BARCROFT NEWSLETTER

Friday 20th November 2026

Unlocking potential today for a brighter tomorrow

DIARY DATES

27.11.26
Bottle Donations for Christmas Fayre (non-uniform day)

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02.12.26
Year 6 Maths Parent Workshop

04.12.26
Chocolate Donations – Christmas fayre (non-uniform day)

07.12.26
Nursery Christmas Parent Workshop

08.12.26
Reception Christmas Craft Parent Workshop

10.12.26
Children's Christmas Fayre Day

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 and Carers,

On Tuesday, 16 of our pupils proudly represented Barcroft at the Lighthouse MAT Quiz, taking part in a range of fun, game-show-style rounds. Our children were absolutely brilliant ambassadors for the academy, demonstrating fantastic teamwork, enthusiasm and confidence. We are incredibly proud of them all! You can see some photographs from the event later in the newsletter.

This week, our Year 3 children also took part in their A*Stars Pedestrian Training, developing important road safety skills and learning how to keep themselves safe when walking near roads.

We started the week by celebrating Anti-Bullying Week with Odd Socks Day. It was wonderful to see so many colourful and mismatched socks around the academy! This was a lovely way to remind everyone that we are all unique, that our differences should be celebrated and that kindness and respect are at the heart of everything we do at Barcroft.

Today marks the first of our non-uniform donation days in preparation for our Children's Christmas Fayre on Thursday 10th December. A huge thank you to all our families who have generously donated toys and teddies. Your support is very much appreciated and will help us create a wonderful festive experience for our children. Please see later in the newsletter for details of our upcoming donation days.

Looking ahead to next week, we will be taking part in UK Parliament Week. Throughout the week, children will be learning about democracy, how Parliament works and why it is important for everyone to have a voice. Through age-appropriate activities and discussions, pupils will explore how decisions are made, the importance of listening to different opinions and how we can all play a part in making positive changes in our communities. This is a fantastic opportunity to develop our children's understanding of British Values.

Finally, a reminder that Friday 27th November will be our next non-uniform day, when we will be asking for donations of full bottles of non-alcoholic drinks for our Christmas Fayre bottle tombola.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend, and we look forward to another exciting week at Barcroft!

Mrs Locke - Headteacher

WEEKLY CLASS ATTENDANCE

Willows	Bumblebees	Ladybirds	Moons	Stars	1HE	1JH	2SB	2JH
85%	95.33%	85.56%	95.71%	96.33%	93.45%	94.26%	98.4%	93.6%
3JK	3EP	4SK	4SR	5AT	5RC	6ME	6BE	Whole School
89.62%	91.43%	94%	96.67%	92.41%	97.41%	90.65%	92.22%	94%

Lunch Menu
Week Beginning: Monday 23rd November 2026

Monday	**Crispy Chicken Wrap / Quorn Wrap**
Tuesday	**Oven Baked Sausage / Quorn Sausage**
Wednesday	**Meatballs & Pasta / 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

NO NUTS!



We are a Nut-Aware Academy.

We have children and staff with severe nut allergies, so please do not send in any food that contains nuts or traces of nuts in snacks or lunchboxes.

Examples of foods that can contain nuts



Peanut butter and nut butters



Cereal bars, granola bars and flapjacks



Trail mix and mixed nuts



Cakes, biscuits and baked goods (e.g. brownies)



Chocolate and chocolate spreads (with nuts)



Nut-based spreads (e.g. almond butter)



Some snack foods (e.g. peanut puffs, flavoured nuts)



Certain sauces and dips (e.g. pesto)



- Always check ingredient labels carefully.
- Look for peanuts, tree nuts (e.g. almonds, cashews, hazelnuts, walnuts, pistachios), nut oils and nut pastes.
- Look out for 'may contain nuts' warnings.

Thank you for your support in keeping our academy safe for everyone.

BARCROFT'S CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS FAYRE

The countdown to our **Children's Christmas Fayre on Thursday 10th December** is officially on!

To help us create a fantastic festive experience for all our children, we are asking for your support with donations over the next few weeks.



Our Christmas Fayre Donation Days:

Friday 27th November – BOTTLE DONATIONS
Full bottles of non-alcoholic drinks for our bottle tombola.

Friday 4th December – CHOCOLATE DONATIONS
Chocolate treats for our Christmas Fayre!

Thursday 10th December – CAKE DONATIONS
Cakes and sweet treats for our festive stalls!



NON-UNIFORM DAYS!

On each of these dates, children are invited to **wear their own clothes in exchange for bringing in the requested donation.**

We know that Christmas can be an expensive time for families, so please only donate if you are able to. Every contribution, big or small, is greatly appreciated!

This year, our fayre is all about giving our children a magical Christmas experience with their friends, and we couldn't do it without the generosity of our wonderful Barcroft families!















On Tuesday, 16 of our fantastic Barcroft pupils proudly represented the academy at the Lighthouse Multi-Academy Trust's Quiz Madness, held at Bescot Stadium.

The children took part in a range of exciting game show-style quiz rounds, putting their knowledge, teamwork and quick thinking to the test! We are incredibly proud of how brilliantly our pupils represented Barcroft Academy. They demonstrated fantastic enthusiasm, confidence and teamwork throughout the event and were wonderful ambassadors for our academy.

A huge well done to all 16 pupils! You certainly made Barcroft proud! Take a look at some of the photographs from this exciting event below!







BARCROFT ACADEMY

Star Reader

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:













On Monday, we kicked off Anti-Bullying Week with our fantastic Odd Socks Day! It was wonderful to see so many children and staff wearing their colourful, mismatched socks to celebrate what makes us all unique.

Throughout the week, children have been learning about the importance of kindness, respect and celebrating our differences. At Barcroft Academy, we want everyone to feel valued, included and proud to be themselves.