

BARCROFT NEWSLETTER

Friday 11th September 2026

Unlocking potential today for a brighter tomorrow



DIARY DATES

11.09.26
 Secondary school
 place portal opens
 (Year 6 pupils)
17.09.26
 Manny's Mile –
 Fundraising for
 Dementia UK
01.10.26 – 31.10.26
 Black History Month
05.10.26
 Harvest
09.10.26
 World Mental Health
 Day
12.10.26
 Nursery Parent
 Workshop
15.10.26
 Phonics Reception
 Workshop
15.10.26
 School Photographs
19.10.26
 Book Fayre
20.10.26
 New Reception (2027)
 Open Evening.
21.10.26
 Parents Evening
 3:30pm – 5:00pm
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,

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back for the new academic year, and an especially warm welcome to all of our new families joining the Barcroft community. We hope you already feel part of our academy family and that you have had a positive start to your Barcroft journey.

Our children have made a fantastic start to the new school year. They have settled into their new classes. A huge thank you to all parents and carers for your support in helping children to arrive at school on time and ready for the day ahead.

As a reminder, our gates open from 8:35am. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 doors open at 8:40am, while Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 doors open at 8:45am. The gates close shortly before 9:00am, so please make every effort to arrive in good time.

We are also delighted to offer our new Free Breakfast Club from 8:15am, giving families another opportunity to ensure children start their day positively. Our Buddies Breakfast Club also continues as normal from 7:45am. Further details can be found later in this newsletter.

We started the week with an assembly all about 'Fresh Starts'. We talked about the exciting opportunities that come with beginning a new school year, moving into a new year group and thinking about the person we want to become. We also revisited our three simple Barcroft rules:

Be Kind • Be Safe • Be Ready to Learn

We talked about how these rules work alongside our Barcroft Values and how important these values are as children grow, develop and become increasingly independent. Our aim is that the values they develop at Barcroft will stay with them not only throughout their time at the academy, but also as they take their next steps beyond Barcroft.

I would like to say a huge thank you for your incredible support of our Manny's Mile fundraising for Dementia UK. Thank you to everyone who has bought raffle tickets, made donations and supported our non-uniform day. Your generosity is helping us to build an amazing fundraising total on behalf of Barcroft Academy families. Raffle tickets remain on sale until next Wednesday, so there is still time to get involved!

Finally, if your child has an 'amazing achievement' that they would like to be shared on our academy newsletter, please email the information and a photograph to our school email so we can celebrate our amazing pupils' out of school achievements too!

Email: postbox@barcroft.lhmat.com .

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Mrs G. Locke - Headteacher



WEEKLY CLASS ATTENDANCE

Willows	Bumblebees	Ladybirds	Moons	Stars	1HE	1JH	2SB	2JH
86.67%	100%	92.55%	95.17%	100%	94.83%	97.93%	100%	94.35
3JK	3EP	4SK	4SR	5AT	5RC	6ME	6BE	Whole School
98.57%	100%	95.52%	94.14%	97.74%	98.52%	96.77%	93.57%	96.86%



Lunch Menu

Week Beginning: Monday 14th September 2026

Monday	Sausage Roll / Vegetarian Roll
Tuesday	Pasta Bolognese / Quorn Bolognese
Wednesday	Chicken Burger / Quorn Burger
Thursday	Pepperoni Pizza / Margherita Pizza
Friday	Oven Baked Fish / Macaroni Cheese

Jacket potatoes and filling: tuna, cheese or beans
available each day

Full details of our menu is available on our school website.

* All Quorn products contain free range egg white

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

Please contact the office or go to Barcroft Academy website for more details of our brand new FREE Breakfast Club.

BEST START IN LIFE | **BREAKFAST CLUBS**

FREE BREAKFAST CLUB

AT BARCROFT ACADEMY

STARTING IN SEPTEMBER!

8:15AM – 8:45AM

Join us for a great start to the day with a healthy breakfast, fun activities and time with friends.

EVERY DAY. EVERY CHILD. READY TO LEARN.

- ✓ FREE & NUTRITIOUS
- ✓ BUILD FRIENDSHIPS
- ✓ FUN & ENGAGING
- ✓ READY TO LEARN

BARCROFT ACADEMY

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.



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.

Each half term we focus on a different value. Each week class teachers award a pupil from their class with 'Values Superstar'. In our weekly values assembly, their teachers explain how they have demonstrated the BARCROFT value to be 'Values Superstar'.

Values Superstars win a certificate, one of Mrs Locke's special stickers and 10 Barcoins.

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

Reading

Reading for pleasure opens up new worlds for children. It gives them the opportunity to use their imagination to explore new ideas, visit new places and meet new characters. Reading for pleasure also improves children's well-being and empathy.

We need our children to read at least 4 times a week at home and we have allocated additional reading time in school for pupils to read aloud with an adult. Please could you support us with this by ensuring your child reads regularly at home; they have their reading record book and reading book in school each day and to sign their record book. We hope you can support us with this so we can further support your children's learning journey.

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."

— Dr. Seuss



Attendance Matters

At Barcroft Academy, we believe every day counts. Good attendance helps children make friends, enjoy learning, and achieve their best.

Missing just one day a week adds up to nearly two months of lost learning in a year!

You can help by:

- ✓ Aiming for 100% attendance
- ✓ Booking appointments outside school hours
- ✓ Keeping morning routines consistent
- ✓ Arriving on time to school



Thank you for working with us to give every child the best chance to succeed! If you need support, please contact our pastoral team, who will be able to support you with your child's attendance.



Our Attendance All-Stars

Year 3

Eden & Taranpreet

Year 4

Maia & Alexander

Year 5

Grace & Anna

Year 6

Charan & Millie

Introducing our Attendance All-Stars!

We are excited to introduce our new and revamped Attendance All-Stars team! Our pupil-led team will be helping to promote the importance of good attendance and punctuality across Barcroft Academy.

The All-Stars will be positive role models, encouraging their friends to understand that every school day matters. They will help celebrate attendance successes, support exciting attendance rewards and challenges, share messages in assemblies and work with staff to come up with new ideas to help more children attend school every day.

Our Attendance All-Stars will be meeting regularly throughout the year and are looking forward to helping make a real difference to attendance across our academy.

★ **Show up. Shine bright!** ★

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

-Nelson Mandela



AMAZING ACHIEVEMENTS

A huge congratulations to Bobby in 5AT, who achieved something very special over the summer holidays!

Bobby independently applied for a Blue Peter badge after receiving a letter from King Charles. The Blue Peter team were so impressed that Bobby was awarded his very own badge!

Well done, Bobby – what an amazing achievement!

Manny's Mile is Coming to Barcroft Academy!

We are delighted to be taking part in Manny's Mile on Thursday 17th September.

Manny, a great friend of Barcroft Academy, is taking on an incredible challenge by running one mile at 50 different schools, raising vital funds for Dementia UK. We are proud to be one of the schools supporting him on this amazing journey.

Many of our children will have met Manny through his inspirational assemblies, where he has encouraged us all to believe in ourselves, work hard and never give up. We are excited to welcome him back as he joins us to run a mile around our academy.



Thank you for supporting our fundraising activities to help support Manny and raise as much money as possible for Dementia UK, a charity that provides specialist support to families affected by dementia.

Together, let's cheer Manny on, enjoy the challenge and make a real difference!

Look out for a letter next week for more details about Thursday 17th September 2026.