



Year 2

Autumn Newsletter 2026



Welcome back to another exciting year at Bartons! We hope you all have had a wonderful summer break, we are eager to see the children and get them motivated for a fantastic Year with us in Year 2. We are very lucky to have Mrs Terry (Monday - Thursday), Miss Williamson (Friday) and Miss Spencer supporting the children with us in Year 2.

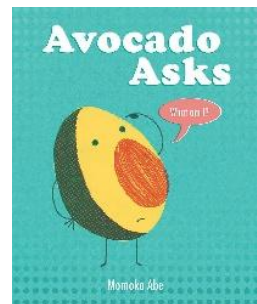


Topic

This half term our topic is 'Field to Fork' where we will be focusing on food and where it comes from. We may even get the chance to make some delicious fruit kebabs. The second part of the autumn term our topic will be 'Up in Smoke' where we will be looking at the Great Fire of London and the Gunpowder Plot.

English

Our English writing focus this half term is story writing, focusing on 'Avocado Asks' by Momoko Abe. Alongside our writing we will be continuing to work on our grammar, spelling and phonics. We will also continue our hard work on handwriting which will be supported by daily activities. Daily reading will also be vital for the children to reach the expected standards at the end of the year. This will be supported by regular whole class reading sessions where we will be focusing on the different reading skills the children need to develop.



Year 2 Common Exception Words

after	child	every	half	move	plant	whole
again	children	everybody	hold	Mr	poor	who
any	Christmas	eye	hour	Mrs	pretty	wild
bath	class	fast	improve	old	prove	would
beautiful	climb	father	kind	only	should	
because	clothes	find	last	parents	steak	
behind	could	floor	many	pass	sugar	
both	cold	gold	mind	past	sure	
break	door	grass	money	path	told	
busy	even	great	most	people	water	



Maths

We are continuing to follow the Numicon approach which the children are now experts in! This half term we will be securing the skills we learned in Year 1 before developing them further when exploring the Year 2 objectives. These include further strategies for addition and subtraction, while introducing multiplication and division.

Homework

Take Away Tasks will continue to be set every Friday and will be due on Thursday. The children will be expected to upload pictures / videos of their completed tasks onto SeeSaw. daily reading and Numbots/TTrockstars practice will also be expected.



PE

This year PE will be every **Monday** and **Thursday**. Please ensure your child comes into school wearing their full PE kit on these days. If your child has their ears pierced, we ask that the earrings are removed before coming to school on these days, please refer to our uniform policy for further guidance on this.

How can you help?

- **Regular reading** at home where you can share stories, asking and answering questions about what you have read.
- Ensure they have their school **reading book in school every day** as the children will be expected to read it after lunch, a time where those who are on Accelerated Reader can complete their quizzes.
- Encourage them to complete their homework tasks while letting them develop their independence.
- Check our class page on the website to discuss their learning further.
- The children need to be at school promptly in the morning at 8:45am.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to come and talk to us. You can also email the office at office@bartonsprimary.school and these will be forwarded on to us.

We are looking forward to a fantastic year!

Many Thanks,
Year 2 Team

Useful Dates for Autumn Term

September

1st: Welcome back! Autumn Term starts. Children back.

7th: Year 1 & 2 Parent welcome meeting 3:30pm

14th: Maths Investigational Day

Clubs start this week. 10 weeks.

October

1st: National Poetry Day

5th: Harvest Festival Assembly.

6th: Flu Nasal spray 1-3pm

9th: Yellow School Photos individual.

23rd: Target sheets out to parents.

(HALF TERM 26th October – 30th October)

November

2nd: Back to school. MATHS WEEK (2nd – 6th Nov)

3rd: Parents Evening – (3.45pm – 5.45pm)

13th: Non-uniform day donation of Christmas Fair donations.

16th: Anti-bullying Week. Activities all week.

18th: Parents Evening – (4pm – 6.45pm)

20th: Children In Need Day.

24th: Sharing of work 3.15 – 3.45pm.

25th: Sharing of work 8.40- 9am.

27th: Christmas Fair 3.30 – 5pm.

30th: Year 1, 2 & 3 dress rehearsal at 2pm – Relaxed performance open ticket

DECEMBER

1st: Years 1, 2 & 3 Production 2pm & 6pm.

11th: Christmas Jumper and fun day – wear your Christmas jumper. £1

14th: Christingle assembly.

Years 4, 5 & 6 Christmas Carol Concert from 2pm.

16th: Bartons Got Talent 1.30pm

17th: END OF TERM.

18th: INSET day school closed.

(School Holidays 21st Dec – 3rd January 2027)

Year 2 Educational Visits (dates to be confirmed)

Autumn Term – Goodwood Farm (October 2026) – approximate trip cost (£24 last years cost)

Summer Term – Beach Historical Walk (April 2027) – no cost

Summer Term – Arundel Castle (June 2027) – approximate trip cost (£25 last years cost)