



Barden Primary School

Only my best is good enough for me



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School Attendance Matters (SAM) Newsletter

Autumn 1 - October 2025

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to the start of a new school year. I hope you had a wonderful summer break. We had a fabulous start to the Autumn term. I can see some improvements around attendance and punctuality. Already, there have been many class attendance & punctuality badges given out in Friday assembly.

Mrs Rawcliffe—Attendance Lead



Early Bird Catches the Worm

“Early bird catches the worm” is the idea that pupils make the most of their situation straight away by using every moment to learn. Pupils start on Maths and English work as soon as they arrive to class; not a moment is wasted. This term, school has started a new incentive. If a class reaches 100% punctuality,



meaning that all pupils have arrived in class on time, the class will receive a worm badge in Friday assembly. Parents

and careers will start to see worms appear on the attendance board at the front of the hall. The class with the most worms will received a treat at the end of the Autumn term. Please help your child achieve their full potential by ensuring that they arrive to class on time at 8.35am. If you need help or support with any morning concerns, please contact Mrs Rawcliffe or Mr Dowling on T: 01282 226777.

100% attendance to 30th September 2025

The registers shows that we have an amazing 330 pupils with 100% attendance so far this term. Don't forget, you will receive an

Autumn reward for your

100% attendance as well as a yearly reward. Keep up your best efforts for your best learning .



Punctuality to 30 September 2025

So far this year, 55 pupils have been late 92 times. This is a slight improvement on last year, when there were 59 pupils late 111 times. Well done everyone, this is a great start! Let's see if we can reduces the number of late marks even further this year. If you have been late, please try and start your routines 5 minutes earlier to make it on time. Together we can do it!



Routines & Sleep

Our pupils are settling back in to the school routine. Last year, in assembly, I presented forming good habits after school, before bed and before school the next day to help families get organised. It is a good reminder that:

- primary aged children need between 9 and 12 hours sleep a night.
- technology should be limited if used before bed. This allows children to switch off before going to sleep so they get good quality sleep.
- reading before bed helps children relax and can help them fall asleep.
- brushing teeth before bed helps them stay health and can reduce the risk of cavities and needing fillings.

If you are struggling with any part of routines, please get in touch with Mr Dowling or Mrs Rawcliffe.



Appointments

So far this year, 21 pupils have left school to attend 30 medical appointments, which is very high. Please notify the School Office the day before or on the morning of essential appointments so the School Office can inform the class teacher. Sometimes, learning can take classes to different areas of the school like Forest School so it allows teachers to make arrangements for your child to be ready in class. Please make non essential appointments outside of school time.



Benefit related Free School Meals

To apply and help access extra funding for your child in school, visit <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals>

School is closed on Friday 24th October, for INSET training day, before the half term holiday week. This gives pupils an extra day holiday and it could make flying out on holiday cheaper.



Barden School Holidays 2025-2026 — School is closed on blue and green days.

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