

Barley Mow Primary School

WEEKLY NEWS

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ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

Our Whole school target is 96%

Our whole school attendance for the Autumn Term was 94% which is slightly lower than the National Average and below our target. As always attendance is high priority in school and we monitor all children's attendance closely. Parents have and will continue to receive attendance reports for their child on a 3 weekly cycle. This helps to keep you to see how your child's attendance is developing throughout the year. Any child who's attendance who is below 90% is classed as a 'persistent absentee' and as a school we will write to you to alert you of this. We are aware that we had lots of poorly children before the Christmas break and some children may have fallen into this bracket. Good attendance over the coming weeks will help the children come out of this category. As a school we will work with parents to support with good attendance in any way we can. We know that children may sometimes feel not 100% but trust that if we feel they are not well enough to be in school we will always send them home.

We are continuing to monitor the number of children who are not getting to school on time. Children who are coming in late and missing the start of the school day are taking much longer to be ready to learn and this impacts their learning across the day. Teaching starts at 8.50am each morning please aim to have your child here punctually. Please make an appointment to speak to me should you have any worries.



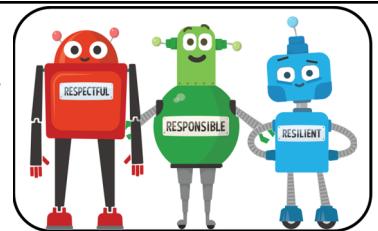
2025– 2026 SCHOOL DIARY

Monday 12th January 26, 3.20-4.20	Dance Club R,Y1,Y2– Starts
Tuesday 13th January 26 3.20-4.20	Hockey Club Y3,Y4, Y5, Y6 starts
Thursday 15th January 26 3.20-4.20	Tennis Club Y2, Y3,Y4 Coding club– Year 4
Tuesday 20th January 26	YEAR 6 PARENTS SATS MEETING
Friday 20th February 26	School Closes for Half Term.

ALL HOLIDAY DATES FOR 2025-26 and 2026-27 CAN BE FOUND ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE

After School Clubs

We are thrilled to be offering so many exciting after school clubs this half term including hockey, dance, tennis, and coding club. As a school we subsidise our clubs ran by coaches through the use of our Sports Premium funding. This is to encourage as many children to be involved as possible and keep costs as low as possible for parents. Living healthy and active lifestyles are so important as well as trying new things and finding out what you are good at. Please check with Mrs McGuire to see what available places we have at clubs.



Meet the Robots!

We started the New Year by introducing our new Barley Mow Robots to the children. These characters represent 3 R words which will be the basis of our new school values and ethos. These are **Respectful**, **Responsible** and **Resilient**. In school we always encourage the children to be the best that they can be and be a good member of society and we believe that these three words form a strong foundation for the children. Each of the robots has some key rules which will support the children in school and within the wider community. Over the coming weeks we will be thinking about what each of the R words look like at Barley Mow. We will be introducing some exciting new awards in our weekly celebration assembly so watch out for these coming home with the children.

School Council

Our school councillors met this week and have been asked to speak to their classes to get some ideas for after school events such as movie nights and discos. They will also gather the views of their friends on some new Headteacher rewards which will be introduced soon.

Breakfast Club Free from 8am each day! R–Year 6