



Reception Newsletter

Autumn Term 2026

We would like to give you all a warm welcome to Bartons Primary School. We have really enjoyed getting to know all the children this week, and we are excited for the year ahead! We are very lucky to have Mrs Pett and Miss White who will be supporting in class, as our teaching assistants. Additionally, we have Miss Bax as an additional adult in the class supporting specific children and Miss Bottwood as a college placement student throughout the year.

Topic



This term our topic is split into two parts. The first half of our term is 'Marvellous Me'. We will have the opportunity to get to know each other and share what we like with our friends. **We would love to start sharing the children's 'All About Me' treasure boxes over this term, please bring these in for Monday 14th September.** During the term, we will be focusing on discussing what makes us unique, identifying different parts of the body and exploring our senses. This will be achieved through lots of self-initiated play and adult focused activities. After half term, our topic will be 'People Who Help Us'. We will be learning about different job occupations by exploring fiction and non-fiction books. We are also hoping to have some visitors from local Firefighters and dentists. It would also be great to know the variety of jobs our parents have to potentially organise additional special visits for the children to learn about the wide range of job roles.



We have started to introduce phonics, through listening to sounds and rhythms. We will soon be teaching the children the pure sounds for each letter. This can be supported at home through talk and play as well as working together to complete the simple activities we will be sending home later in the term.

In maths, we have been using songs and games to support our counting. We have started to introduce Numicon, which is our Maths approach at Bartons Primary. Please encourage children to practise their counting around the home and when out and about. It would be great to see children recognising numbers when they are out e.g. door numbers, bus numbers etc.



PE Information



Our PE day will be **Monday**. Our PE sessions will begin from **Monday 21st September**. **Please make sure that your child comes to school dressed appropriately in PE kit on this day.** This includes wearing their house colour t-shirt, appropriate black or dark shorts/tracksuit, dependent on the weather and black plimsolls or trainers. We will be doing PE outside as much as possible. On Mondays, **please ensure that all earrings are removed** and long hair is tied back securely every day.

Fruit and Milk

We provide a piece of fruit for the children to have during the school day. We encourage children to eat this fruit rather than any fruit provided in their lunch box, and to save any fruit snacks in their lunchbox for lunchtime. During fruit time, children can also have milk provided for them from the 'Cool Milk' company. You need to register for your child to be provided with this milk with a slight charge, information on this is in your welcome packs however any questions do ask either the reception team or the office. Please note that if you register your child will start receiving milk from the following week. Please register at: www.coolmilk.com/register

Also, please ensure your child has a water bottle with them every day (please no squash in their class water bottles).

Educational visits

On the 25th September we have a theatre company presenting 'The Pesky Rat' to our class which has a £3 cost for the session.

In November we will be inviting Little City into our school to provide dressing-up and role-play opportunities. Last year this cost around £5 each.

In the summer term we will be planning a trip to a local farm which last year cost £24. More details will follow in the summer term.

How can you help?

- **Regular reading** at home where you can share stories, ask and answer questions about what you have read
- Encourage children to **independently dress** and undress themselves including buttons on school cardigans and coat zips
- Please ensure all items of clothing, lunch boxes and water bottles are **clearly labelled**

We encourage all children to have a book bag to place into their tray drawer rather than backpacks, as we are limited to space in the peg area.

Key dates

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| • 25 th September Drama Workshop | |
| • 6 th October Flu Nasil spray | • 18 th November parents evening (4pm-6:35pm) |
| • 9 th October Individual school photos | • 24 th November Sharing of work (3:15-3:35pm) |
| • 14 th October 6-Week in meeting 2:15PM for parents | • 25 th November Sharing of work (8:40-9am) |
| • 23 rd October Target sheets out to parents | • 27 th November Christmas fair |
| 26th - 30th October Half-term | • 17 th December Elm class Nativity 9:15 (parents welcome) |
| • 3 rd November parents evening (3:45-5:45PM) | • 18 th December INSET Day |
| • 11 th November Little city | 21st December - 3rd January Christmas Break |
| • 13 th November Non uniform day | |

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,
Miss Reed, Mrs Pett, Miss White and Miss Bax