



Friday 26th  
April 2024



# Barden Primary School

Only my best is good enough for me



Dear Parent/Guardian,

At the end of last term, we said goodbye to Mr Walmsley, our Year 2 teacher. Parents in Wagtails were made aware, but I wanted to share this with other parents/carers. We wish Mr Walmsley lots of luck as he moves to his new school.

Please can I ask parents and carers to download Studybugs (our Attendance App) if they have not done so already. It is a great way to report your child's absence and get lots of useful information about attendance.

*Kind regards, Mrs Holgate, Headteacher*

Thank you for your continued support. If you should have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact school to speak with us.  
**01282 226777** You can also catch me on the yard most mornings before school.

### DATES:

School is closed on Monday 6th May for the Bank Holiday. School finishes for half term on Friday 24th May and reopens on Wednesday 5th June at 8.35am

### Attendance for Last Week w/c 15/04/2024

Cygnets	100.00
Swans	100.00
Owlets	91.38
Eaglets	94.84
Robins	92.67
Sparrows	97.59
Goldfinches	97.93
Wagtails	93.67
Swallows	99.33
Doves	99.38
Skylarks	94.06
Kingfishers	96.33
Woodpeckers	98.67
Jays	92.58
Puffins	95.15
Eagles	96.13
Kestrels	93.87

Overall school attendance was **95.73%**  
Well done to **Cygnets, Swans & Doves** who had the highest attendance last week!

## Badge Winners this week

Class	Badge Winners
Owlets	Umar E, Anayah Y
Eaglets	Hussain A, Ahyaan Z
Sparrows	Hassan A, Zayna S
Robins	Haniya H, Haram M
Goldfinches	Aoun A, Husna H
Swallows	Charlie H, Ammar M
Wagtails	Kinza K, Mohammed E
Doves	Yusuf A, Ayleen A
Skylarks	Halima A, Maksim A
Woodpeckers	Ayana I, Inaya A
Kingfishers	Easah U K, Rameesha M
Jays	Sumayya A, Ibrahim A
Puffins	Ameera K, Ahmed P
Eagles	Muhammad M, Aizah N
Kestrels	Ryaan Z, Iosif S
The Nest	Lucy D

Winning Team - **EARTH**



**BRONZE WINNERS** - Kinza K, Hassan A, Zayna S, Mohammed E

**SILVER WINNERS** - Inaya A

**GOLD AWARD** - Eleen A, Ruhab A, Jiyan S, Zaydaan A, Tasmiyah A, Saad M



School Start Time



**8:35am**



School Finish Time

**3:05pm**

This is a polite reminder to all our families at Barden that the **school day starts at 8:35.**

This means that **children should be inside their classroom, sat down and ready to learn at 8:35.**

We have an increasing number of families arriving on the school playground at 8:35. This often means that children aren't getting into their classrooms until around 8:45, making them late and unprepared for the day ahead.

We ask that all families can support us to improve this.

**THANK YOU**



## Forest School

All our children have loved the chance to take part in Forest School sessions and year 6 are possibly loving it the most! They have embraced the experience and jumped (sometimes into very muddy puddles) in with huge smiles on their faces. This week they have been making weather socks and rain gauges which links to their topics on biomes.



## EYFS NEWS

EYFS started the third Parent and Child Learn Together Sessions this week. The focus was on physical development, which is so important. 8 parents are invited each week to come along and learn why creating activities for physical development is important and what they can do with their child at home. Following this their children join them and together they try some of the activities. Plus, everyone leaves with a present to use at home.



## Upcoming Diary Dates

DATE	EVENT
Every Friday @ 8.50am	<b>Celebration Assembly.</b> You will be invited by a text message to attend.
Thursday 2nd May	Year 5 trip to Burnley Football Club
Friday 3rd May	Winning Team Treat for Spring Term – <b>FIRE!!</b>
Thursday 9th May	Rock Kidz in school all day.
Monday 13th May	Year 6 SATS week
Thursday 23rd May 8.50am	Owlets Class Assembly. Parents Invited
Thursday 23rd May	Reading Tea Party with Mrs Holgate
Friday 24th May	School Closes for the half term break (at 3.05pm)
Wednesday 5th June	School re-opens on <b>WEDNESDAY 5th June</b>

**We shared this fabulous aerial photograph from Autism Awareness Week on our Facebook page but wanted to put it on the newsletter just in case you missed it. What a fabulous, colourful image of our wonderful staff and pupils!**



# Curriculum

## What has your child been learning about in class this week?

If your child's class isn't in the newsletter this week, they will be next week.



Swans

We have had a busy start to the new term and are thoroughly enjoying our new topics. We have learnt about the seasons in our first geography lesson and have now moved on to learning about St. George's Day as part of our learning about the countries of the UK. We have had an exciting start to our forest school sessions and the children in Swan's Class certainly threw themselves into it.



R- Owlets

We went on a minibeast hunt on the school field and woodland area. We found so many – slugs, beetles, woodlice, a millipede, lady bird, spiders and some we couldn't even name! We had so much fun we are going back to look for more next week! We have been dancing like mini beasts too! We have been dressing up as woodland story characters and learning how to shop in our woodland grocery store!



1- Robins

Another great week in Robins! We have started our new topic in Maths, we are learning about multiplication and division. In English we have been reading a new book, 'No-Bot the Robot with no bottom.' The children are loving it. A great end to the week with our amazing assembly all about Beatrix Potter and The Tales of Peter Rabbit. Well done Robins, you were great.



2- Wagtails

Wow what an amazing week we have had! We have started our new topic in Maths, we are learning all about mass, capacity and temperature. In English we have continued reading The Wind in the Willows, and we have even planned our own version. A very exciting lesson we had this week was geography, we went on a walk round our local area to look at the different types of houses in Burnley.



3- Skylarks

We have had a great week in Skylarks! We have started our Inventive Victorians topic and have begun learning about the Lancashire Cotton Industry. We have also had a go at sewing in DT which we really enjoyed. In English, we have hot seated the characters of Theseus and Ariadne and have written super complex sentences about them. We are doing well with fractions in Maths too!



4- Woodpeckers

We have had a great week in Year 4. We have been looking at plate tectonics in geography and understanding how earthquakes are created. In English, we have been exploring the story of Gulliver's Travels further and taking a deeper look at the characters. The children have also really enjoyed our dodgeball unit in PE!



5- Puffins

We have had another great week in Year 5. We have been working hard calculating decimals in Maths and understanding crime and punishments during Roman times in history. In English, we have been diving deeper into the world of Hugo Cabret and used our inference skills to think about the character's thoughts and feeling. What a great week. Well done!

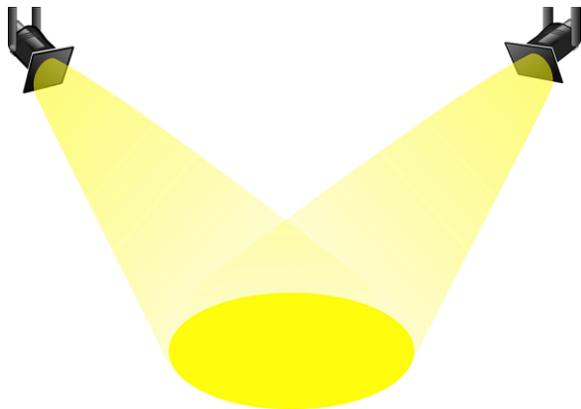


6- Eagles

The children have been amazing this week. They have really tried their best during our SATs mock week, the progress they have made is incredible. It hasn't all been about the SATs though, they have continued to love the experience of going to our wonderful Forest School (see pictures on previous page) and worked as a team to present their understanding of nutritious food in Design and Technology. Keep up the great work!

# Class Assemblies 2023 -2024

Join us for our upcoming class assemblies! We will be showcasing the learning that has taken place in class. Afterward, you can spend time with your child looking at their books. Then, enjoy a drink and some snacks with us back in the hall. We look forward to seeing you there!



Date (Thursday usually)	Class
12 <sup>th</sup> October	Swallows
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Jays
2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Kingfishers
9 <sup>th</sup> November	Puffins
16 <sup>th</sup> November	Doves
25 <sup>th</sup> January	Woodpeckers
26 <sup>th</sup> January	Skylarks
1 <sup>st</sup> February	Wagtails
8 <sup>th</sup> February	Goldfinches
29 <sup>th</sup> February	Eagles
21 <sup>st</sup> March	Kestrels
28 <sup>th</sup> March	Sparrows
25 <sup>th</sup> April	Robins
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	<b>Owlets</b>
27 <sup>th</sup> June	Eaglets