



Friday 2nd
October 2026



Respect

Acceptance

Ambition

Resilience



Barden Primary School

Only my best is good enough for me



Dear Parents/Carers,

A very warm welcome to the five new families who have joined our school community this week. We are delighted to have you with us and hope you already feel part of our Barden family.

Today was also a special milestone for our youngest pupils, who attended their first assembly. We were so proud of how well they did, and a big thank you to their Year 6 buddies, who supported them brilliantly and were excellent role models throughout.

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 will be closed on Friday 23rd October 2026 for the half term holidays. School will reopen on Monday 2nd November from 8.35am.

Attendance for Last Week w/c 21/09/2026

Eaglets	90.45%
Owlets	98.89%
Chicks	100.00%
Robins	95.36%
Sparrows	100.00%
Swallows	95.36%
Wagtails	95.93%
Blackbirds	99.00%
Skylarks	98.62%
Doves	99.66%
Starlings	96.33%
Woodpeckers	94.84%
Puffins	94.33%
Jays	91.03%
Kestrels	98.18%
Eagles	100.00%
The Nest	89.45%
Pipits	77.50%

Overall school attendance was 96.27%. Congratulations to Chicks, Sparrows & Eagles who had the highest attendance last week. Well Done!

Badge Winners this Week

Class	Badge Winners
EYFS	Mohammed R A, Roshan K, Muhammad I B, Nick R
Sparrows	Sulayman K, Fatima K
Robins	Saif M, Areesha M
Swallows	Damir A, Aliza A
Wagtails	Zoraiz W, Saad K
Doves	Zain Ul Abideen D, Muhammad S A
Skylarks	Asad M M, Hanna M
Blackbirds	Zyaan M, Donka S
Woodpeckers	Ayaan A, Dua Z
Starlings	Muhammad E, Fiza H
Jays	Aahil I, Fatima M
Puffins	Ruhab A, Amina U
Eagles	Aliza U, Taiba H
Kestrels	Aliyan S, Mehak K
The Nest	Muhammad M
Pipits	-

Winning Team - AIR



BRONZE Award - Rafay A, Laraib K, Aliza A, Umayma S, Aliyan S, Zoraiz W

SILVER Award - Mahdia A, Haania B, Ashal B, Zayaan Z

GOLD Certificate Award - Husnain K



Useful Road Safety Resources for Parents

- THINK! Road Safety
[https://www.think.gov.uk/\[think.gov.uk\]](https://www.think.gov.uk/[think.gov.uk])
- THINK! Parent Road Safety Guide:
<https://nationalcollege.com/guides/road-safety> [roadsafetygb.org.uk],
[[roadsafety...port.co.uk](https://roadsafety.port.co.uk/)]
- THINK! Education Resources for children aged 3-12:
<https://www.think.gov.uk/education-resources/> [[think.gov.uk](https://www.think.gov.uk/)]
- Brake Road Safety Resources for Families and Schools:
<https://www.brake.org.uk/how-we-help/raising-awareness/schools-and-families> [[brake.org.uk](https://www.brake.org.uk/)]

Thank you for your support in helping all children stay safe on their journeys to and from school.

Road Safety Reminder



As part of our ongoing commitment to keeping children safe, we would like to ask all families to take a few moments to talk about road safety at home. In school, we regularly teach pupils about staying safe near roads, but these messages are most effective when they are reinforced by parents and carers. Please help your child to remember to:

- Stop, look, listen and think before crossing.
- Always use a safe crossing point where available.
- Put phones and other distractions away when near roads.
- Walk sensibly on pavements and hold an adult's hand when appropriate.
- Wear a helmet when cycling or scooting.
- Always wear a seatbelt when travelling in a vehicle.

Children often learn by watching the adults around them, so modelling safe road habits is one of the most effective ways to help keep them safe.



Upcoming Diary Dates



DATE	EVENT
Every Friday @ 8.50am	Celebration Assembly. You will be invited by a text message to attend.
Monday 5th October	Black History Month
Tuesday 6th October	KS1 Animal Olympics
Thursday 8th October	Starlings class assembly @8.50am followed by tea/ cake and a book look in the classroom.
Monday 12th October	Childsafe Fire Safety & Road Sense Road Safety (Year 2)
Tuesday 13th October	Year 2 trip to Towneley Hall (Wagtails am and Swallows pm)
Thursday 15th October	Puffins class assembly @8.50am followed by tea/ cake and a book look in the classroom. Reading Tea Party
Monday 19th October	Childsafe Fire Safety & Road Sense Road Safety (Year 6)
Wednesday 21st October	EYFS/ Year 6 Heights and Weights
Thursday 22nd October	Jays class assembly @8.50am followed by tea/ cake and a book look in the classroom. EYFS- Dress up as a superhero School closes at 3.05pm for half- term holidays.
Friday 23rd October	INSET Day-school closed to pupils



The EasyPeasy app is a free early-years parenting app offering over 2,000 personalised tips and activities for children aged 0–5, available on both the App Store and Google Play.

What EasyPeasy Does;

- Provides personalised parenting tips and play-based activities.
- Supports early child development through real-world parent–child interaction.
- Covers 200+ topic areas including confidence, listening, sleep, feeding, and SEN support.
- Builds parental confidence and strengthens family routines.
- Includes a community of parents, carers, and early-years experts.

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FREE SWIMMING CRASH COURSES

Burnley Council are funding Burnley Leisure and Culture to deliver FREE children's swimming crash courses during school holidays for families who would otherwise struggle to attend swimming lessons.

These intensive crash-course swimming lessons, will be delivered by qualified instructors in a supportive and inclusive environment where they'll be able to build water confidence and develop essential life-saving skills which will support them to learn to swim.

The next opportunity to attend is:

- Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October 2026
- In 30-minute slots from 9.30am - 12.30pm each day - each course is 5 days long
- At St Peter's Leisure Centre

Please note that referrals will only be accepted from our partner organisations.

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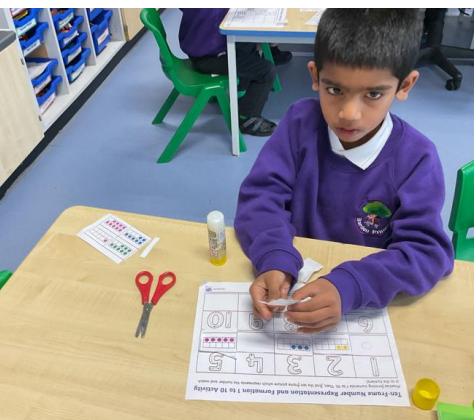


Year 4 Active 60 Festival

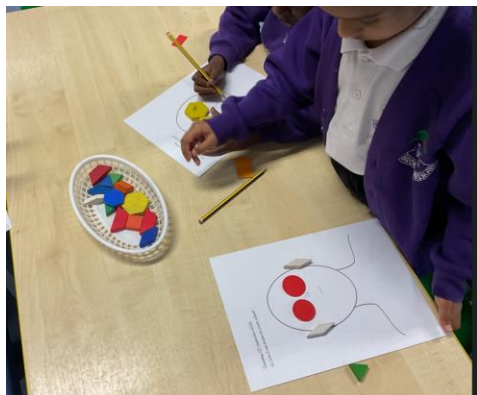
Some of our Year 4 children had a fantastic time attending the Active 60 Festival at Thompson Park.

Throughout the event, the children took part in a range of fun and active challenges, including handball games, rugby activities, team-building challenges and archery. It was a brilliant opportunity for everyone to try different activities, develop their teamwork skills and enjoy being active with their friends.

The children represented our school brilliantly and showed great enthusiasm throughout the morning. Well done Team Barden! 🌟👏



In Maths, we have been looking at our numbers to 10. We have also been comparing and ordering numbers!



In Art, we used different shapes to make a face!



In English, we have been learning about the Three Little Pigs. We practiced some freeze frames!



Robins

Year 1



Sparrows



In English, we have been building sentences using 'but'. Did you know the Big Bad Wolf was unkind but now he is good?



In Art, we have created collage in the style of Picasso. Did you know Picasso liked to create art with a style called Cubism?

Starlings have settled into year 5 and are very much enjoying their forest school lessons.



Year 5



Starlings



Last week children learned the skills needed to pitch a tent from a single ground sheet! They did a fantastic job.

All children in Starlings class have been using and showing the school values during forest school lessons which is great to see. Well done everybody!

Jays are working hard and have made great progress so far!



Our current Science topic is "Forces." Jays have been experimenting with air resistance by testing parachutes of different sizes.



Jays

In P.S.H.E, the children have been studying consequences to the choices people make, whilst developing their teamwork skills.



Year 5



Puffins

Puffins have had a brilliant start to Year 5!

In DT, we have made our very own automatons. We have worked in groups to design and make the cams, structure and housing.



We have really enjoyed our Forest School sessions and have done lots of exciting things. We particularly enjoyed using the flint to make fire!

