



# TEAM BARTONS

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Welcome back to school and I hope that you all had a fun and a healthy Christmas break. On behalf of the staff, thank you to all of you that gave generous gifts to the staff and who sent their Christmas wishes to us all in the school. It was and is always greatly appreciated.

With a New Year and new term ahead of us, we will look forward to lots of exciting learning opportunities with the children. Our School Value this term is Communication and the children will focus on the skills e.g. speaking and listening, sharing, collaborating, persuading, discussing, encouraging and co-operating. We ask the children to work on these skills in school but at home too. If your child demonstrates any of these skills well or is trying hard to improve these skills at home then please share these with their class teacher who would love to hear about it.

## Science Week

All week, we have celebrated Science Week and the children have really enjoyed extended scientific learning opportunities. This year's focus was 'Science is Magic but Real'.

In Elm class, the children have been busy learning how to keep their bodies healthy, Beech and Chestnut classes have been exploring the properties of materials, Hazel class have become experts on magnets, Ash class have discovered how the digestive system works, Lime class have investigated forces and Cedar class have been exploring the circulatory system. The week finishes with a whole school science fair where the children show off their incredible learning to each other.

Here the pictures show children in Year 6 exploring different types of blood cells. They loved their learning.



## Useful Diary Dates 2026 (All dates are on the school website)

### Dates for your Diary

#### JANUARY 2026

5<sup>th</sup>: BACK TO SCHOOL and SCIENCE WEEK.

15<sup>th</sup>: Closing date for Reception school places September 2026

Year 6 SAT's meeting for parents at 3.30pm

22<sup>nd</sup>: Year 1 Phonics meeting for parents at 3.30pm

#### FEBRUARY

10<sup>th</sup>: Safer Internet Day

13<sup>th</sup>: Creative Arts Day and Valentines Disco. Details to follow.

**(Half Term 16<sup>th</sup> February – 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026)**

23<sup>rd</sup>: INSET Day - School closed to pupils

24<sup>th</sup>: Back to School

#### MARCH

2<sup>nd</sup>: Book Week

5<sup>th</sup>: World Book Day

10<sup>th</sup>: Parents Evening (3.45pm - 5.45pm)

18<sup>th</sup>: Parents Evening (4pm - 6.45pm)

20<sup>th</sup>: Red Nose Day

24<sup>th</sup>: Sharing of Work in class 3.15pm - 3.45pm

25<sup>th</sup>: Sharing of Work in class 8.40am - 9am.

27<sup>th</sup>: Easter Egg raffle

End of Term

**(Easter Holidays 30<sup>th</sup> March – 10<sup>th</sup> April 2026)**

## Workshops and Parent Meetings Coming Up

As set out in the school calendar dates, there are a number of useful parent meetings coming up this term which will help to inform parents about key events this year. These are:

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January:

**Year 6 SAT's meeting** for parents at 3.30pm.

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January:

**Year 1 Phonics Screening Test** meeting for Year 1 parents at 3.30pm.

Please come along if you can to hear this important information.



## Cold Weather Clothing

The colder weather is now upon us so please can I remind parents to ensure that the children have a warm coat in school and also bring, if they have them, a hat, scarf and gloves to stay warm at break times. These should all be named. Likewise, it is advisable to have warm clothing for outdoor P.E lessons. Dark coloured joggers and a dark coloured warm fleece or school hoodie should be worn. Thank you.

***Have a good weekend! Best wishes Kate Powell***