

BARCROFT NEWSLETTER

Friday 18th September 2026

Unlocking potential today for a brighter tomorrow



DIARY DATES

11.09.26

Secondary school
place portal opens
(Year 6 pupils)

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 – 22.10.26

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,

I would like to say a huge thank you to all of our Barcroft families for the incredible support you have shown throughout our fundraising. From our non-uniform day and raffle to our cake sale and generous donations, our school community has once again shown just how caring and supportive it is.

A massive well done to all of our children who completed Manny's Mile. We were so proud to see everyone getting involved, encouraging one another and cheering Manny on around our academy field. A special mention must also go to the 48 pupils who chose to run alongside Manny – what a brilliant achievement!

Every penny raised will support Dementia UK, making all of those laps, cakes, raffle tickets and donations even more worthwhile.

Thank you, as always, for getting behind our academy and helping us teach our children the importance of kindness, community and making a positive difference to others.

We haven't quite managed to add up all the money from the raffle, non-uniform day, cake sale and donations but I will let you know via class dojo.

Voting has officially begun for this year's Academy Council, and it has been wonderful to see so many of our pupils putting themselves forward to represent their classmates. Opportunities like this help our children develop confidence, independence and leadership skills, while ensuring that pupil voice is at the heart of our academy. I look forward to announcing our new Academy Council very soon!

Our Attendance All-Stars have also held their very first meeting with Mrs Kandola this week. They are already full of enthusiasm and ideas about how we can continue to promote excellent attendance across Barcroft. Their message is a simple but important one: "Show up, shine bright!"

I am incredibly proud to see our pupils taking on these important leadership roles and helping to make a positive difference to our academy community.

Next week, our Year 1 classes will be visiting St Giles Church as part of their RE curriculum. We have lots of exciting activities, visits and events planned throughout the term and we are looking forward to sharing these experiences with our pupils and families.

With so much happening at Barcroft, please remember to keep checking our weekly newsletter, emails and Class Dojo. These are our main ways of communicating with families and will help you keep up to date with important information, dates and reminders.

Mrs G. Locke

Headteacher



WEEKLY CLASS ATTENDANCE

Willows	Bumblebees	Ladybirds	Moons	Stars	1HE	1JH	2SB	2JH
66.67%	87.74%	88.42%	92.33%	95.64%	94.48%	95.17%	93.91%	94.78%
3JK	3EP	4SK	4SR	5AT	5RC	6ME	6BE	Whole School
97.5%	97.86%	90%	90.69%	94%	97.78%	92.9%	98.57%	96.06%



Lunch Menu

Week Beginning: Monday 21st September 2026

Monday	Crispy Chicken Wrap / Quorn Wrap
Tuesday	Oven Baked Sausage / Quorn Sausage
Wednesday	Meatballs / Quorn Meatballs & Pasta
Thursday	Ham Pizza / Margherita Pizza
Friday	Fish Fingers / Vegetable Fingers

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.



Small Bites Safer Smiles!

Healthy Children Happier Learners

Small bites!

Please cut your child's food into small, bite-sized pieces to help prevent choking. ♥

Chew slowly!

Some foods can be a choking risk for children. Cutting them into small pieces makes them safer to eat.

 Grapes Cut into quarters	 Cherry tomatoes Cut into quarters	 Sausages Cut into small, bite-sized pieces	 Carrots Cut into thin sticks or small pieces	 Apples Cut into small chunks
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We are a Nut-Aware School

Please do not include any nuts or nut products in packed lunches or breaktime snacks. This helps to keep all of our children safe. ♥

A quick check makes a big difference! ♥

Choking Safety Reminder

Our lunchtime staff have raised concerns that some food in lunchboxes is not being cut into safe, manageable pieces.

Please cut foods such as grapes, cherry tomatoes and sausages appropriately before sending them into school to help reduce the risk of choking.



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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



MANNY'S MILE

Our children threw themselves into every part of the event! Every pupil completed Barcroft's Manny's Mile, while 52 children proudly chose to run alongside Manny for the full mile. The rest of the academy lined the field, waving their handmade flags and cheering every runner over the finish line.

Families also showed incredible generosity by supporting our non-uniform day, raffle and cake sale, helping Barcroft raise an amazing amount for Dementia UK. Thank you to everyone who donated prizes, bought tickets, bought cakes or made a contribution.

Most importantly, our pupils learned that even small acts of kindness can have a huge impact. We couldn't be prouder of the compassion, determination and community spirit shown by everyone at Barcroft Academy. **Run Manny, Run!**







★ Prize ★	Ticket Number	★ Winner	Class ★
Autumn Night in Hamper	366	Yuvraj	3EP
Autumn Night in Hamper	631	Ezreal	3EP
Chocolate Hamper	609	Tomas	4SR
Movie Night Treat hampers	511	Reyansh	Moons
Movie Night Treat hampers	532	Erleen	Stars
Bottle of Prosecco	756	Samaira	3JK
Bottle of Wine	432	Alex	4SR
Capybara Accessories hamper	717	Darcie	1JH
Phone Accessory Bag and Chocolate set	657	Elyssa	5AT
Disney's Stitch Goodie Bag	645	Harvey	5AT
Colouring Soft Toy and Chocolate Set	742	Beatrice	1HE
Dinosaur Gift Set	463	Elodie	6ME
Squishmallow	775	Leo	4SR
Drinks Bottle	710	Oscar	1HE

