



# Barden Primary School

Only my best is good enough for me



## School Attendance Matters (SAM) Newsletter

Spring 1 - February 2026

Dear Parents & Carers,

Thank you so much for persevering with the weather this half term. It is clear that the wind and the rain have not stopped our families getting to school. It's a good habit to check the local weather app the night before to see if you need to build in a little more time for the school run. Don't forget, you can bring pupils to school from 8.10am to Go Noodle. Breakfast Club is also available for £1 per day per child. It is free of charge for Free School Meals pupils.



**Mrs L. Rawcliffe—Attendance Lead**

### Attendance - September to February

- There are 94 pupils that have 100% attendance—well done!
- There are 54 pupils, where their attendance is under 90%, which is the same as being absent from school for the whole of February. We are working with parents to highlight the importance of school and offering support.



### Leave in Term Time

- This year, 57 pupil have taken holidays or Leave in term time.
- In total, 455 days of school have been lost.
- So far this year, 24 fines have been issued by Lancashire County Council.
- A small number of families have proceeded to court, where fines of between £40 and £1500 have been given (excluding LCC costs and victim surcharge).
- The maximum fine is £2,500.



### Attendance & Punctuality Assembly

#### Family Fortunes Quiz

A huge thank you to our Year 5 and 6 pupils Aminah, Amelia, Zainab, Muhammad, Zayn, Arooba and Almas that took part in our New Year's quiz with Miss Jackson & Miss Cregg on Monday. The children helped the rest of the

school think about what it means to come to school on time in line with the school values of

**Resilience, Acceptance, Ambition and Respect.**



### Punctuality - September to February

There were 178 pupils that were late this half term, which is nearly 37% of the school. We have some pupils that are arriving one or two minutes late often, which leads to a late mark. Getting up 5-10 minutes earlier could make all the difference in

being in school for 8.35am. Please use the 5 minute tip to arrive on time.

**DON'T BE LATE!**



### Visit your Pharmacy First

Most Pharmacies can help you with seven common conditions without needing a GP appointment:

- **Earache**—children and young adults aged 1 year to 17 years.
- **Impetigo**— 1 year and above.
- **Infected Insect bites** - 1 years and over.
- **Shingles** - 18 years and over.
- **Sinusitis**— 12 years and over.
- **Sore Throat**—5 years and over.
- **Urinary Tract Infections**—women aged 16-64 years.

If you need medical advice, please first consult your Pharmacy and then your GP, 111, or Urgent Care as a last resort.

### Dentist Appointments

- February half term holiday is approaching. Please could routine appointments been made in this week so that pupils don't miss out on school.
- Find a NHS dentist at [www.nhs.uk/service/find-a-dentist](http://www.nhs.uk/service/find-a-dentist)



### School Nurse

The School Nurse is visiting **Monday 9th February 9-10am**. If you would like to speak to Gabrielle about your child's health, especially if it



is affecting your child's attendance, please call the School Office to make an appointment.

### School Dinner Payments on Scopay

Please remember to pay for dinners **every Mondays for the week ahead**. Dinners cost £12.50 a week per child made payable through the Scopay app, free to download from your App store.



### 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>

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

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