



Barlestone C of E Primary School

Autumn Term Newsletter 20th September 2024



News from Mrs Murray

What a whirlwind the past few weeks have been! The children have adapted wonderfully, and we've already witnessed some impressive work from many of them.

We've established our junior leadership team for 2024-25. This term, we'll be asking them to review our dojo points system, considering if any changes are necessary. They will also gather feedback from the students regarding the new lunch options provided by our catering team, Relish.

Thanks to our amazing PTA, we successfully held our first Circus event! Many parents praised the occasion, and we extend our gratitude to the dedicated small group of PTA members who worked tirelessly to make it happen. If you're interested in joining the PTA, please reach out! They currently have a small team and could really use more support to continue organizing enjoyable events and treats like bingo nights, school discos, Year 6 hoodies, and gifts for Father's Day and Mother's Day, among others.

Year 6 has kicked off a busy month of activities, starting with Bikeability last week. The trainers were impressed with how well the children listened and engaged. Next week, the Foxes will embark on their residential trip, and we can't wait to hear all the wonderful stories they bring back!

Important Dates

23/9/24	Year 6 Residential
23/9/24 - 7/10/24	Foodbank collection
1/10/24	Individual School Photos including pre-school siblings from 8.15am
2/10/24	EYFS 2025 Open Afternoon 1.30-2.30pm
7/10/24	Harvest Assembly & Foodbank collection
18/10/24	Inset Day - Children Not in School
21/10/24 - 25/10/24	October Half Term

School Drop Off and Pick Up

Please refrain from arriving before 8:30 AM.

- Children must be supervised at ALL times while waiting for the school to open.
- You are responsible for your children's behaviour until they enter the school; please keep them close and ensure they are behaving appropriately.
- Be present at the designated pick-up location. For instance, if your child is in Year 1 and is dismissed from the front of the school, please ensure you are there on time!
- If you arrive late in the morning, please accompany your child through the school office for registration and to make meal choices.



Relish

We are currently adapting to the new system at school, and the school meals are being well received.

Please keep in mind that accounts should not exceed an arrears limit of £12.75. If payment is not made, you will need to provide a packed lunch for your child.



We are holding three open afternoons for parents and their children who are looking at starting school in August 2025.

2/10/24, 6/11/24 & 8/1/25 1.30-2.30pm

If you know of anyone who is looking at schools please pass on these dates. Applications for a school place opened 1/9/24 and will close 15/1/25



Please can parents send children from Yr3-6 to school with a healthy snack, ideally fruit for breaktime

Medical Appointment Guidelines

- Schedule medical/dental appointments outside of school hours.
- Notify the school office in advance with proof of the appointment.



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Healthy Together



Leicester Partnership NHS offer services to help families with children aged 0-11 a link to the website can be found [here](#)

We are a nut free school, and we have children with severe allergies! Please be mindful of what your child's food contains. This does include chocolate spreads and cereal bars which can contain nuts.



Be In SCHOOL Be On TIME



Please put your child's name in their uniform. We can not return uniform that does not have a name in it or be held responsible for your child's uniform.

It is illegal to park on zigzag lines outside of schools. Please park sensibly

How to Contact School

- Email – office@barlestone.risemat.co.uk
- Call – 01455 290511

Please use these two methods for contacting school, this guarantees your message will get through and dealt with promptly. School email address is regularly monitored unlike the Arbor in app messaging service.

School opens @ 8.40am

If your child arrives after 9.05am they will get a late mark. After 9.15am they will be classed as unauthorised absence.

Please ensure you are contacting the school to report your child's absence by 9.30am, either by leaving a voicemail or talking to the school office. Please also keep the school office updated daily of your child's absence so that marks can be recorded correctly.

Our primary focus in recent weeks has been to reinforce our school vision and values among the children. We encourage you to ask them what they've learned and see how much they can share. Additionally, we've reviewed our behavior expectations both in and out of the classroom to help us all strive for excellence!

Collective Worship

