BARCROFT NEWSLETTER

Friday 27th November 2026

Unlocking potential today for a brighter tomorrow

DIARY DATES

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
Cake donations for the Christmas Fayre – non-uniform day

10.12.26
Children's Christmas Fayre Day

11.12.26
Christmas Dinner Day and Christmas Jumper Day (with uniform)

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,

Firstly, I would like to apologise for not being in my usual spot at the bottom of the ramp each morning. As many of you may be aware, I am currently teaching in Year 1 and, therefore, have not been as visible on the playground. Mr Bond, our Deputy Headteacher, is on the KS2 playground each morning should you wish to speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

Thank you once again for your generous donations towards our Children's Christmas Fayre. We really do appreciate your continued support in helping us to create a wonderful festive experience for our children. Next Friday, 4th December, will be another **non-uniform day in exchange for chocolate donations.**

As the weather is becoming increasingly colder, please ensure that your child comes to the academy with a suitable warm coat so that they can comfortably enjoy their outdoor break times and lunchtimes.

Over the past few weeks, we have experienced an increase in illnesses amongst both children and staff. To help reduce the spread of germs, we have provided additional handwashing products, hand sanitiser and tissues in each classroom. Staff are also kindly taking the time to clean tables, door handles and frequently touched surfaces throughout the day. Please support us by reminding your children about the importance of regular handwashing, using tissues and covering their mouths and noses when coughing or sneezing. Hopefully, by working together, we can help reduce the spread of coughs, colds and other seasonal illnesses.

Sadly, I also feel it necessary to remind all parents and carers that **abusive, aggressive or inappropriate language and behaviour towards any member of our staff will not be tolerated.** Our staff work incredibly hard and are always willing to support our children and families in any way they can. We recognise that there may be times when parents and carers have concerns or frustrations, but we ask that these are raised through the appropriate channels and in a respectful manner so that we can work together to resolve them. Fortunately, such incidents are rare at Barcroft, and we are extremely grateful to the overwhelming majority of our families who treat our staff with kindness and respect. It is important that, as an academy community, we continue to model the values and behaviours that we expect from our children.

On a much brighter note, the festive spirit is beginning to arrive at Barcroft! Our younger children are already filling the corridors with beautiful festive songs, our academy choir is sounding wonderful, and from next week, our Christmas decorations will begin to appear around the academy. There is something particularly magical about this time of year in a primary school, and we are looking forward to creating lots of special memories for our children over the coming weeks. I will share some photographs of our festive preparations in next week's newsletter.

As always, thank you for your continued support, and I hope you all have a lovely, restful weekend.

Mrs Locke - Headteacher

WEEKLY CLASS ATTENDANCE

Willows	Bumblebees	Ladybirds	Moons	Stars	1HE	1JH	2SB	2JH
90%	93.33%	70%	90.71%	85.33%	71.38%	83.1%	95.2%	84.4%
3JK	3EP	4SK	4SR	5AT	5RC	6ME	6BE	Whole School
84.81%	97.5%	92%	94.67%	91.03%	92.86%	77.42%	78.21%	87%

Lunch Menu

Week Beginning: Monday 30th November 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**

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'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 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!



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: Scarlett (Moons), Rehmat (Stars), Zuzia (2JH), Fateh (5RC)









BARCROFT Values Superstars

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

Thoughtful and Caring

Staff will look for pupils helping others, using kind words, including everyone and considering how their actions make others feel. Even the smallest act of kindness can make a big difference!

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- Remi-Rae
Moons- Kashai
1JH- Tommy
1HE- Isabelle
2SB- Heidi
2JH- Ally- Mae
3JK- Mannat
3EP- Harsimran
4SR- Valour- Rose
4SR- Aseda
5RC- Syed
5AT- Ellyssa
6ME- Imani
6BE- Millie









A huge congratulations to Jack Poole in Year 4, who had a fantastic swimming lesson! Not only did Jack achieve his 50-metre swimming badge, but he showed incredible determination and resilience by continuing to swim and achieving his 75-metre badge too!

What a wonderful example of our Barcroft Values in action. We are incredibly proud of you, Jack. Keep up the amazing work!