



# Barton Clough Primary School

BRIGHT FUTURES EDUCATIONAL TRUST

## Spring 1 Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of Spring 1 term at Barton Clough Primary School, it's time to look back at the achievements and moments of success that have marked our journey so far.

Safety Week was a hit! Thanks to the efforts of our staff and students, we had an engaging week focused on safety awareness. From road safety to dog safety to railway safety, our pupils showed a fantastic understanding of staying safe in different situations.

The Friendship Disco, organised by The Friends of Barton Clough, was a blast! It brought together students, parents, and staff for a fun-filled afternoon of dancing, games and laughter. Events like these strengthen our school community and create lasting memories for our children. A huge thank you to The Friends of Barton Clough for organising and running the event.

Our students have put in fantastic efforts in their learning this term. Whether it's mastering new math concepts, diving into science, or exploring literature and art, they've shown determination and a thirst for knowledge. It is fantastic to see them living our school values of being Brave, Determined, Positive and Thriving every single day.

On a bittersweet note, Mrs Cooney will be going on maternity leave in the next half term. We will miss her tremendously and I know you will join us in wishing her the best start to her journey into motherhood with her new baby. We will look forward to welcoming her back towards the end of the year.

Finally, a big thank you to our pupil, parents, and staff for making the Spring 1 term a success. Together, we've created a thriving learning environment where every child has the chance to shine.

Here's to a fantastic Spring 2 term ahead, filled with more growth, learning, and success!

Warm regards,

Mr Foster-Carr



## Reception

This half term in Reception, we have continued to explore the season, Winter, and were blessed with a snowy day! We wrapped up warm and went outdoors to explore changing states in matter, melting and freezing, and immersed ourselves into our wintery garden, discussing and experiencing the signs of winter.

We then moved onto looking at different job roles and had a very special visit from the fire brigade! We had so much fun exploring the fire truck, the equipment and trying on the firefighters' uniform. We even got a chance to use their hose! We also have enjoyed looking at the role of doctors and nurses and have loved role-playing in our doctors surgery. We have looked at pictures of hospitals from the past to now and compared the two, developing our understanding of history.

As always it has been a busy, fun-filled time in Reception!

Miss Hulme, Miss Tati and Miss Brogan

## Year 1

In Year 1, we have been looking at the weather in the UK. We have been keeping a weather diary as a class and learning how to interpret a weather forecast. As part of this we have made our own rain gauges. The children worked with a partner following a set of instructions to build their gauges. This was very tricky and used lots of skills such as using a ruler to make a number line up the side. When completed we placed them outside. Unfortunately, this coincided with the recent storms, which then led to the site manager retrieving them from all areas of the grounds! Undeterred by this, we have replaced them and are keenly awaiting our results. Will Manchester be as wet as we think? Many chose to take a set of instructions home and several children have made their own gauges to collect rainfall in their back gardens. It was lovely to see the passion for learning ignited and carried into home learning.

Mrs Bennion, Mrs Crouch, Mr Stanley and Mrs Phoenix



## Year 2

Year 2 have had our first school trip this half term to Faizan-e-Islam mosque. We have been focusing on the question 'Who is a Muslim and what do they believe?' in RE so it was amazing to experience what a mosque is like. We saw the wash rooms and shoe racks which we have been learning about in our lessons. We heard the call to prayer and we even got to try delicious samosas!

Miss Downie



## Year 3

This half-term, Year 3 students have been enthusiastically learning sewing skills. We delved into the creative world of Harriet Powers, an artist renowned for her unique quilts. Through her work, we explored how appliqué techniques can vividly narrate local legends, Bible stories, and historical events. Our journey was not just about learning stitches but understanding how textiles can tell compelling stories. Building on this rich foundation, next half-term we aim to craft our own art pieces, drawing inspiration from a book that resonates with us all, blending literary and artistry into our creative curriculum.

Miss Kennedy and Miss Wright





## Acorn

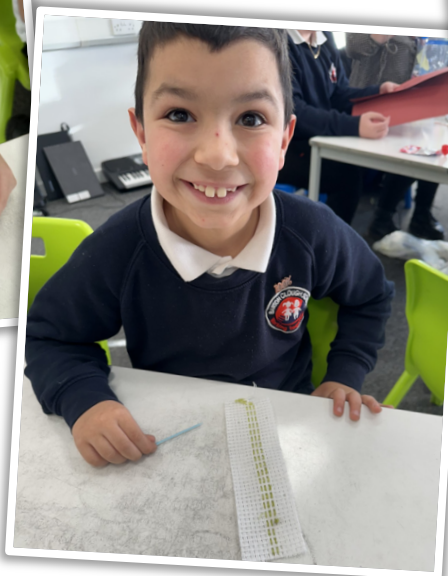
This half term, Big and Little Acorn have taken part in some PE sessions together. We focused on developing our bouncing skills and chest passes. We will build on these skills in games lessons as we go through school. We worked on how to share the space with our friends, moving the ball around each other and keeping the noise levels down, even though we were very excited. Well done everyone!

Miss Law, Mrs Bessassi and Miss Scott

## Oak

This half-term, Oak have become sewing superstars in our DT sessions. We have worked hard to create bookmarks using binca material. We found it very tricky but have worked brilliantly to show resilience and determination to keep going to create our designs. It has taken us a long time to create our final pieces but we are very proud of our creations and can't wait to use our bookmarks next half-term during our free reading sessions.

Miss Higgins, Miss Scott and Mrs Johnson

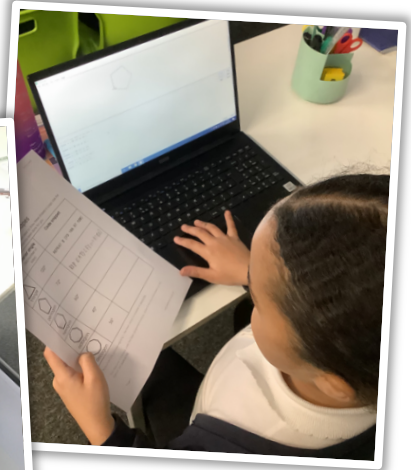
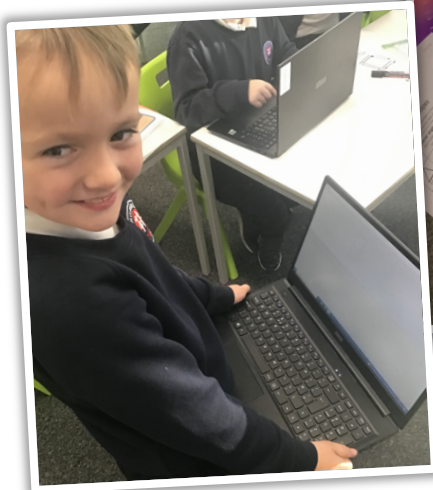




## Year 4

Year 4 have been tech whizzes this half term! We have been using the program, Logo, which is a text-based program, to look at repetition and loops when programming. Working as a pair, and independently, we have been learning how to use coding to create different shapes and patterns. We did this by planning out, modifying and testing different commands. We even started adding in loops to our coding!

Miss Ball and Mrs Khalid



## Year 5

This half-term Year 5, we have been learning about Islam in RE. Some of the proud Muslim members of our class have been teaching us about how they pray and what is important to them. In some of the particularly cold and rainy forest school sessions, we have come inside for Commando Joe sessions instead. We have been playing team games to work on our teamwork and communication skills. We had to direct our team members how to travel safely along a path by giving clear instructions and listening well.

Miss Evans, Mr Forster and Mrs Cooney



## Year 6

Year 6 have enjoyed some hands-on learning experiences outside the classroom. A trip to Stockport Air Raid Shelter brought our history topic to life, allowing us to experience what life was like for evacuees during WW2. Our highlights were exploring the air raid shelter, hearing the siren, trying on gas masks, dressing up in war time clothing and being shown real bombs that were dropped by the Germans in World War 2.

We also enjoyed a trip to Crucial Crew where we learnt vital life skills to keep us safe in the community, including road, rail and tram safety advice.

Miss Kucharski and Mrs Alba



## Gregg's Fund

As many of you will know we are supported as a school by the Greggs breakfast club. This has been a hugely popular addition to the school day and has seen over 60 children take part, with often up to 40 children a day joining us for breakfast.

In addition to the free breakfast club, the partnership with Greggs allows us access to a fund that supports our whole school community. These grants provide individual items that can make a huge difference to family life. These include white goods for domestic use such as a washing machine, fridge or cooker. They are also able to support with single, double or bunk beds including mattresses and bedding. We are also able to apply for smaller kitchen appliances such as a kettle, toaster or airfryer.

We have already been able to provide beds and mattresses for several families ensuring a better night's sleep for children, getting them rested and ready for school. Several parents have benefitted from washing machines, cookers and fridge freezers. If you are requiring support with any of the items above, please email the office for the attention of Mrs Crouch or message her directly on Class Dojo. There is only one application per family per year allowed so please prioritise the item you need the most.

Mrs Crouch

### Attendance

We aim for each child's attendance to be above 96%.

Children who have attendance less than 90% are classed as persistent absentees. Children who are persistently absent generally do not achieve as well as their peers who regularly attend school.

Persistent absentees who have further time off school may be issued with a penalty notice by the local authority.

### Spring 1 Attendance

Reception	91.9%
Year 1	92.1%
Year 2	95.1%
Year 3	94.3%
Acorn	95.2%
Oak	94.2%
Year 4	95.0%
Year 5	95.6%
Year 6	97.4%

## Safety Week

This week, Barton Clough has hosted our very first Safety Week! Our pupils have been learning about how to keep themselves and others safe in lots of different situations: dog safety from The Dog's Trust, railway safety, road safety, esafety, mental health and physical health from the school nursing team, and a session from the police on how to keep ourselves safe in the community. The week has been a huge success!





## Raffle

We recently asked parents to submit details for a Pupil Premium check, with parents being entered in a raffle to win a £50 Amazon voucher.

Congratulations to Kirsty (mum of Jax) who won the £50 voucher!

## Spring 2 Upcoming Events

Start of Term for Pupils	Monday 19 February
Reception and Year 6 Height and Weight Measure	Wednesday 21 February
Year 6 Class Assembly	Monday 26 February 2:45pm
Year 4 Class Assembly	Monday 4 March 2:45pm
Year 1 Trip to Manchester Museum	Tuesday 5 March
World Book Day	Thursday 7 March
International Women's Day (FOBC Event)	Friday 8 March
British Science Week	Monday 11 March – Friday 15 March
Year 3 Class Assembly	Monday 11 March 2:45pm
Year 4 Trip to Manchester Singing Festival	Tuesday 12 March
Oak Trip to Manor Academy	Wednesday 13 March
World Sleep Day	Friday 15 March
Reception Trip to Smithill's Farm	Wednesday 20 March
Year 2 Trip to Tatton Park	Friday 22 March
Break Up for Easter	Friday 22 March

## The School Day

Timings for the school day:

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

Parents of children who are regularly arriving at school late may be issued with a penalty notice by Trafford Local Authority.

## 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.

Parents of children who are in the incorrect uniform or PE kit will be contacted and asked to bring the correct uniform in.