



Dear Parents/Carers, What a fantastic half term it has been! Our children have worked incredibly hard and shown excellent learning throughout. We've enjoyed a wonderful Iftar, celebrated success in gymnastics, and taken part in a fabulous Easter parade. Science Week, World Book Day, RE Day, and Bikeability have brought so much excitement and enrichment to school life, and our class assemblies have truly showcased the children's talents. Thank you to everyone for making this such a brilliant half term. Have a fantastic break everybody over the Easter holidays and I look forward to seeing you again on **Monday 13th April**. *Take care, Mrs 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 will close for the Easter holidays after school today, **Friday 27th March** and will re-open on **Monday 13th April** at 8.35am.

**Attendance for Last Week
w/c 16/03/2026**

Eaglets	94.21%
Owlets	94.17%
Chicks	94.61%
Robins	93.93%
Sparrows	91.38%
Swallows	92.67%
Wagtails	94.22%
Blackbirds	94.03%
Skylarks	91.75%
Doves	93.65%
Kingfishers	93.97%
Woodpeckers	92.82%
Puffins	91.06%
Jays	91.74%
Kestrels	93.59%
Eagles	93.52%
The Nest	84.14%
Pipits	87.19%

Overall school attendance was **92.73%**. Congratulations to **Chicks** who had the highest attendance last week. Well Done!

Badge Winners this Week

Class	Badge Winners
EYFS	Aizah B, Janelle A, Alishba N, Ammar Y
Sparrows	Umayma S, Arooba Z
Robins	Dua S, Zamin R
Swallows	Hajrah K, Ali I
Wagtails	Asiya A, Hanya K
Doves	Lily K, Afnan I
Skylarks	Ayeza Z, Musa K
Blackbirds	Yasin I, Eleen A
Woodpeckers	Fiza H, Abdullah K
Kingfishers	Aizah K, Sulayman I
Jays	Ameer H, Zayan M F
Puffins	Muhammad A, Haniya N
Eagles	Aima N S, Muhammed A H
Kestrels	Hadiya S, Ayat B
The Nest	Athur T
Pipits	Muhammad A B

Winning Team - AIR

BRONZE AWARD - Hajrah K, Mariyam A
SILVER AWARD - Ameer H

Gold Award Certificate - Jawad A, Lucy K, Noor F H, Ayyub K, Yasin I, Raakin N, Dua S, Emma N, Tereza A, Amira L



Welcome to our newest team members!



I would like to extend a warm Barden welcome to our newest team members.

Mrs Brandwood will be starting after Easter as our newest Assistant Headteacher. She replaces Mrs Thomas as the lead of The Nest and Inclusion Lead.

Also joining us are three new teaching assistants, Mrs Laskawiec, Mrs Brock, Mrs Barnes and Mrs Nolan. We are very excited to have them as part of the team and cannot wait for them to start at Barden after the Easter holidays. **Thank you, Mrs Holgate**

Easter Parade



Upcoming Diary Dates



DATE	EVENT
Monday 13 th April	Welcome back to the Summer Term Year 4 Turton Tower Trip
Tuesday 14 th April	EYFS Parent Learn Together Year 4 Turton Tower Trip
Thursday 16 th April	Reading Tea Party
Monday 20 th April	Year 6 Mocks Week
Tuesday 21 st April	Parent information/ drop-in session with YAS EYFS Parent Learn Together Group Dance Competition- Blackpool
Friday 24 th April	Nurse drop in
Tuesday 28 th April	EYFS Parent Learn Together
Thursday 30 th April	Sparrows Class Assembly @8.50am followed by tea and cake

Easter Parade





Save the dates

Parent Information session's -



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Food and mood Thursday 16 th April 2026	12:30pm - Meeting ID: 398 536 016 635 4 Passcode: 4ZU2mL67	5:30pm Meeting ID: 398 536 016 6354 Passcode: 4ZU2mL67
Supporting your child's mental health Thursday 21 st May 2026	12:30pm Meeting ID: 364 803 359 117 0 Passcode: rp6RC3hM	5:30pm Meeting ID: 364 803 359 117 0 Passcode: rp6RC3hM
Understanding anxiety Thursday 18 th June 2026	12:30pm Meeting ID: 359 004 013 4333 Passcode: e4ch6pE7	5:30pm Meeting ID: 359 004 013 4333 Passcode: e4ch6pE7
Understanding low mood Thursday 16 th July 2026	12:30pm Meeting ID: 347 010 276 371 2 Passcode: qc3sT7bm	5:30pm Meeting ID: 347 010 276 371 2 Passcode: qc3sT7bm
Children's Mental Health in a Digital Age Thursday 20 th August 2026	12:30pm Meeting ID: 329 113 282 619 7 Passcode: Ys7i9VV7	5:30pm Meeting ID: 329 113 282 619 7 Passcode: Ys7i9VV7

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EXTRA- CURRICULUM CLUBS- SUMMER TERM 2

After-School Clubs

Monday

- Computer Club (3D Printer) — Year 6, 3:05–4:05
- Dance Club (Competition Team KS2) — KS2, 3:05–4:05
- Dance & Gymnastics — Year 1–2, 3:05–4:05
(Starting WC 27th April)
- Games Club — Year 3, 3:05–4:00

Tuesday

- Tournament Days — Selected Students, 3:05–5:30
- Football Club — Year 5–6, 3:05–4:05

Wednesday

- Glow in the Dark Dodgeball — Year 3–4, 3:05–4:05

Thursday

- Dance Club (Competition Team) — KS2, 3:05–4:05
- Engineering Club — Year 4, 3:05–4:05
- Cricket Club — Year 5–6, 3:05–4:05

Lunch Clubs

Monday

- Football Club — Year 3, 12:30–12:55

Tuesday

- Wellbeing Warrior — Selected KS2, 12:00–12:30
- Football Club — Year 4, 12:30–12:55
- Multiplications Club — Kingfishers, 12:30–12:55
- Times Table Club — Year 4, 12:00–12:30

Wednesday

- Football Club — The Nest, 12:30–12:55

Thursday

- Sports Event Prep — Selected Students, 12:00–12:30
- Football Club — Year 5, 12:30–12:55
- Multiplications Club — Kingfishers, 12:30–12:55

Friday

- Football Club — Year 6, 12:30–12:55
- Times Table Club — Year 4, 12:00–12:30



Cygnets

Nest



Swans

This week Swans have created their own scene from The Three Little Pigs. They have designed and made each part using different craft techniques.

This week Cygnets class celebrated Eid with a lovely party. They also enjoyed lots of fun Easter activities. Their favourite was making Easter bonnets!

Wishing everyone a wonderful Easter holiday.
Cygnets Class



We have really enjoyed using lots of clay this half term!



clay

We made clay coins when our Ancient Greek visitor came!



coins

We have also designed and made our own clay pots inspired by Ancient Greece.



pots



Doves

Year 3



Skylarks

We have been busy making clay pots, inspired by the Ancient Greeks!



We have looked at famous ceramic artists to inspire our work.





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
Wednesday 28th January 2026	Eagles
5th February 2026	Doves
12th March 2026	Skylarks
Wednesday 25th March 2026	Swallows
Thursday 26th March 2026	Wagtails
30th April 2026	Sparrows
Wednesday 6th May 2026	Robins
21st May 2026	Kestrels
18th June 2026	Owlets
25th June 2026	Eaglets
2nd July 2026	Chicks