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# A Message to Year 6 Parents

We would like to remind you that the closing date for secondary school applications is **Friday, 31st October 2025**. The deadline is in the holidays.

The online system is open, please apply using this link

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/starting-secondary-school/>

An application must be submitted for all Year 6 children, even if they already have a sibling attending the preferred secondary school.

# Year 6

Dear Parents/Carers,

This half term has flown by so quickly! I hope that you are all able to spend some quality time with your family over the half term. Please take care of you are visiting any bonfire/firework events (I have included some safety advice/tips on the next page). Here is a link for you to share with young children. [https://capt.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Fireman\\_Sam\\_Fireworks\\_Safety\\_FINAL\\_nourl.pdf](https://capt.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Fireman_Sam_Fireworks_Safety_FINAL_nourl.pdf)

Thank you, as always, for your support throughout the half term.

*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 13/10/2025

Eaglets	93.16%
Owlets	91.88%
Chicks	98.24%
Robins	94.64%
Sparrows	93.21%
Swallows	96.21%
Wagtails	95.71%
Blackbirds	86.13%
Skylarks	93.55%
Doves	97.93%
Kingfishers	94.14%
Woodpeckers	86.45%
Puffins	90.30%
Jays	98.75%
Kestrels	96.88%
Eagles	100.00%
The Nest	90.55%
Pipits	82.00%

Overall school attendance was **93.81%**. Congratulations to **Eagles** who had the highest attendance last week. Well Done!



### Online Safety Corner

#### 1. Talking About Online Safety at Home

Children learn best when they can talk openly about what they see and do online. Ask them what games or apps they're using and who they play with. A calm, curious chat can do far more than strict rules alone.

#### 2. Check Age Ratings on Games and Apps

Many popular games and apps have age ratings (like 13+ or PEGI 12) for good reasons — they may include chat features, in-app purchases, or unsuitable content. Before downloading, take a quick look at **Common Sense Media** for honest reviews.

#### 3. Encourage “Pause Before You Post”

Remind children to stop and think before sharing a photo, message, or comment. Once something is online, it can be difficult to take back — even in private chats.

**ONLINE SAFETY**

### Online Safety Corner continued...

#### 4. Gaming Safety

Online games can be great fun, but they can also include chat with strangers.

Encourage your child to:

- Play with friends they know in real life
- Use privacy settings
- Tell an adult if someone says something unkind or makes them uncomfortable

#### 5. Screen Time Balance

There's no magic number for screen time — it's about balance. Try a “tech-free” hour before bed or a family activity that doesn't involve screens.

#### 6. Stay Up to Date

Apps and games change all the time. The **National Online Safety** website offers short, easy-to-read guides for parents on new trends and risks:

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides>

#### 7. Passwords and Privacy

Help your child choose strong passwords — a mix of words, numbers and symbols — and remind them never to share passwords with anyone except you.



### Upcoming Diary Dates



DATE	EVENT
Every Friday @ 8.50am	Celebration Assembly. You will be invited by a text message to attend.
Monday 3rd November – 15th November	EYFS Magic School – come along in your magic hat and cloak!
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Barden Primary EYFS Open Evening 5-pm
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Meet the nurse for parents 9-10am
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5/6 LSFA Football Qualifiers
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	School Council Sponsored Walk KS1 Multi- Sports
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Andrew Powell (Healthier Heroes) Special Remembrance Assembly Year 5/6 SEND Sports hall Athletics
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Blackbirds class assembly at 8.50am followed by tea/cake and time in your child's class. EYFS, KS1. Pipits, The Nest Parent's evening
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5/6 LFSA Girls Football Qualifiers KS2 Parent's Evening
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Barden Christmas Art Week

# WE'RE HIRING

## Lunchtime Welfare Assistant

- **A GOOD school.**
- **Career development.**
- **Supportive team.**
- **Active and fun.**
- **Amazing children.**

**APPLY NOW**



[https://schooljobs.lancashire.gov.uk/nt\\_vacancyDetails.asp?id=66648](https://schooljobs.lancashire.gov.uk/nt_vacancyDetails.asp?id=66648)



### **REQUIRED – LUNCHTIME SUPERVISORS (Welfare Assistant)**

Barden Primary School requires **two Lunchtime Supervisors**. Please see the job description below. The role will involve supervising lunchtimes at Barden Primary School, including;

- Being an active role model and setting a good example
- Participating in dining arrangements which include the cleaning up of spillages of food or liquid during meal service and wiping down of tables and clean dining areas between meals.
- Supervision of pupils whilst eating their dinners.
- Supervision and engagement with our pupils during playtime – including joining in and managing playground games/activities.
- Controlling the behaviour of pupils inside the dining hall and outside on the playground.
- Guiding and engaging in play.

Grade 1 approx. £12.60 per hour - £24310 (Pro rata) Mon-Fri term 12:00-13:00 term time only.

**All applications must be submitted by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2025 - 9am.**

**Apply here -**

[https://schooljobs.lancashire.gov.uk/nt\\_vacancyDetails.asp?id=66648](https://schooljobs.lancashire.gov.uk/nt_vacancyDetails.asp?id=66648)



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# Staying safe with fireworks

As the fireworks season approaches,  
the night sky will be lit up with  
firework displays.

With all the sparkle, it's easy to forget that fireworks can be dangerous if not used correctly and responsibly. This advice will help everyone to stay safe while celebrating.

## Using fireworks at home?

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If you decide to use fireworks at home,  
here's how everyone can stay safe.

### Only buy from licensed sellers

Check before you buy. Make sure  
you buy fireworks from a licensed  
retailer, both in-store and online. Do not  
buy fireworks from unknown retailers on  
social media sites. It's illegal for anyone  
under 18 to buy or carry fireworks.



### Store fireworks safely

Store fireworks in their original  
packaging. Lock them away from  
children and animals. Keep fireworks  
dry and away from sources of heat  
or ignition.



### Check your timings

Did you know that you can't let  
fireworks off between 11pm and  
7am? The only exceptions are Fireworks  
Night, when the cut-off is midnight, and  
Diwali, New Year's Eve and Chinese New  
Year, when it's 1am. Timings may be  
different in Scotland. Search '**fireworks**'  
on [gov.scot](http://gov.scot) for more advice.



### Be considerate

People and animals may be  
affected by fireworks. Let your  
neighbours know in advance if  
you're planning on using any fireworks.  
Be mindful of where you site fireworks  
to minimise disruption.



### Look after pets

Cats and dogs should stay  
inside. Give small animals who  
live outside lots of extra bedding  
and nesting material to burrow in.



### Read all the instructions

The box of fireworks will tell  
you important things like how  
far away people need to stand  
back once the firework is lit. If you  
don't understand the instructions and  
warnings, don't use the firework.



### Dispose of fireworks safely

Ensure that fireworks are out, soak  
them in water overnight, then put  
them in a rubbish bag and in the bin.

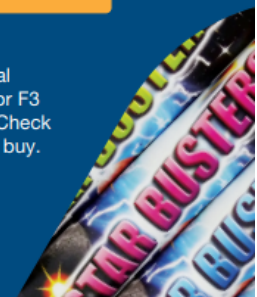


## Which fireworks can I use at home?

Category information can be found on the label.

**Category F1, F2 and F3** fireworks are on sale to the general  
public. Consumer fireworks will fall into either category F2 or F3  
depending on how much of a **safety distance** is required. Check  
you have enough space to safely use a firework before you buy.  
Always follow the Firework Code [www.saferfireworks.com](http://www.saferfireworks.com)

Go to [www.gov.uk/fireworks-the-law](http://www.gov.uk/fireworks-the-law) for more advice





## School Nurse Support

Details below regarding what support the school nursing team can offer:

- Toileting and continence support
- Sleep support
- Low Level Emotional wellbeing support
- Behaviour
- Public Health Needs (diet, dental, puberty and hygiene etc)
- School readiness

Please note **they cannot** prescribe or diagnose any conditions.



**Wednesday  
5th November**  
Call the office to  
book a time  
slot: 01282  
226777

### Calling all Witches and Wizards from Reception classes!

*Barden Primary School Reception Classes shall be home to*

## *Magic School*

*from 3<sup>rd</sup> November to 14<sup>th</sup> November 2025.*

*During this time the witches and wizards will be asked to make a slight amendment to their normal school uniform.*

### Enchanting Uniform



*School jumper and trousers/skirt (as normal)*

*Witch/ Wizard's Hat and Cloak (if they wish)*



*As hats and cloaks are all very similar, young witches and wizards should ensure that their **name** is written inside their additional garments to avoid confusion.*



## Extra-Curricular Clubs- Autumn Term 2

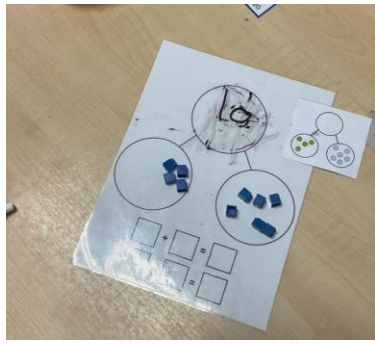
We're excited to share the extra-curricular clubs that will be offered next term! Letters will be sent out via Forms on the first Monday back.

Clubs will run from the week commencing the 10th November until the week commencing 8th December.

Thank you,  
Mrs. Taylor

Day	Club	Year Group/ Class	Time	Person delivering
Monday	Dodgeball	Year 5 and 6	3:05-4:05	Mrs Taylor Miss Nelson
	Ukulele Club	Year 3 and 4	3.05-4.05	Miss Clegg
	Coding Club	Year 2	3.05-4.05	Mrs Stansfield and Mrs Fielding
Tuesday	Tournament days	Selected students or inclusive event	3.05-5.30	Mrs Taylor Staff required for ratios
	Football Johnsons Cup	Selected Team	3.05-4.05	Mr Coombs
	Fitness Club	Year 1 and 2	3.05-4.05	Mrs Holgate
Wednesday	Football Club	Year 3 and 4	3.05-4.05	SportsCool
Thursday	Dance Club- Burnley's Gotta Dance	Year 4,5 and 6	3.05-4.05	Mrs Taylor and Mrs Sudders
Friday	Creative Club	Year 1	3:05- 4:15	Mrs Worthy

# Year 1



We have been looking at part-whole models in Maths. We used cubes to split the whole number into two parts.



Robins



Sparrows



In Art, we have been enjoying making our own versions of a Picasso self-portrait.

In Science, we have been investigating our 5 senses! We have had to do lots of investigations looking at each of our senses.



During October, we have been celebrating Black History Month, looking at Barack Obama.



In P.E., we have been focusing on the skill of rolling a ball. We have been trying really hard to make our technique perfect!

In Science, we have been exploring our five senses. The children really enjoyed guessing the different scents they were smelling!



In Geography, we went on a walk of the local area to help us create our sketch maps.



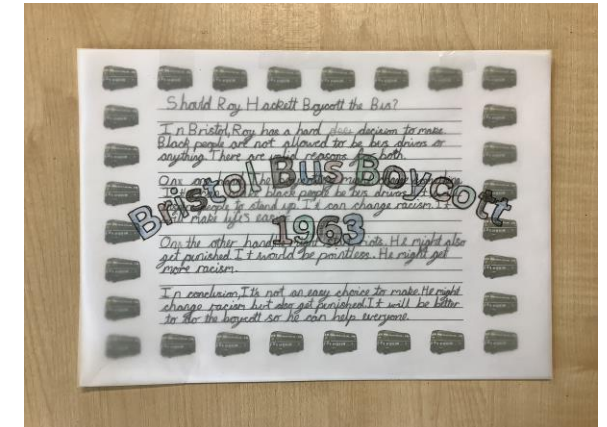
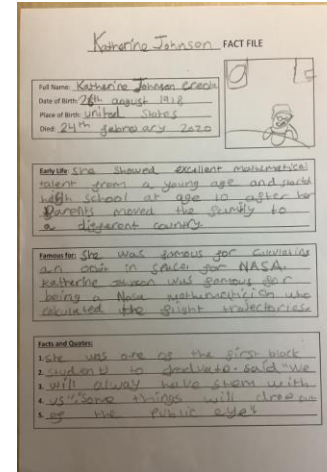
Jays

# Year 5



Puffins

We have taken part in Black History Month and have learnt about two key figures.  
Puffins: Katherine Johnson  
Jays: Roy Hackett



We have had a busy end to the half term!

In English, we finished reading 'Harry the happy mouse' and created some clay models of Harry in Art. After letting them dry, we painted them to make them more realistic.



## Pipits Class



During our personalised learning time, we have spent our time this half term baking. We have made a variety of different cakes including iced cupcakes and chocolate crispy cakes. Of course, when we were finished, we devoured them in class!

NEWS



# 4 5 X 2 0 + 8 9 = STEP INTO NUMBERS

Small steps, big confidence – discover maths in a relaxed and supportive space.

This course isn't about textbook maths – it's about confidence and real-life skills. Whether it's budgeting, work skills or helping the kids with homework. Our 4 sessions will jingle all the way to better skills, and there's even a festive treat!

- ★ Supportive tutors who explain things clearly
- ★ Free Creche (0-4 yrs)
- ★ Chance to win a festive hamper!
- ★ Free refreshments
- ★ Relaxed sessions (4x3hrs)

November: 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, & 26<sup>th</sup>

December: 5<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>

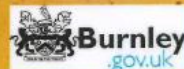
9.30am - 12.30pm

**FREE**  
course

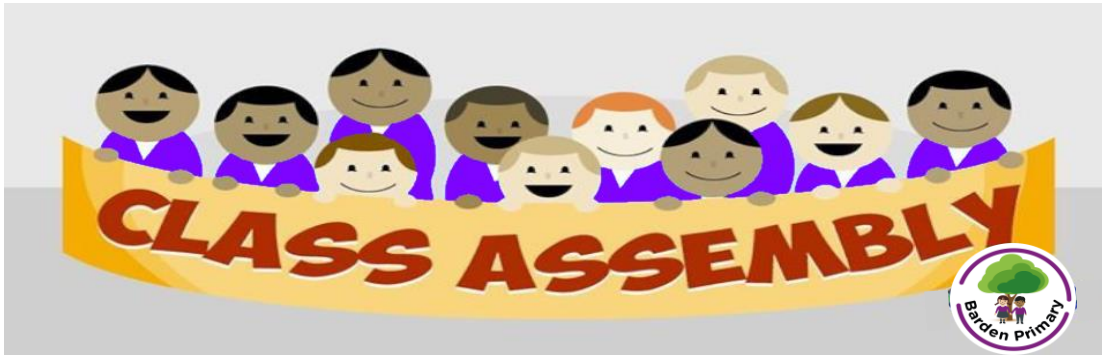
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Join us for our upcoming class assemblies! We will be showcasing the learning that has taken place in class. Afterward, you can spend time with your child looking at their books. Then, enjoy a drink and some snacks with us back in the hall. We look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

Date (Thursday usually)	Class
<del>Wednesday 1st October 2025</del>	Jays
<del>9th October 2025</del>	Puffins
<del>23rd October 2025</del>	Kingfishers
<b>Wednesday 12th November 2025</b>	<b>Blackbirds</b>
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