



Respect Acceptance Ambition Resilience

**Barden Primary School**  
Only my best is good enough for me



Dear Parents/Carers,  
A huge well done to Doves (Y3) class for their excellent class assembly this week. Thank you to parents and carers that were able to join us. It was lovely to see you.  
Also, a thank you to all the parents in our reception classes who have been able to attend the 'EYFS Parent Learn Together' sessions. Your support and collaboration is very much appreciated.  
*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.  
**01282 226777**

**DATES:**  
School closes for the February half term holiday after school on Friday 13th February. School will re-open Monday 23rd February at 8.35am.

**Attendance for Last Week w/c 26/01/2026**

Eaglets	93.16%
Owlets	93.53%
Chicks	94.74%
Robins	91.43%
Sparrows	94.83%
Swallows	91.72%
Wagtails	97.59%
Blackbirds	98.39%
Skylarks	95.48%
Doves	97.59%
Kingfishers	96.90%
Woodpeckers	93.87%
Puffins	98.48%
Jays	96.36%
Kestrels	96.56%
Eagles	97.50%
The Nest	92.91%
Pipits	92.22%

Overall school attendance was **95.57%**. Congratulations to **Puffins** who had the highest attendance last week. Well Done!

# Badge Winners this Week

Class	Badge Winners
EYFS	Salahudeen U, Haleemah N, Zeemal Z, Haaris K
Sparrows	Dua Z A, Sofia Y
Robins	Ayat A, Muhammad E
Swallows	Amayah K, Hanna M
Wagtails	Dominykas L, Ahmad I
Doves	Ayaana A, Ruqayyah H
Skylarks	Ahmed M, Liyana K
Blackbirds	Mohammed E, Rayhaan M
Woodpeckers	Azan K, Amelia K
Kingfishers	Bareera B, Mikail M
Jays	Maksim A, Taiba H
Puffins	Ashal B, Ayaan J
Eagles	Bilal A, Rehma S
Kestrels	Lucy S, Izzah K
The Nest	Musab K
Pipits	-

Winning Team - WATER

BRONZE Award - Ahmad A, Hanna M

Gold Award Certificate - Mohammed E, Ayoub K, Ahyaan K, Hussain A, Lilly K, Fazal-Illahi S, Aaliyah A, Kinza K



## Help Us Enrich Our OPAL Playground

As part of our **Outdoor Play and Learning programme**, we are always looking to enrich children's play by offering a wide range of open-ended, imaginative resources. Many of the best play materials are everyday items that might otherwise be thrown away. If you have any **unused, safe, and sturdy play equipment at home**, we would be very grateful for donations. Items particularly welcomed include:

- Pots, pans, utensils and old kitchen items
- Tyres, crates or similar
- Scooters, trikes, pushchairs
- Fabric, sheets, scarves and tarpaulins
- Suitcases, bags, tubes or boxes
- Old tools (no sharp edges) and household objects suitable for imaginative play

All donated items must be **clean and safe**, and we ask that nothing is broken or sharp. If you are unsure whether something would be suitable, please ask a member of staff.

**Thank you for supporting our OPAL playground and helping us give children rich, creative play opportunities every day.**

## Upcoming Diary Dates

DATE	EVENT
Every Friday @ 8.50am	Celebration Assembly. You will be invited by a text message to attend.
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day EYFS Parent Learn Together Group KS1 Pentathlon
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	School Nurse in school to meet parents Reading Tea Party
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Last day before Half Term Holidays
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent Drop in with Yasmeen PASTA Week1 EYFS Parent Learn Together Group
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	EYFS Dental Surgery
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Puffins Bikeability Year 5&6 Multi Skills

## Useful links for how to keep your children safe online



**'What I wish my parents or carers knew...': A guide for parents and carers on managing children's digital lives | Children's Commissioner for England**

**Support for parents and carers to keep children safe online - GOV.UK**

# Birth to 5 years

'Bedtime stories are the best and healthiest way to settle your child'

## YOUR TIPS FOR A HEALTHIER SCREEN TIME

'Studies have shown that too much screen time can cause babies and toddlers to **learn fewer words** and have **slower language development**. Excessive use of screens is also being strongly linked to **behavioural difficulties** in very young children.'



0 - 24 months



2 - 5 year olds



Bigger is better



Watching lots of short videos is being linked to concentration difficulties in children.



Try a cuddle or a game



Phones, tablets and computers should not be in any child's bedroom overnight.

## RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1 NO screen time** between **birth - 24 months** except for video chatting with family and friends.
- 2 30 MINS screen time.** Children aged **2 - 5 years old** should not be on screens for more than **30 mins per day**.
- 3 BIGGER screens.** If your child is ready to **play a short game** then try to use a larger screen like a **tablet or computer screen**. These cause less visual strain than a phone.
- 4 AVOID** using a device to **settle your child** down. Evidence shows this makes their anger and frustration worse in later life. **Instead try a book, a game outdoors, or just a cuddle.**
- 5 \*SLEEP HYGIENE.** Under **5s** should **not use a screen** for at least **2 HOURS BEFORE BEDTIME**, to aid their natural sleep pattern.

\*SLEEP HYGIENE is a term used for healthy habits and behaviours that help support a good night's sleep.

HEALTH PROFESSIONALS FOR SAFER SCREENS



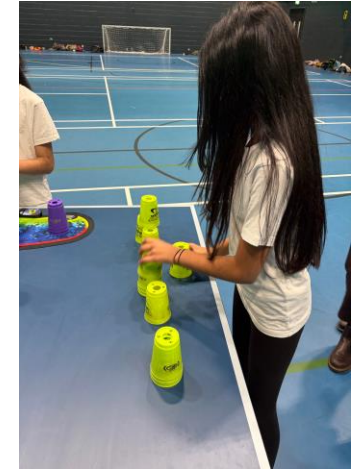
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# Sports



Some of our children attended speed stacking events this week 🥳

We enjoyed the festival in the morning and headed to the competition in the afternoon. One child managed an incredible 3 seconds! Mrs Taylor was very impressed! 🕒 👏 Well done, Team Barden, we're so proud of you!

We have been learning how to programme Bee-Bots to make them move in different ways.



Robins

# Year 1



Sparrows



In Maths, we have been exploring addition and subtraction up to 20 through active play on the playground.

In Art, the children have really enjoyed exploring different materials to make a sculpture. Next week, they will be making their own using clay!

The Sparrows have produced fantastic fact files all about Polar bears this week.



This half-term we have been looking at Brendan Jamison. We have looked at some of the sculptures he has created and even had a go at making our own!

This week in Geography, we created a double page spread on the animals that live in the rainforest. They were fantastic!!



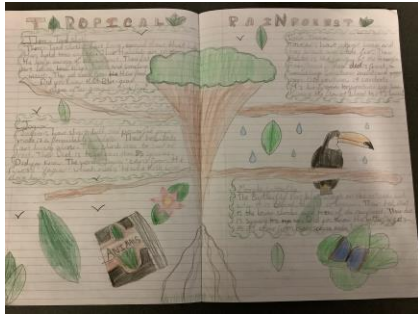
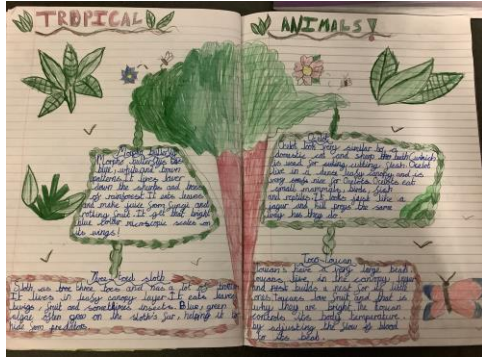
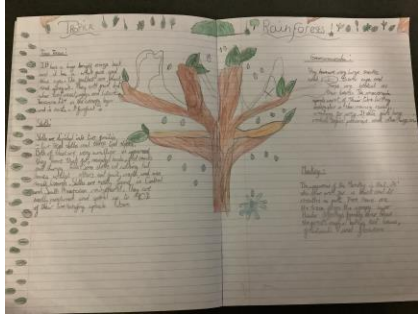
Jays

# Year 5



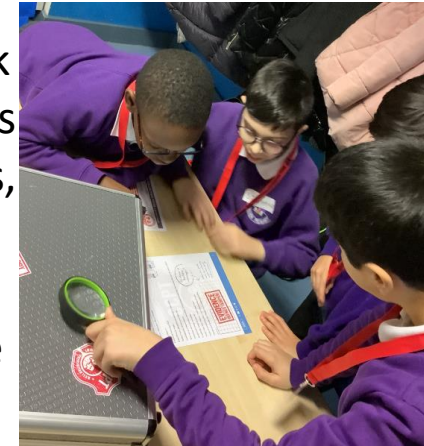
Puffins

Last week, Puffins took part in a Cyber Fairytale workshop and were absolutely fantastic at it!

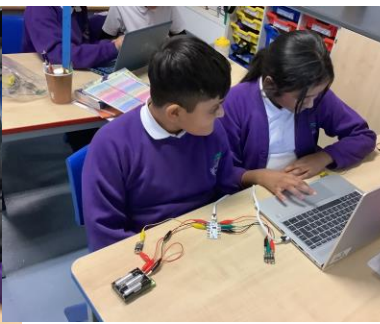
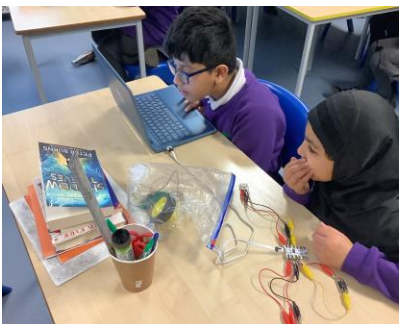


We have also had fun using our crumble kits in computing.

They had to work together in teams to work out clues, crack codes to open safes and find out who the hacker was!



The children thoroughly enjoyed it and the visitors commented on how well behaved and engaged they were. Well done, Puffins!



In Pipits, we have had a busy half term. In Maths, we have been exploring the numbers 1 to 10 and learning to add and subtract.

In English, we have been reading Penguin Small. We enjoy using multi-sensory activities to enhance our learning and understand of the story.

In the afternoon, we have created pieces of art-work that showcase our understanding of our topic 'Off on a Cold Adventure' and have enjoyed our first lesson on Acceptance. We discussed the core word 'different'.

# Pipits Class





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
<del>Wednesday 12th November 2025</del>	Blackbirds
<del>Wednesday 19th November 2025</del>	Woodpeckers
Postponed	Kestrels
<del>Wednesday 28th January 2026</del>	Eagles
<del>5th February 2026</del>	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