



Thursday 22nd
October 2026



Respect

Acceptance

Ambition

Resilience



Barden Primary School

Only my best is good enough for me



Dear Parents/Carers,

Well done to Jays Class for their wonderful class assembly this week. The children did a fantastic job and should be very proud of themselves. We would also like to thank all the parents and carers who attended to support the children. Your encouragement and support are greatly appreciated.

As we break up for half term, we wish all our families a happy, restful holiday and hope you enjoy spending time with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Monday 2nd November**. 😊

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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School closes today, Thursday 22nd October at 3.05pm for the half term holiday. School will re-open Monday 2nd November at 8.35am.

Attendance for Last Week w/c 12/10/2026

Eaglets	77.42%
Owlets	92.11%
Chicks	88.89%
Robins	94.29%
Sparrows	88.57%
Swallows	97.50%
Wagtails	95.71%
Blackbirds	98.00%
Skylarks	95.17%
Doves	96.13%
Starlings	98.67%
Woodpeckers	93.00%
Puffins	94.33%
Jays	99.31%
Kestrels	98.18%
Eagles	98.71%
The Nest	86.00%
Pipits	70.00%

Overall school attendance was **94.13%**. Congratulations to **Jays** who had the highest attendance last week. Well Done!

Student Leaders

Congratulations to our newly appointed Head Students, Yusuf and Almas, and our Deputy Head Students, Fatimah and Arooba. These pupils were selected following a highly competitive process and have already demonstrated the qualities of excellent role models.

We are incredibly proud of their achievements and know they will represent our school with maturity, kindness and dedication. They are a real credit to Barden Primary School, and we look forward to seeing the positive contribution they make throughout the year. 🙌





Lockdown Drill



As part of our commitment to keeping everyone safe, we carried out a lockdown drill this week. A lockdown drill is a routine safety procedure that helps children and staff practice what to do in the unlikely event that we need to secure the school building. These drills are carried out in the same way as fire drills, ensuring everyone knows how to respond calmly and safely. We are delighted to report that the drill went extremely well. The children were fantastic throughout, listening carefully to instructions and behaving brilliantly.

Staff also carried out their roles effectively, helping to ensure the procedure was completed smoothly and safely. Well done to everyone involved. 🙌😊



Upcoming Diary Dates



DATE	EVENT
Every Friday @ 8.50am	Celebration Assembly. You will be invited by a text message to attend.
Thursday 5th November	Parents' Sleep Workshop
Monday 9th November	Inter Faith Football @Leisure Box KS1 multi- skills event
Tuesday 10th November	Year 6 Interfaith Tournament with Cliviger @ Leisure Box
Wednesday 11th November	Remembrance service EYFS/KS1/ The Nest/ Pipits Parents' Evening
Thursday 12th November	KS2 Parents' Evening
Friday 13th November	Girls Football Qualifier
Monday 16th November	Anti- bullying week Christmas week Y 3/4 Send Multi Skills
Thursday 19th November	Kestrels class assembly @8.50am. Cakes and tea/ coffee with a book look
Monday 23rd November	KS2 Aqua Splash

PASTORAL EVENTS

Dont miss these fantastic pastoral events
we have in the first week back!

Parent Drop in - Tuesday 3rd November 09:00 - 11.30 am

Yasmeen Suleman is our family support worker
from the Child and Well-Being Team. She will
be in school f anybody has any questions or
needs advice. There will be tea and biscuits!



Cook and Play - Tuesday 3rd November - 3.00 - 4.30pm

Families can come and learn exciting new recipes to
prepare at home. Children get to stay and play! email
s.dowling@barden.lancs.sch.uk if you wish to sign
up

Come and visit our sleep workshop - 5th November 09.00 -11.00am

The Mental Health Support Team (MHST) will be
in school to deliver a workshop all about the
importance of sleep. They will be there to
answer any questions or concerns you may
have. Please book online and come along.

Book
Sleep
workshop
[Book](#)

NHS

Lancashire &
South Cumbria
NHS Foundation Trust

East Lancashire Young People's Mental Health

Concerned about your Mental Health? Are you under 18 or concerned about someone under 18?

Advice sessions are available on-line via
'Attend Anywhere'

Delivered by CYPMH East
tinyurl.com/ELCAS-LSCFT



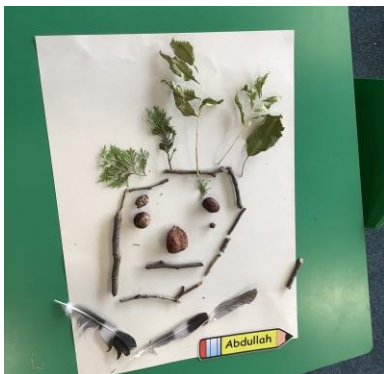
Enter the word "CYPMH East" as the first name and "drop in" as the
second name followed by your date of birth.
You will then enter our virtual waiting area where we will collect you.

Wednesday 4th November 2026
Wednesday 11th November 2026
Wednesday 18th November 2026
Wednesday 25th November 2026

1pm – 3pm
3pm – 5pm
5pm – 7pm
1pm – 3pm



Creating art using natural materials inspired by the artist Andy Goldsworthy.



We had a visit from an optometrist!



We planted daffodil bulbs

Adventure Time in Owlets!



Outside fun – creating a bus to go on adventures!



Decorating superhero masks ready for Superhero Day



Owlets

Reception



Eaglets



Chicks

The children have worked really hard this half term and we are very proud of them all! As a little treat for their hard work, we enjoyed a film afternoon watching The Gruffalo with some popcorn and juice. It was a lovely way to finish the half term, and the children really enjoyed themselves! Well done, everyone! Have a lovely break!



Eaglets have been busy planting bulbs! We can't wait to watch them grow and see the beautiful flowers bloom in spring!





Kestrels

Y6



Eagles



Our Year 6 children have enjoyed discussing Black History month in school this week. We have focused on Rio Ferdinand and Jude Bellingham and written some inspirational speeches

Our Year 6 pupils completed their Sports Crew training and have officially begun their important new responsibilities around school!



Year 6 have been busy building their very own Anderson shelters! They used handsaws and hot glue guns to construct their structures before using a range of materials to add the finishing touches. The finished shelters look fantastic! Well done, everyone!



Year 6 Transition Dodgeball

Our Year 6 pupils had a fantastic time attending a Transition Dodgeball event at Unity College! The children enjoyed taking part in a range of exciting dodgeball games, developing their teamwork, communication and tactical skills.

It was a brilliant opportunity for pupils to build confidence, meet children from other primary schools and experience a secondary school environment ahead of their transition to Year 7. Well done to everyone who took part and represented Barden Primary School so positively!



Pentathlon Ten-Pin Bowling 🏏

Our pupils had a fantastic time taking part in the Pentathlon Ten-Pin Bowling competition at Disco Bowl in Burnley!

The children showed brilliant teamwork, determination and enthusiasm throughout the event, achieving some incredibly high scores! We were so impressed with their bowling skills and the encouragement they gave one another.

A huge well done to everyone who took part and represented Barden Primary School so brilliantly. We are very proud of you all! 🏏



Parent's evening will be held on the following days:

- EYFS – Wednesday 11th November 3.15- 6.30pm
- Key Stage One – Wednesday 11th November 3.15- 6.30pm
- The Nest@Barden – Wednesday 11th November 3.15- 6.30pm
- Pipits – Wednesday 11th November 3.15- 6.30pm
- Key Stage Two – Thursday 12th November 3.15- 6.30pm

Book now on the *Eduspot app* or check your email for a link to book

Holidays

Colour blocks Green and Blue

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Working together to improve attendance

Hot Spot Days!

Throughout the year our school will be holding Hot Spot Days!

We would love all our pupils to come to school **if they are able to**.
Your child's attendance makes a real difference! ♥



Please arrive on time!
The school day starts at **8.35am.**



Parents will receive a text message on Hot Spot days.

All pupils arriving at 8.35am will receive

pasta for their "Jars of Joy"



Every days counts ♥

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Our School Values



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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!

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~~8th October 2026~~	~~Starling~~
~~15th October 2026~~	~~Puffins~~
~~22nd October 2026~~	~~Jays~~
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Wednesday 25th November 2026	Eagles
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