



TEAM BARTONS

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Annual Nasal Spray Flu Vaccination

The schools Immunisation Service are coming into school on Tuesday 6/10/2026 to offer your child the nasal flu spray vaccination. All the information has already been sent out to families. Please ensure that you complete the consent form for your child saying either **YES or NO** for them having the nasal spray. Please complete this even if you don't want them to have it done. Please follow the link in the letter sent home. Thank you.

Harvest Festival 5th October

On Monday 5th October, we will hold our annual Harvest Festival special assembly where we ask the children to bring to school essential food items and to think about others that are less fortunate than ourselves. This year, we will be asking for donations to support the Bognor Foodbank that help lots of families across our community.

On Monday 5th, if you can, please bring in any items from the list below to support the appeal from the Trussell Trust. Items must be **within date, unopened** and we welcome any amount of donations. All the items will be displayed in table classes, in the hall during assembly. This is a very worthy cause which we are proud to support. Please just bring one or a few food items from the list on the poster previously sent out, if you can. Thank you in advance for your help.

School Places for Reception Children September 2027

On Monday 5th October, the application window for Reception school places for September 2027 opens online. Applications are made to West Sussex County Council and must be submitted by Friday 15th January 2027. At Bartons, we host two open afternoons for prospective families to look around the school with a tour from our eldest children. The dates for these are Thursday 8th October and Tuesday 10th November 1.30pm – 2.30pm. Prospective parents need to book an appointment with Debbie Camp in the school office.

Allergens and Allergies

You may be aware that in September, new allergy safety standards and requirements for consistent anaphylaxis management in schools across England, became law. This is called Benedict's Law. As well as ensuring that staff are trained and can administer specific medicines for children with identified medical conditions, all schools have had to review their procedures to ensure compliance.

Bartons is already a nut free school – **no foods containing nuts must be brought into school.** This is because we have some children with severe nut allergies.

With this in mind, the locality Headteacher group have been discussing the new legislation and exploring what and how other things, in schools, might be affected by this. For safety purposes, schools need to be able to control, as much as possible, what foods come into school to protect children who have allergies and intolerances. We all agreed that the practice of children bringing in cakes or sweets for special occasions e.g. birthdays to share with other children, cannot continue. Whilst it is a kind act and meant in the spirit of celebration, we do not believe that we should continue this. It is a sad situation but if it means that we are all considerate to others needs, then it is the right thing to do. For the future, please do not bring any cakes or sweets into class for birthdays or anything else. Thank you.

Useful Dates: OCTOBER

5th: Harvest Festival Assembly. Please bring in donations.
6th: Flu Nasal spray 1 – 3pm.
8th: Open Afternoon for prospective parents Yr R 2027 (1.30-2.30pm)
9th: Yellow School Photos (individual.)
13th: Year 3 to Butser Farm trip
14th: Year 6 Residential (14th – 16th)
2.15pm Year R - 6 weeks in meeting for parents
22nd: Year 6 Residential assembly at 9.30am.
23rd: Target Sheets out to parents.
(26th – 30th Oct: HALF TERM)
2nd November: Back to School

Have a great weekend! Best wishes Kate Powell