



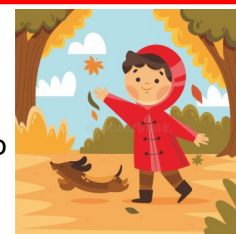
Barden Primary School

Only my best is good enough for me



School Attendance Matters (SAM) Newsletter— Autumn 1 - October 2026

Welcome back to Barden Primary School. We hope that you had a fabulous summer break. The weather has changed very quickly; please don't forget to send your child to school with a warm waterproof coat every day to battle the wind and the rain that comes with autumn.



There are some important deadlines noted below about applying for school places for reception class and high school.

School is **closed on Friday 23rd October** for staff training and also the following week for half term. School will **re-open on Monday 2nd November**. Also, don't forget the clocks will move back 1 hour at 2:00 on Sunday 25th October.

Year 6 High School Applications

The national closing date for high school application is **Saturday 31st October 2026**.

Please visit the Lancashire County Council website to make a application. <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/starting-secondary-school/>



Punctuality (being on time and lates)

We know that sometimes pupils are late because their alarm didn't go off or there was an issue that was out of your control. Unfortunately, we still have many children that are late for school too often. Last year, 143 pupils were late at least 3 times or more. Please help us get the best out of your children's learning by having them arrive in school from 8.35am. If you are struggling with drop offs, please ask the School Office about breakfast club, which starts from 7.45am.



Reception School Place Applications

The national reception applications deadline is the **15th January 2027**.

Although the deadline three months away, please keep the date in your diary.

Barden Primary School's open day is Tuesday 20th October 5-6pm.



Whole School Attendance 2025-2026

Our school attendance improved by half a percent last year, which is a great achievement.

Every Day in School Counts



School finished on 94.97% meaning that we are getting closer to our school attendance target, which is still 96%. Well done!

School Nurse

If you need help getting medical advice or help for your child, please contact Mrs Rawcliffe or Mr Dowling to make an appointment with the nurse on **T: 01282 226777** or **office@barden.lancs.sch.uk**.



Free School Meals

The rules have recently changed for FSM meaning that you may now be eligible if you are receiving benefits. It is very easy to apply, all you need is some basic details and your

national instance number. If successful, our school will also receive extra funding your child. [Apply for free school meals and pupil premium](#)

**FREE
SCHOOL
MEALS**
Information & Support





Arrive on Time for Barden Primary School



See the
attendance board
near Blackbirds'
classroom for
inspiration.



Your attendance
target is

96%

- please come to school
every day that you
can.

Arrive at your class
at 8.35am.



Prizes!

- 1st prize - £25
- 2nd prize £20
- 3rd prize £15
gift of your
choice

Respect

Acceptance

Ambition

Resilience

COMPETITION

Draw a poster or write a poem about the importance of sleep,
and its impact on attending school on time.

Terms & Conditions

1. Entries to be in by Friday 6th of November 2026.
2. Hand in to your class teachers.
3. Winners to be announced at Celebration assembly on Friday 13th November.
4. One entry per pupil.
5. Competition will be judged by Mrs Holgate and Mr Coombs.
6. Single pupil entries only.
7. Felt tip pens can be used.
8. Use plain paper, which you can collect from your class teacher.
9. Write your name and your class on the back of your entry.
10. It will be featured in the School Attendance Newsletter, the school website & attendance board for all pupils to see.
11. Prizes will be selected by the winners and ordered by the School Office.

★ Small changes make a BIG difference! ★