



Barton Clough Primary School

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Summer 2 Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of this school year, I am filled with immense pride as the Head of Barton Clough Primary School. This year has been nothing short of extraordinary, and it brings me great joy to share with you the incredible achievements and successes that have marked our journey together.

Firstly, I must praise your fantastic children for their dedication and hard work throughout the year. Their determination to succeed in both academics and extracurricular activities has been inspiring. They have played a vital role in creating a warm and inclusive school community, embracing diversity and supporting one another's growth. We are incredibly proud of all of them.

I know you will all join us in wishing our Year 6 pupils well as they go on to face their next challenges and opportunities in secondary school.

I must also praise the efforts of our exceptional staff. Their passion for teaching and nurturing our children has been evident in the progress made by our students. Their dedication and creativity have brought joy and learning into our classrooms, making Barton Clough a place of excitement.

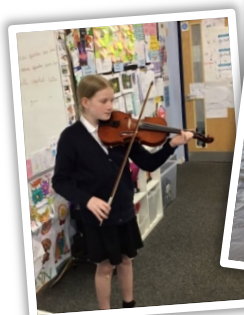
Of course, none of this could happen without the invaluable support and engagement from our parents and carers. Your involvement in school events, Friends of Barton Clough meetings, and your encouragement at home have been instrumental in our students' achievements and happiness.

As we bid farewell to an incredible school year, I extend my appreciation to all the students, staff, and parents of Barton Clough Primary School. Together, we have built a strong foundation for future success. I eagerly await the beginning of the next academic year, confident that our school community will continue to thrive.

Wishing you all a wonderful summer break filled with joy and relaxation!

Warm regards,

Mr Foster-Carr
Head of School



Reception

Reception had a very relaxing wellbeing Wednesday afternoon. We decided to slow down and focus on our mental health, the room was filled with calming music, we had a foot spa, healthy snacks and lemon water and did some yoga and meditation. What a calming way to end our school year!

We also had a recent crafternoon where our grownups came in to make crafts based around our current topic 'Oceans'. It was a gorgeous afternoon filled with laughter, smiles and lots of glitter!

Miss Hulme, Mrs Cooney and Mrs Gledhill would like to thank all parents for their continuing support and sense of community this year! Have a lovely summer!

Miss Hulme, Mrs Cooney and Mrs Gledhil



Year 1

In Year 1, we love to boogie! So, our favourite event this term was our school disco, thanks to the Friends of Barton Clough! We put on our best party clothes ready to dance the afternoon away! We even ended with the conga!

Miss Ball and Mrs Johnson



Year 2

During our DT lessons in year 2 we have been making recycled bird feeders. We firstly considered the environment and our impact. We discussed how throwing things away after one use created a lot of rubbish. We decided to make our bird feeders from things such as plastic bottles that would otherwise be thrown away. Our designs considered how suitable materials were. We looked at what weather our bird feeder may encounter, especially living in Manchester where it rains a lot! We talked about cardboard falling apart and that plastic and metal would last longer. We designed our feeders carefully, looking at the strength of the structure. We wanted them to still be strong when we cut our windows so the birds were safe. Some of us wanted to feed just the birds making our windows small, others wanted to invite the squirrels to join in. We were very pleased with the outcomes and have taken them home to use.

Mrs Crouch, Mr Dickinson and Mrs Bennion



Year 3

In art, we had a great time focusing on using clay. We collected flowers and leaves from outside. We then made prints of the flowers and leaves in clay. We learned how important it is not to let the clay dry out when we are working with it. We were amazed by the beautiful shapes the objects made in our clay!

Miss Downie



Acorn

Acorn have all worked so hard this year, so for our end of year trip we went to the beach!

We had lots of fun singing on the bus, making sandcastles with our friends, dipping our toes in the sea, and enjoying ice cream. We found lots of shells and even saw some huge jellyfish!

I am so proud of everyone in Acorn for doing good listening and being sensible to stay safe. Well done everyone.

We had a fantastic day!

Miss Law, Mrs Bessassi, and Miss Scott



Oak

Oak class were very excited to visit Crosby Beach this half term as part of an SSC trip out together. Many children in our class had never been to the beach before and had never seen the sea. We had so much fun exploring the beach and dipping our toes into the Irish Sea! The weather was on our side and we enjoyed the sunshine whilst building sandcastles, finding shells and counting how many jellyfish we could find both on the sand and in the sea! We also decided that you cannot visit the beach without having a yummy ice cream with a flake. We had a wonderful day; we can't wait to go back next year!

Miss Higgins, Miss Scott and Mrs Unsworth



Year 4

Year 4 have had a wonderful Summer term. We've particularly enjoyed all of the extracurricular activities and school events, as they have given us a chance to have fun, raise money and get our grown-ups more involved in school life! Our greatest highlight was meeting Mr Burnham and celebrating our fabulous school with him.

Miss Kennedy and Miss Banerjee



Year 5

We have enjoyed several opportunities to be artists this half term, alongside our art topic: 'Impressionism.' We have studied the key features of impressionist art and have practised these skills in our art lessons, specifically learning how Claude Monet painted his waterlilies collection, and how Edgar Degas adapted these techniques for chalk pastels to draw ballerina's backstage at various shows. We also found an excellent opportunity to demonstrate these skills by taking part in the art competition (run by The Friends of Barton Clough) where we painted our favourite / happy places.

Miss Kucharski, Miss Wright and Mr Holt



Year 6

Year 6 have worked so hard to put together an amazing performance of Shrek Junior the Musical. The show is full of amazing songs, dances and hilarious interactions. So many of the children pushed themselves out of their comfort zone and took on roles that initially they were nervous of. We are so proud of each and every one of our Year 6 class for putting on such a fantastic performance.

Miss Evans and Mr Stanley



Breakfast Club

We have been lucky enough to be chosen to be a Gregg's Breakfast school! This means we will be running our breakfast club with extended times next year.

From September, it will open every day at 8:00am, until 8:30am, and will continue to be free for all children to attend.

Each day there will be toast, cereal, yoghurt, fruit and a variety of other breakfast foods available.



The School Day

Timings for the school day from September:

Breakfast Club – 8:00am-8:30am
Gates Open – 8:30am
Gates Close – 8:45am (children arriving after this time will be marked late)

Gates Open for Pickup – 3:10pm
Children Dismissed – 3:15pm

Summer 2 Attendance

Reception	89.1%
Year 1	96.5%
Year 2	92.7%
Year 3	88.5%
Acorn	96.1%
Oak	95.8%
Year 4	91.7%
Year 5	93.7%
Year 6	92.6%

Uniform

Please ensure that your child is in the correct school uniform each day:

- A white polo shirt
- A navy-blue jumper or cardigan with the school logo
- Black trousers, skirt or pinafore dress
- Sensible black shoes
- A school tie and V-neck jumper in Year 6.

Hoodies or other jumpers should **not** be worn.
Jewellery (except 1 pair of small, stud earrings) and makeup should **not** be worn.

Our uniform policy is available on the school website.

Autumn 1 Upcoming Events

Start of Term for Pupils	Wednesday 6 th September
Meet the Teacher (all except Y3)	Tuesday 12 th September
Meet the Teacher (Y3)	Wednesday 13 th September
Black History Month	October
National Poetry Day	Thursday 5 th October
Parents' Evening	Tuesday 10 th and Wednesday 11 th October
Break up for Half-term	Friday 20 th October



FRIENDS OF BARTON CLOUGH

The Friends of Barton Clough (FOBC) is a group of parents and carers who work together to raise money and organise activities that enrich our children's experience of school. Anyone with a connection to Barton Clough Primary School is welcome to join and **you can get involved as much or as little as you like.**

SINCE DECEMBER, WE HAVE ORGANISED:

2 Bake Sales
2 Art Competitions
Bag2School Clothes Collection
Bar for Shrek Performance

Christmas Fair
Culture Day
Summer Fair
2 Discos



AND WE WILL BE HOSTING A PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SALE ON THE 18TH AND 20TH OF JULY

OVER £1,000 RAISED FOR THE SCHOOL THIS YEAR!!!

BECOME A FRIEND OF BARTON CLOUGH

Are you a champion cake baker? Have a great fundraising idea, or would simply like to help out at one of our events? If so, we'd love to hear from you! To join the group, or to find out more, please email FOBC@bcps.bright-futures.co.uk or come and say hello at our next event.

MEET THE TEAM

Each term we'll introduce you to the Friends of Barton Clough.

SADAF - CHAIR

Since becoming Chair Sadaf has ensured that our events are directed in a safe and regulated way, adhering with school and government policies. She has led two culture days bringing the diverse community of Barton Clough and Stretford together.

She loves organising events and parties and is often more excited than her children! She has a son is year 3 and a son and daughter in nursery and preschool. She aims to create fun and educational opportunities for the pupils of Barton Clough and encourages parents and carers to join in!

Sadaf is a British Pakistani, who is very artistic in calligraphy and henna art. She enjoys travelling and is a big foodie, who loves trying new cuisines. She once adopted a pet monkey and ostrich on her summer holidays abroad! She loves playing netball and kick boxing in her spare time. A total 90's kid, who still loves the pop music and the movies.



MEYSA - TREASURER

Meysa Sousavi is Treasurer of our Committee. Meysa assists the trustees to carry out their financial responsibilities as well as overseeing the preparation and scrutiny of annual accounts. She is always hands on in our events where possible from setting up, running our stalls and handling the money.

Meysa originates from Iran, she has two daughters, one is in year 2 and her youngest will begin nursery next term.

Meysa has years of experience in working in a fast paced team. After her graduation she worked in Customs Affairs as an Assessor for many years. She is passionate about learning new skills and is currently studying English Language at college, along with an accounting course.

Meysa is a very good swimmer and enjoys reading in her spare time. She has an eye for detail as a skilled eyelash technician and nail artist.



THANK YOU

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