week asking for donations as part of our Harvest celebrations. Donations will support both our very own Barcroft Academy Food Bank and local food banks, helping families within our academy and wider community. If you are able to contribute, you can find a list of the items we need on the next page of the newsletter. Thank you, as always, for your kindness and support.

You will also have received information about our additional after-school enrichment clubs. These run alongside the sports clubs delivered by our sports coaches and provide even more opportunities for our children to try something different, develop new interests and have fun. Our additional clubs are run voluntarily by members of our academy staff, and I would like to say a huge thank you to them for generously giving their time to provide these experiences for our pupils.

Next week, we will be recognising World Mental Health Day by taking part in **Hello Yellow Day** on Friday 9th October. Pupils are invited to wear an item of yellow clothing or yellow accessories as we come together to raise awareness of the importance of looking after our mental health and wellbeing.

Later this month, we will also hold our first Parents Evenings of the academic year. Please look out for further information by email over the next few weeks, including details of how to book your appointment. We look forward to welcoming you and sharing all the fantastic learning and progress taking place across our academy.

Here's to another exciting and busy month at Barcroft!

Mrs G. Locke

Headteacher

Have a great Weekend!

WEEKLY CLASS ATTENDANCE

Willows	Bumblebees	Ladybirds	Moons	Stars	1HE	1JH	2SB	2JH
75%	92.26%	89.47%	93.2%	90.67%	94.33%	96.9%	93.33%	89.17%
3JK	3EP	4SK	4SR	5AT	5RC	6ME	6BE	Whole School
94.81%	95.71%	94.48%	98.62%	91.33%	95.56%	94.84%	95%	93.92%



Lunch Menu

Week Beginning: Monday 5th October 2026

Monday	Tomato Pasta Bake / Cheesy Beans Pasta Bake
Tuesday	Chicken Curry / Quorn Curry
Wednesday	Beef Burger / Quorn Burger
Thursday	Roast Chicken Dinner / Quorn Roast Dinner
Friday	Oven Baked Fish / Cheese Potato Pie

Training Days 2026–2027

Our training days this academic year are:

Tuesday 1st September 2026

Friday 23rd October 2026

Monday 4th January 2027

Monday 1st February 2027

Monday 7th June 2027

Barcroft is a Nut-Aware School

To help keep children with nut allergies safe, Barcroft Academy is a Nut-Aware School.

We ask that parents and carers do not send nuts or products containing nuts into school, including in packed lunches, snacks or treats.

Thank you for helping us to keep our whole school community safe, healthy and included.

Pirate Ship Update

As you may be aware, our KS1 pirate ship is currently closed. Unfortunately, some of the wood has deteriorated and is no longer safe for the children to use.

Mr Bond has been working with a number of companies to develop exciting plans to improve this area, including a new climbing and activity frame for the children to enjoy.

We are working hard to get the new equipment in place as soon as possible and appreciate your patience while we make sure the area is safe, engaging and ready for lots of active play!

In the meantime, please remind your child that **the pirate ship must not be used while it remains closed.**

We look forward to sharing more updates with you soon!

Reminders for Parents / Carers

- All children should wear black shoes for school
- Jewellery: stud earrings only, no hoops/dangling earrings are allowed. *These must be removed for all PE lessons by the children themselves - staff are not allowed to assist with this due to health and safety legislation.*
- Children should not be using the play equipment before or after school – this includes the pirate ship and the KS1 trim trail.
- We had a lot of lost property last year so please could you make sure cardigans/jumpers, coats, PE kits, bags, and lunchboxes are named so property can be returned!
- Next week, we will be moving our lost property to a new lost property box which will be positioned on the KS2 playground for parents and children to access.



We are starting our new academic year focussing on the BARCROFT Value:

Free-Thinking and Independent

Staff will look for pupils who think for themselves, share their own ideas, make choices confidently and take responsibility for their learning.

BARCROFT Values

Believe in ourselves
Ambitious and aspirational
Resilient learners
Confident personalities
Respect for ourselves and others
Open-minded
Free-thinking and independent
Thoughtful and caring



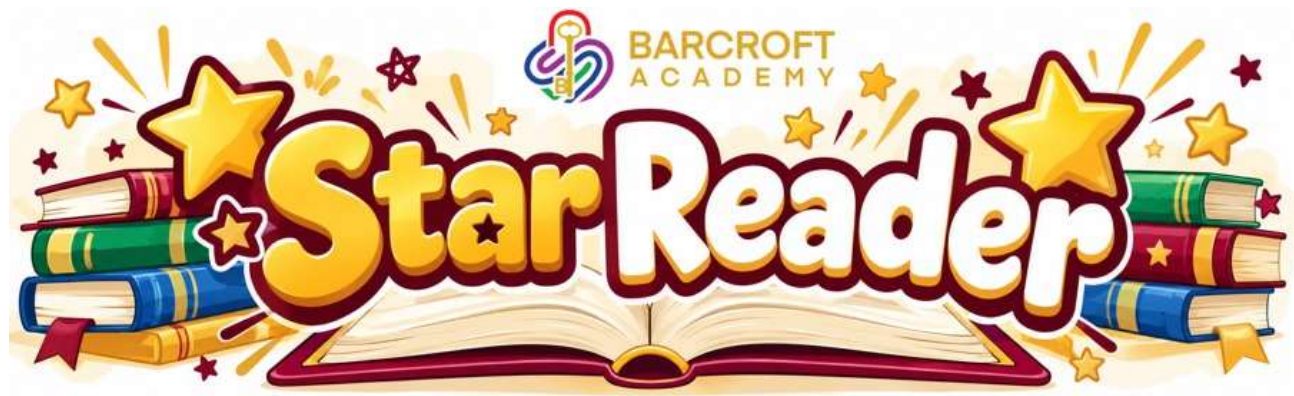
Stars- Erleen
Moons- Harseerat
1HE- Abdulbarr
1JH- Amol
2SB- Tilly
2JH- Joravar
3EP- Abdurrahman
3JK- Jasmine

4SK- Viren
4SR- Michelle
5AT- Isla
5RC- Aurora
6ME- Lilly
6BE- Orla



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Star Reader was awarded to pupils who have been identified making super progress in their phonics or reading sessions. The books are also awarded to pupils who are reading for pleasure at home and recording their reading in their 'Reading Record Book'. The Star Readers received a golden token which they have used in our Reading Vending Machine to receive their book prize and **10 Barcoins**.

Well done to: Zoey (1JH), Karmanpreet (2SB), Navreet (3JK) and Angad (5AT)





Autumn Term Enrichment Clubs at Barcroft Academy

Try something new ♥ Make new friends ♥ Develop your skills

MONDAY

**Y5 & Y6
Dance Club**
with Miss Edwards



MONDAY

Chess Club
with Mr Keyte



TUESDAY

**KS1
Arts & Craft Club**
with Mr Guy & Mrs Hayward



THURSDAY

Science Club
with Mrs Choudhury



THURSDAY

Choir
with Mrs Eden & Mrs Locke



THURSDAY

**Y3 & Y4
Dance Club**
with Mrs Parker



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Please complete the sign-up on ParentPay Clubs by Sunday 4th October 2026. Spaces are limited to 20 pupils. We'll confirm places once registers are finalised.



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