



**BARLESTONE CofE
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Rise
Pupils & Parents

NEWSLETTER

Edition 2

Happy Half Term!



Well done to all of our children, they have worked incredibly hard this half term!

Enjoy a very well-deserved break and we look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Monday 26th October.

Online Safety

Please read below some useful information that will help your children keep safe online.

1 LEAD BY EXAMPLE Children often copy the behaviour of adults around them. Show them what balanced, respectful, and mindful use of technology looks like, such as avoiding scrolling during family time and speaking kindly in messages. If you expect certain behaviour from them online, make sure your own habits reflect the same standards.	2 SET CLEAR BOUNDARIES Involve children in conversations about device usage so they feel included. Agree on digital rules such as screen-time limits, age-appropriate apps, and no devices in bedrooms overnight. Use parental controls to block or filter harmful content and explain that rules are there to protect and support them, not to spoil their fun.	3 PROMOTE SAFER SHARING Children can overshare without understanding the risks. Remind them that photos, locations, or messages can be copied or shared beyond their intended audience. Explain how even private messages or group chats can be saved and/or misused. Talk about what is appropriate to post, message, and who it's safe to share with.
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Class Assemblies

Next half term, we are excited to introduce class assemblies. Families will soon be invited to attend and see first-hand what the children have been learning in class. Our pupils will enjoy sharing their learning, projects, and memorable experiences from throughout the term. Keep an eye out for your invitation and further details coming soon!

Class Spotlight

Each newsletter, one of our classes will share a glimpse into their learning, achievements and exciting experiences. We hope you enjoy finding out what our children have been up to!

Hedgehogs - EYFS

What a lovely start your child has had in Hedgehogs! They have settled beautifully, are becoming increasingly confident with school routines, and are now coming into school independently each day. We have recently started phonics, and the children are really enjoying taking part in our sessions.

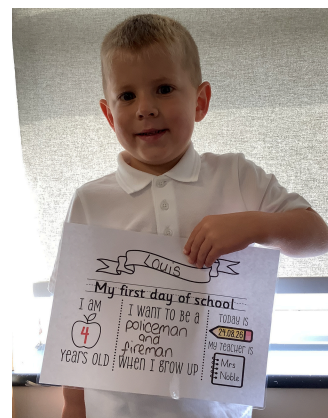
In English, the children loved reading We're Going on a Bear Hunt and are currently enjoying The Little Red Hen. We have been using story maps and sequencing activities to help the children retell the stories and remember key events.

In Maths, we have been exploring numbers 1-5 through a range of practical and engaging activities, helping the children develop their counting skills, number recognition, and understanding of quantity.

We have also been busy getting creative in Expressive Arts and Design, exploring watercolours, mixing paints, and developing our scissor control skills.

It has been wonderful to see the children's enthusiasm for learning and the progress they are already making. We look forward to continuing their learning journey next half term.

Have a lovely week off and enjoy the break! The EYFS Team



Christmas

Christmas time is fast approaching and soon our children will be getting ready to transform our school hall into a Nativity scene. Check out the dates of the Nativities below. You will be notified when tickets are available.

Family Support

We know that family life can sometimes be challenging, and there is a range of support available locally. You do not need to wait until things become difficult to ask for help.

Leicester Partnership NHS offer services to help families with children aged 0-11. Use the link below to find out more.

[Help, Support and Resources - Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust](#)





Family Hubs offer a wide range of support to the whole family. Follow this [link](#) to find the right support for you.

Welcome | Family Hubs Leicestershire

Key Dates This Term

SCHOOL CLOSED: Inset Day	16 th October
Half Term	19 th - 22 nd October
Yr 6 Residential Trip	26 th - 30 th October
Parents Evening	2 nd - 5 th November
Flu Vaccinations	6 th November
Children in Need - Pyjama Day!	13 th November
Non School Uniform Day for PTA donations	27 th November
EYFS Nativity	1 st December 2pm & 5pm
Christmas Jumper Day	4 th December
Rainbows Festive Village Walk	4 th December 9.30am
Christmas Craft Afternoon	4 th December
Year 1 & 2 Nativity	9 th December 2pm & 5pm
Panto @ Loughborough Town Hall	11 th December - during the normal school day
KS2 Christingle Service @ Church	15 th December 9.30am - KS2 Parents only
Christmas Dinner Day	17 th December

Christmas Holidays

21st December - 4th January

Reminders



Should you wish for your child/ren to have the Flu Vaccine please do not forget to sign them up via the link on the letter sent out.



Contact us!

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