



Barden Primary School

Only my best is good enough for me



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School Attendance Matters (SAM) Newsletter—Spring 1 - February 2025

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope you have survived the cold, sleet and snow this winter. The days are becoming longer and the sunshine is starting to appear. It won't be long before we see flowers blooming and the arrival of spring. Thank you to all parents and carers who help get our children to school on time every single day. Our children start learning as soon as they arrive in class at 8.35am, so every minute counts!

Yours faithfully—Mrs Rawcliffe—

Relentless Routines at Home

This half term, the children took part in a 'Relentless Routines at Home' assembly. The aim of the assembly was to ask pupils to think about how they could make small changes before and after school, that would help them to get to bed on time, get up on time and arrive to school on time. Some of the ideas shared included getting uniforms and schoolbags ready the evening before, children knowing their bed time, their wake up time and the time that they leave their homes for school. Also, to be tidy and help younger brothers and sisters get coats and shoes on for school. Teamwork makes the dream work!



100% Attendance September 24 to January 25

A fabulous 75 children have 100% attendance this year. Don't forget rewards are also available for 100% attendance each term.



Over 96% attendance

Over half of the children in school are achieving 96% attendance or above—which is the school's target. Well Done!

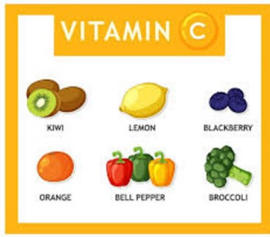


Punctuality

We're making good progress in arriving for school on time. We have 37% fewer late pupils so far this year than last year. Thank you for your support in this and let's keep making improvements!



Keeping Healthy & Promoting Recovery



Did you know that vitamin C is key to keeping our immune systems healthy? It is naturally found in a wide

range of fruits and vegetables like oranges, peppers, strawberries, broccoli and potatoes. Vitamin C is important to our bodies as it is used to maintain healthy skin, blood vessels, bones and cartilage. When vitamin C is eaten with iron, for example eating peppers in a red meat dish, it can help the body absorb the nutrients more effectively. Ultimately, it gives us better energy, strengthens our immune system and keeps us generally healthier so that we can keep attending school.

Leave in Term Time

Spring is a popular time to travel with family as the temperatures in some places can be cooler. However, we are making good progress in our parent meetings, where the impact of 'Leave in Term Time' on our children's education is being understood. Parents are becoming more familiar with the new higher level fines, prosecutions and the law in the UK. Last year, September 2023 to January 2024, 58 children took 457 unauthorised holidays days. This year, September 2024 to January 2025, 43 children took 342 unauthorised holidays days. This means that there's a quarter fewer children who missed out on their education! There have been 24 fines raised and just 1 prosecution so far this year. Keeping your child in school makes such a difference. Thank you!



Walking in the rain is good for you!

Many of our children are lucky enough to live within a 15 minute walk of school. Walking to school is a great way to start the day. Don't be put off walking to school because of a little rain. Walking in the rain is actually good for you as:

- The rain washes away pollutants and allergens from the air, leaving it cleaner than before, which benefits your breathing and respiratory health.
- The sound of the rain is calming. The gentle sound of the rain drops hitting the ground is a natural stress reliever so embrace the sound and escape the noise of everyday life while you walk.
- Jumping through the puddles in your waterproof footwear and wellies is fun.

We all know we get a lot of rain in Burnley so please don't let the weather be a reason for not arriving at 8:35am.

We have also started our 'Walk to School' challenge, children are working hard to achieve their first award!



Attendance—Weekly Class Winners 24-25

Chicks	5
Jays	5
Swallows	4
Lapwings	3
Owlets	2
Robins	1
Doves	1
Woodpeckers	1
Puffins	1
Eagles	1
Kestrels	1
NEST	1

