



Barlaston First School
Weekly Newsletter
19 April 2024



Let your light shine through family, friendship and faith

"Enabling our whole school community to flourish and let their light shine, preparing them for their role as gentle and humble agents for change in the world we share."

Feed the Hungry Hand to Hand Foodpacking Event.

We have once again partnered with the Parish Church of St John the Baptist and Feed the Hungry to complete a food packing event. Parents, children and staff will be joined by members of the church community and the village community in an attempt to pack 20,000 meals that will be sent to feed children in extreme poverty across the world. We are hoping to raise additional funds on the day. These can be sent to a community that we have supported and visited before in Kibera, Kenya.

Barlaston First School 27th April 2024
Sessions 10:30am-12:00pm and 1:00pm-2:30pm

Volunteers can use this link <https://forms.gle/5mikL8PAaH95cGrn7> .

Alternatively, you can contact Sarah Broome sbroome@barlaston.staffs.sch.uk for more information.

Donations can also be forwarded to Steve Parkhouse at St John's Church marked with Kibera Appeal.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sports Day

We are holding our sports day, weather permitting, on Friday 17th May. I will include more detail on this in next week's newsletter.

Attendance

You will be aware that school attendance is currently a national priority. It is crucial that children are in school to take advantage of all learning opportunities and enrichment experiences. There are many ways in which we

can help and support you in achieving and sustaining good attendance. If you feel that there are any particular issues or circumstances impacting your child's attendance please do come and talk to us.

Regards,
Mr J Gordon

Dates for the Diary

Summer Term 2024	
(Saturday) 27 April	Feed the Hungry Food Packing Event 10am
29 April - 1 May	Year 4 Residential - Standon Bowers
3 May	Staff Development Day - School Closed to children
6 May	Spring Bank Holiday - School Closed
17 May	Sports Day 1.30pm
24 May	(Reserve) Sports Day 1.30pm
24 May	Break for Half Term
3 June	Return to school 8.45am
7 June	Records of Achievement Afternoon 2.15pm
25th and 26th June	Transition (children to new classes / schools)
2 July	Key Stage 1 Afternoon Performance 2.15pm
3 July	Key Stage 1 Evening Performance 6.15pm
9 July	Key Stage 2 Afternoon Performance 2pm
10 July	Key Stage 2 Evening Performance 6.15pm
19 July	Year 4 Leavers Picnic 12.30pm
19 July	End of Year Service 9am in Church
19 July	Break for the Summer
2 & 3 September	Staff Development Days - School Closed to Children
4 September	Autumn Term Starts 8.45am

2024/25 School Term and Holiday Dates	
Staff Development Days (School Closed to Children)	2nd and 3rd September
School Opens to Children	Wednesday 4th September
Half Term	28th October - 1st November
Staff Development Day School Closed to Children	Monday 4th November
Christmas Break	23rd December - 3rd January

Spring 2025	
School Opens	Monday 6 th January 2025
Half Term	17th - 21st February 2025
Easter Break	14 th - 25 th April 2025
Summer 2025	
School Opens	Monday 28 th April 2025
Staff Development Day (School Closed to Children)	Friday 2 nd May 2025
May Bank Holiday	Monday 5 th May 2025
Half Term	26th - 30th May 2025
Last Day of Summer Term	Friday 17 th July 2025