



Friday 3rd
October 2025



Barden Primary School
Only my best is good enough for me



Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been wonderful to see the children working so positively this week. Their enthusiasm in lessons and kindness around school make us very proud. They are working hard on our whole school value of 'respect' this half term. **Ask your child if they have made it onto the 'Value Recognition Board' in their class and what for!**

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and for modelling respect to your child. It really helps them to flourish.

Take Care, Mrs C 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.

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DATES:

School closes for the October half term break after school on Thursday 23rd October and reopens on Monday 3rd November 2025.

Attendance for Last Week w/c 22/09/2025

Owlets	97.48%
Eaglets	91.58%
Chicks	93.13%
Robins	98.93%
Sparrows	99.29%
Swallows	98.33%
Wagtails	98.21%
Doves	94.33%
Skylarks	95.48%
Woodpeckers	96.77%
Blackbirds	96.77%
Kingfishers	98.28%
Jays	97.50%
Puffins	96.06%
Eagles	98.44%
Kestrels	92.72%
The Nest	91.65%
Pipits	98.63%

Overall school attendance was **96.49%**. Congratulations to **Sparrows** who had the highest attendance last week. Well Done!

Badge Winners this Week

Class	Badge Winners
EYFS	Ajwa A, Manha M, Arish K, Areesha M
Sparrows	Akeel A, Umayma S
Robins	Hussain A S, Zaynab A
Swallows	Ibrahim A, Amayah K
Wagtails	Zakariya T, Anika L
Doves	Maria B, Zidan I A
Skylarks	Sabriha R, Liyana M K
Blackbirds	Noor F H, Rubab A
Woodpeckers	Hayaa A, Mohammed A K
Kingfishers	Louis M, Kai M
Jays	Haider A S, Veda N
Puffins	Isa M, Yusuf A
Eagles	Ibrahim A, Iqra A
Kestrels	Miesha A Z, Yahya A
The Nest	Muhammad M
Pipits	M Ayaan K

Winning Team - WATER



Bronze Award - Maria B

Gold Award Certificate - Rayaan M, Ayoub K, Mujtaba Z, Ahmad A



Go Noodle



Do you need to:

- Beat the traffic in the morning to get to work?
- Drive to school and get a parking space in the car park?
- Get to work early for a meeting?
- Juggle more than one school drop off?
- Keep moving through daily tasks after waking up early?

Go Noodle dance class is available from 8.15am in the School Hall free of charge.

Lost Property

There will no longer be a lost property box located at the School Office. Instead, a lost item will be immediately taken to classes to be reunited with its rightful owner. Please ensure that your child's clothing, reading bags, lunch boxes and P.E. kit are clearly labeled with your child's full name.



Please see your child's class teacher today.



Upcoming Diary Dates



DATE	EVENT
Every Friday @ 8.50am	Celebration Assembly. You will be invited by a text message to attend.
Monday 6 th October	Black History Month
Tuesday 7 th October	EYFS Early Maths Parents Meeting Year 3/4 Tag Rugby Year 5/6 Cross Country Barden Share and Care@3pm- School Hall
Thursday 9 th October	Puffins class assembly at 8.50am followed by tea/cake and time in your child's class.
Tuesday 14 th October	Divali whole school assembly
Thursday 16 th October	Year 5/6 Glow Dodgeball
Friday 17 th October	EYFS Super Hero / Real Life Hero Dress Up Day
Monday 20 th October	Reading Tea Party
Tuesday 21 st October	Sports Crew Training
Wednesday 22 nd October	Pupil Progress Reports to go home
Thursday 23 rd October	Kingfishers class assembly at 8.50am followed by tea/cake and time in your child's class. Last day of the half term

🌍 ✨ Well done to Jay's class for delivering our very first assembly of the year on *climate change*!

The children spoke with such confidence and shared some really important messages about looking after our planet. ❤️ 🌱

A big thank you to all the parents who came along to support – it was wonderful to see you there! 🙌 😊



Supporting communication at home

Each term we will be sharing a resource that could help with supporting communication at home.

Every child has their own way of communicating and it is important that we know how to help all pupils with their communication, whether they communicate verbally or non-verbally.

This article shares some ideas for how you can help your child communicate and play both with and without words.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/articles/zpx69ty>



Parent &
Pupil
Support

Meet the New School Nurse

Gabrielle will be visiting Barden on Friday 10th October to introduce herself and the services the nurses provide.

This first meeting will be between 9 and 10 am so drop of your children and come and meet Gabrielle. There is no need to book for this meeting.



After this Gabrielle will be holding monthly surgeries where she can meet with parents face to face. You will be able to discuss any health concerns you have for your children.

These surgeries will require you to book – more details to follow.

Any queries at this stage please email Mr D on sdowling@barden.lancs.sch.uk



Sports



Girls' World Cup Tag Rugby Competition

On Tuesday, our girls took part in the Girls' World Cup Tag Rugby event, playing lots of matches against other local schools. They showed fantastic teamwork, developed their skills and had a brilliant time together!

A huge thank you to Burnley School Sport Partnership for organising such a memorable event!



KS1 Fun Run at Towneley Park

Two of our KS1 superstars took part in the Fun Run at Towneley Park this week. The course included lots of exciting challenges along the way and they tackled every single one with determination, big smiles and plenty of energy.

We are so proud of them for completing such a tricky course, what an achievement!

In English, we received a very special delivery! We were sent a suitcase full of mysterious artefacts, a treasure map and a story called Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx



Woodpeckers

Year 4



Blackbirds

What an amazing start to Year 4! Look at all the amazing things we've been up to!



Kingfishers



In History, we became tomb raiders! We were sent on a mission to solve the hieroglyphics puzzles inside Ancient Egyptian tombs.

A great start in Year 2.
In English, we have used 'but'
to join sentences to show
co-ordination. We were very
proud of our sentences and
are now trying hard to join
sentences independently in
our own story writing.

Wagtails



Year 2



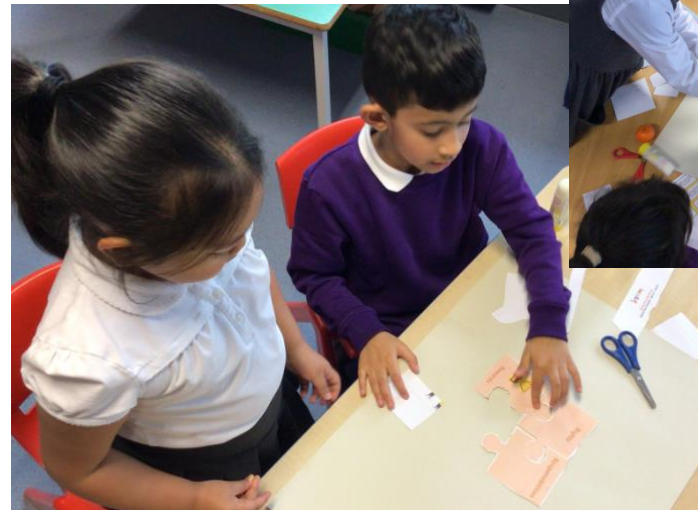
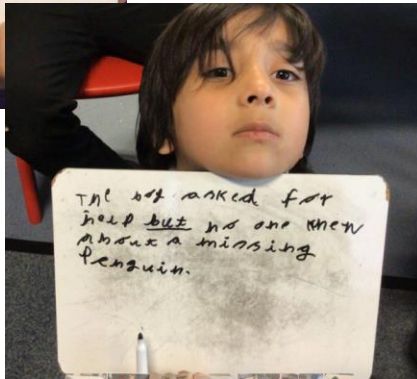
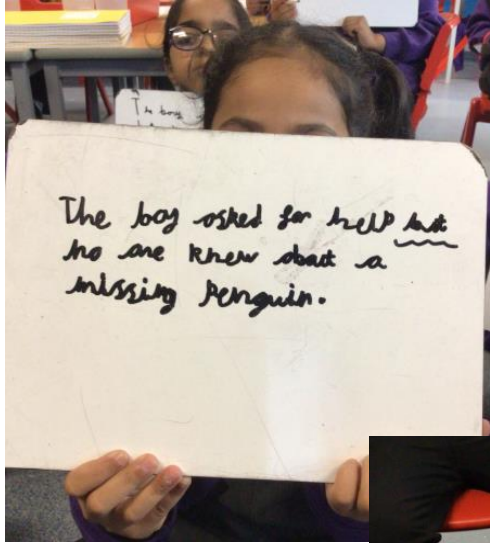
Swallows



In our Life Skills lesson, we
learned how to co-operate as
a team! We had to work
together, talk about our
ideas and listen carefully to
each other. Our finished
posters looked amazing!



AbuBakr wrote: 'The
boy asked for help
but no one knew
about a missing
penguin!'



Attendance & Punctuality Competition



Draw a poster or write a poem about what attending Barden Primary School means to you. Your entry should include what punctuality means and at least one of the school values:

Respect, Acceptance, Resilience, Ambition.

Prizes:

Small treat for each entry

3rd place - £10 to spend on Amazon

2nd place - £15 to spend on Amazon

1st place - £20 to spend on Amazon



Term & conditions

1. Entries to be in by Monday 20th October.
2. Hand in to your teacher or to Mrs Rawcliffe at the School Office.
3. Winners to be announced at celebration assembly Friday 7th November.
4. One entry per pupil.
5. Competition will be judged by Mrs Holgate and Mr Cooper.
6. Single pupil entries only.
7. Felt tip pens can be used. Please make your entry bright and clear.
8. Use plain paper, which you can collect from your class teacher.
9. Write your name and your class on the back of your entry.
10. The winning entry will be used as part of attendance and punctuality promotion in school. It will featured in the School Attendance Newsletter, the school website & attendance board for all pupils to see.
11. Prizes will be selected by the winner and ordered by the School Office.



Download the Studybugs app for reporting your child's absence.

A quick and secure way to report absence due to illness and send messages to school.



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<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>



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
Wednesday 1st October 2025	Jays
9th October 2025	Puffins
23rd October 2025	Kingfishers
Wednesday 12th November 2025	Blackbirds
Wednesday 19th November 2025	Woodpeckers
22nd January 2026	Kestrels
Wednesday 28th January 2026	Eagles
5th February 2026	Doves
12th February 2026	Skylarks
19th March 2026	Swallows
26th March 2026	Wagtails
30th April 2026	Sparrows
Wednesday 6th May 2026	Robins
18th June 2026	Owlets
25th June 2026	Eaglets
2nd July 2026	Chicks