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“...enabling all to flourish and succeed”

Prospectus 2026/27



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Welcome

We wish you a very warm welcome to Barlestone Church of England Primary School. We hope that this prospectus will provide a snapshot of life at our school.

Our school is situated at the heart of the village of Barlestone and has approximately 200 children on roll. The school is located in large pleasant grounds and has a number of outdoor play facilities including an adventure playground, wooden maze seating, and a large sports field.

The school buildings consist of the main building and a newly built (2021) building for our Foundation Stage children. We have a large hall, a computing suite, school library, community room and seven teaching and learning spaces. All of the classes are bright and welcoming with interactive whiteboards. Children have access to computers in our dedicated suite as well as a bank of iPads to use in class and outside.

Barlestone C of E Primary School is part of the RISE Multi Academy Trust, this is a family of schools who work with and for each other. The vision and values of RISE show how there is great importance on what the Trust do and how they do it. Their values underpin interactions with each other and strengthen the sense of family, children are placed at the heart of everything that is done. The RISE team of staff are skilled, hardworking and committed to developing all of your child, not just their academic ability. The trust recognise that success for every child will be different and that is celebrated.

We strongly believe that children should enjoy coming to school every day and actively encourage parents to be closely involved in their child's education. We look forward to working together in partnership with your family and are always here to answer questions or queries.



Claire Murray
Head-Teacher

Chair of Governors

Introduction

I'm Sue, the Chair of Governors. With over six years of experience as a governor, I am passionate about supporting our local community. As a parent of three grown children who all attended Barlestone School, I feel a strong connection to this institution.

Our Team

It is truly a privilege to serve as Chair. Our governing body consists of 9 members, including parents, staff, Foundation (church) representatives, and RISE-appointed governors, each serving an initial four-year term.

Responsibilities

We have specific responsibilities, such as advocating for:

- Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)
- Early Years education
- Church effectiveness
- Safeguarding

Governors are tasked with understanding their areas of focus in relation to the school and monitoring the targets set by RISE.

Our Vision

I view our roles as governors as a commitment to supporting the children of Barlestone and the surrounding areas. Our goal is to ensure they achieve their best and that Barlestone School thrives.


Chair





About Barlestone Primary School

CURRICULUM

Our exciting and aspirational curriculum is based on the statutory requirements of the National Curriculum along with the non-statutory guidance on PHSE and Citizenship and the Locally Agreed Syllabus for RE. Parents have the right to request to remove pupils from RE curriculum without reason, it is recommended to discuss concerns with the Headteacher.

We work hard to ensure that all teaching and learning is engaging and relevant to pupils, further information about the curriculum for each year group can be found on the school website under the Information tab.

We also offer a wide range of sports activities beyond the statutory PE curriculum and children are able to join clubs and teams to develop their physical skills. We work with accredited coaches from Coach Unlimited who work with our staff and pupils to develop skills and technique

Class organisation

We have seven classes who are all called after native British woodland animals.

Foundation Stage - Hedgehogs

Year 1 - Moles

Year 2 - Squirrels

Year 3 - Badgers

Year 4 - Owls

Year 5 - Otters

Year 6 - Foxes



About Barlestone Primary School Cont...

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD

INCLUSION

As a school we strongly oppose racism and discrimination in any form. We promote equal opportunity for all and our policies are inclusive to ensure we all work together to promote a deep understanding of the rich diversity of cultures in today's society. We carry out an accessibility audit each year and are confident we can meet the diverse physical and educational needs of our pupils. No pupil will be declined admission on the basis of disability: the school has been designated a Pathway School in recognition of its accessibility for pupils, staff and parents with disabilities. We work with a range of outside agencies to ensure the needs of disabled pupils are fully met and this is reviewed annually in consultation with parents. Please inform us if you or your child has a disability which may make access to any part of the school or curriculum difficult so we can ensure all reasonable adjustments are made

SPECIAL EDUCATION NEEDS AND DISABILITY (SEND)

The Governors and staff work hard to ensure that children with SEND have access to a fully inclusive curriculum and can take part in everyday activities. We will always consult parents if we feel that a child needs special support with learning and parents are encouraged and helped to express their views and all staff work towards supporting these children effectively and boosting their self-esteem.

SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN

Children with SEND will receive specific help from their class teachers, the SEND co-ordinator and learning support assistants. Where necessary, the school and parents will consult with and receive advice from various outside agencies. The progress for children with SEND is assessed and reviewed and individual or group education plans are produced accordingly.

BEHAVIOUR

Effective pastoral care depends on mutual respect, confidence and understanding between home and the school. We aim to motivate children through praise and reward for good behaviour, but have a scale of sanctions, which we can use for children who misbehave, if necessary. If your child's behaviour is causing concern at school, you will be informed and invited to discuss the way forward with the class teacher.

We believe that it is important to encourage every child:

- To understand that the school community depends on the co-operation and goodwill of all
- To understand the need for self-discipline and acceptable behaviour
- To think of the needs of others
- To show good manners.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

We strongly encourage parents and carers to be involved in our school in a variety of ways. Each class holds an assembly to showcase their work which parents are invited to.

Twice a year parents are invited to attend an appointment with class teachers to discuss their child's progress and attainment and all staff are available at the end of each day.

Further opportunities are available to parents want to become more involved, we have an active PTA who are always looking for more support or you may wish to become a governor at the school.

If you ever need to speak to your child's teacher, the best time to do this is at the end of day when the children come out of school, if a message needs to be passed to a teacher first thing in the morning you can discuss it with Mrs Murray in the playground or visit Mrs Hart in the office. You could also ring or email during the day and a teacher will always ensure they get back to you within 48 hours.

School information and services

OUR SCHOOL START TIME

Our school day starts at 8.45am with the doors opening on the main playground, promptly closing at 8.50am so that the children are in and ready to start learning in class at 8.55am. If you are late you must take your child through the main office.

Your child will need to take themselves straight to class, hang their coat and bag up and chose their meal choice if not ordered at home.

HOME TIME

Our school day ends at 3.15pm, school gates will open from 3pm.

If someone else not known to the school will be collecting your child please ensure that you have either told their class teacher or spoken to the office prior to collection time. Please be prompt collecting your child/ren but we understand that sometimes there are circumstances out of your control which means you may be late. Should this happen please call the office as soon as possible and your child will either be held at the office if it is only a few minutes or they will be put into the afterschool club where a charge will be payable.

WHAT YOUR CHILD WILL NEED

- Coat
- Water bottle
- Lunch (if not school lunch)
- PE kit in a separate bag
- Gloves, hat scarf in cold weather



SCHOOL UNIFORM

At Barlestone C of E Primary School we take pride in our appearance and as such have a uniform that is smart and comfortable.

- Grey/Black skirt, pinafore, trousers, shorts
- White or burgundy polo shirt
- Burgundy school cardigan or sweatshirt
- Burgundy/red checked summer dress
- black/white socks or tights
- Black school shoes (not trainers)

PE

- Plain white round neck t-shirt
- Black shorts
- Black Joggers
- Black sweatshirt/hoodie
- Rubber soled black pumps
- Outdoor trainers

PE kit needs to be brought to school every Monday and will be sent home for washing every Friday.

School uniform is available to order from either:

www.uniform-direct.com

www.myclothing.com

For safety reasons jewellery should not be worn to school with the exception of small studs earrings and a watch. These items must be removed for PE. We therefore advise those wishing to have their ears pierced that they do so during the school summer holidays. Make up, nail varnish and tattoos should not be worn to school.

Please label your child/ren's clothes so that they can be returned to them should they be left. We can not return clothing where there is no name. Please check the label's in your child/ren's clothing regularly as they do become lose and fall off and marker fades.

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REPORTING TO PARENTS

A positive and supportive link between home and school can help your child come happily to terms with two very important parts of their life. Your child will learn more readily in the secure and happy environment that such a link can provide. We will keep you informed about your child's progress and of any concerns we might have. Please let us know of any factors at home that might affect your child during the day. As well as the two yearly appointments with your child's class teacher, we also produce an annual report which is sent at the end of the summer term.

SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE

If you have any concerns about medical matters including bedwetting, soiling and behaviour at home, you can contact the School Nurse team, who will be happy to discuss your concerns and offer help as appropriate, please contact the school office. You can also access www.healthforkids.co.uk for further information and signposting for Leicestershire or contact them via TEL:0300 300 3001.

Getting your child ready for starting primary school can feel like a big step, so it's understandable if you're feeling nervous about this new chapter in their life. You're not the only one, and it's likely that your child will be feeling a mix of emotions too. For preparing your child for Primary School you can access more information [here](#).

MEDICINES

We can only administer prescribed medication for a short period of time when it is not possible for you to fit all the doses in around school times at home (this is normally a 4 x a day medication) and only after your child has had the medication for over 24hrs. To enable staff to administer medication a 'Request to Administer Medication' form needs completing. We are unable to administer non-prescribed medication to your child, you can make arrangements to administer these medications yourself.

Other medication such as: inhalers and adrenaline auto injectors will need a detailed medical form completing, please speak to Mrs Hart.

ATTENDANCE AND ABSENCE

We believe that the whole school community has a responsibility to maintain good attendance, with our aims being:

- maintain good attendance above 96%
- maintain punctuality
- raise and maintain attainment
- maximise opportunities

If your child is taken ill at school, we will contact you to come and collect your child. Children are not allowed to go home on their own if they are unwell. If your child is absent due to illness please contact the school office TEL:01455 290511

Email: office@barlestone.risemat.co.uk by 9.30am on the first day of absence if no contact has been made school will contact you to obtain a reason for absence. It is very important that all absences are explained, otherwise the absence will have to be recorded as unauthorised.

Lateness

Children should not be late to school except for in emergencies and the school informed with a reason. Arriving between 9am and 9.15am will result in being marked as 'Late' arriving after 9.15am and before afternoon register will result in an 'Unauthorised Late' mark unless sufficient reason is provided.

Absence in Term Time

Absences during term time significantly disrupt your child's learning and result in missed classroom opportunities. Good attendance is closely linked to positive outcomes.

On September 1, 2013, the Government introduced statutory guidance that prohibits Headteachers from granting leave of absence during term time, except in certain exceptional circumstances. Family holidays do not qualify as 'exceptional circumstances' and will therefore be marked as unauthorised. The new statutory guidance states that if a pupil has more than 10 sessions (equivalent to 5 school days) marked as 'unauthorised' absence, the case will be referred to the Local Authority for legal action. It is important to note that any fines issued contribute to the Local Authority, and neither the school nor the Trust benefits from these funds.

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SCHOOL MEALS

Barlestone C of E Primary School work with Relish to provide healthy school hot meals. We have a kitchen onsite managed by our long standing Catering Manager Mrs Normington and kitchen staff. They all work hard to deliver tasty, healthy meals that children enjoy. The menus run on a rolling three weeks which can be viewed either [here](#) on our website or via this [link](#) by creating an account on the Relish parent portal. On the Relish parent portal you can also pre order your children's meals upto a term in advance, see the recipes for the meals cooked in school so that you can recreate them at home and contact Mrs Normington.

All children in years EYFS, 1 and 2 receive Universal Free School Meals, those in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are charged @ £2.75 per meal unless you are entitled to Free School Meals (FSM). Please ensure that you keep on top of your child's meal account via the Arbor app/portal to prevent it from going overdrawn. If the account is overdrawn by £13.75 then your child will need a packed lunch until it is cleared.

PUPIL PREMIUM/RISE PLUS

This is additional funding that is given to schools to support those children in families who meet the criteria. Please click [here](#) to see if you meet the criteria and to apply. Applications have to be completed by the parent but school can support should you need any help.

FOOD AND DRINK

We promote healthy eating and ask that children bring a piece of fruit for their morning snack. We are a member of of the Schools Fruit and Vegetables scheme so pupils in EYFS and KS1 are offered fresh fruit at break time. We are a NO nut and egg school and kindly ask that these foods are not brought into school. Children will need a water bottle, which can be refilled at school. Milk is available to all via Cool Milk with those under five receiving free milk. If you would like your child to have milk please register them via this [link](#).



WRAPAROUND CARE

Super Star Sport Children's Club offer our families wraparound care. Mrs Edwards and Miss Kendall provide affordable and engaging childcare before school from 7.30am and after school until 6pm. Super Star Sport use the school hall as their base and also have the full use of our lovely school grounds after school. To find out more and to book, visit their [website](#).

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Collective Worship is an important part of everyday life at Barlestone. We enjoy getting together as a school, listening to stories, discussing events and singing together. Children can play an active part in our worship by lighting the candle, choosing the songs and joining in with prayers. Wherever possible we include parents by inviting them to specific assemblies and also our family Collective Worship at the end of each month.

Our Vision & Values

Vision

...and walk in love, just as Christ also loves us... Ephesians 5:2

Values

Barlestone C of E Primary School encourages and promotes Christian Values. Our pupils, governors, staff, parents and community members chose our four key values



Friendship – Our school is a happy place where we want the best for everyone, no one will ever be left out.

Perseverance - We keep trying with everything we do and believe, especially when it's difficult because we want to succeed.

Trust – We believe in the people around us, we know how important it is to be a trustworthy member of our school community.

Respect – We treat others with politeness and value their lifestyles, beliefs and options. Everyone is unique and should have their voice.

These values are based on the theological virtues of Faith, Hope and Love

Faith: As God is faithful to us, we try to act faithfully and believe in the people around us. We know how important it is to be a trustworthy member of our school community.

Hope: We have hope because Jesus loves us, so we always persevere, and keep trying with everything we do and believe, especially when it's difficult, because we want to succeed.

Love: God's love for us is reflected in our values of Friendship and Respect. We want the best for everyone, and no one will ever be left out. We treat others with politeness and value their lifestyles, beliefs and options. Everyone is unique and should have their voice.



Early Years

Our school has a newly built (completed May 2021) Foundation Stage building and admits children on a full time basis at the beginning of the school year in which they are five. All pupils are expected to attend school on a full time basis after an initial induction period, during which parents and children are encouraged to become familiar with the surroundings and routines of our school.

Sometimes children join our school during the term and then every effort is made to ensure they are welcomed and integrated as quickly as possible into our school community. However, if a child should have any problems settling in, parents and carers are asked to contact the school early on, so that we can work together to resolve the situation.

Our Published Admissions Number is 30. Full details of our admission policy may be obtained via the school website following [this link](#)

If you have any further questions please contact the school on 01455 290511 or by emailing us at office@barlestone.risemat.co.uk



Testimonials

“I am very pleased with how much my daughter has learnt in a short time, I could not fault the school”

Parent

“Well organised, well managed and staff really care about pupil and parent safety”

Parent

“The school have been amazing at communicating with parents”

Parent

“The best thing about Barlestone School is the people in it, because it's not the walls that make Barlestone School, it's the people”

Yr6 Pupil

“The best thing about Barlestone School is you have help whenever you need it. All you have to do is ask and help will come to you”

Yr 6 Pupil





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