



Barlaston First School
Weekly Newsletter
26 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."

Swimming Opportunity

We would like to let you know of a special opportunity to take your child for a free hour of swimming at GUST Swim School on Friday 3rd May (inset day).

GUST are running a training course and would like help for potential swimming instructors. If your child is 4 years or older and a non-swimmer or beginner then please feel free to contact GUST on enquiries@swimteaching.co.uk to book a space! Some of the children have been to GUST previously and have thoroughly enjoyed it!

Feed the Hungry and to Hand Foodpacking Event.

This event is taking place in school tomorrow morning.

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 to all those who have signed up so far.

Sports Day

We are holding our sports day, weather permitting, on Friday 17th May.

Dormice and Reception will hold their event on the field at 9.30am. For years 1 - 4 the start time will be 1.30pm.

If the weather defeats us we will reschedule to Friday 24th May.

Standon Bowers

Our year 4 children are very excited about their residential trip to Standon Bowers, leaving on Monday morning and returning to school on Wednesday afternoon.

First Aid

West Midlands Ambulance Service have been in school over the last couple of days, working with children in years 2 ,3 and 4 on first knowledge and skills.

Author Visit

Yesterday we had a visit from Ruth Pearson, a local author, who talked to the children about her books and the process and writing and illustrating a book. We all thoroughly enjoyed the experience of getting an insight into the work of an author.

Sickness

A polite reminder that if your child is sick or has a tummy bug they cannot return to school for 48hrs.

Medicines

Our policy on administering medicines is that we only administer in school if the medication is **prescribed for 4 doses a day**. Medicines prescribed for fewer doses must be administered at home.

Holiday Club

Sports Coaching Group will once again be providing holiday club at May half term. The club will run from Tuesday 28th May to Friday 31st May.

School Closed to Children- Friday 3rd May

Next Friday is a Staff Development Day and the school is closed to children. School will open again on **Tuesday 7th May at 8.45am**.

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
24th and 25th 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 6th January 2025
Half Term	17th - 21st February 2025
Easter Break	14th - 25th April 2025
Summer 2025	
School Opens	Monday 28th April 2025
Staff Development Day (School Closed to Children)	Friday 2nd May 2025

May Bank Holiday	Monday 5 th May 2025
Half Term	26 th - 30 th May 2025
Last Day of Summer Term	Friday 17 th July 2025