



TEAM BARTONS

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Happy
New Year!

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.

I would also like to say thank you to all of you that sent lovely messages to me whilst I was recovering from my foot surgery and who have welcomed me back to school this week. It is great to be back and I have loved seeing the children, the staff and hearing all of their news.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs A. Powell who led the school whilst I was away. She did a sterling job and was ably supported by all of the staff. It was a very busy half term so I am very grateful to her for all of her extra hard work and for ensuring everything was in place when I returned. Thank you Ali.

Science Week

All week, we have celebrated Science Week and the children have really enjoyed extended scientific learning opportunities. This year's theme was curiosity - asking questions inspired by science texts. Mrs Olliver led a number of science assemblies to inspire the children's thinking. The whole week has been very successful; the teachers planned great activities to inspire the children and it really did! Today, we held our annual Science Fair where each class show off their projects from the week to each other. We were even lucky enough to have a visit by our own MP Jess Brown-Fuller. She was working with the School Council, for the afternoon but was very interested to see what we had been doing this week at the Science Fair. Thank you Mrs Olliver for organising the whole week. It has been another exciting week of learning and brilliant effort made by all. I will post more photos next week but here are Year 6 exploring the circulatory system.



Useful Diary Dates 2025 (All dates are on the school website)

15th: Reading patron day - Ali Sparkes day.
16th: Year 6 SAT's meeting for parents at 3.30pm in Cedar class.
23rd: World Handwriting Day
Year 1 Phonics meeting for parents at 3.30pm in Beech class.
31st: Chinese New Year dance workshops in school.

FEBRUARY

3rd: Children's Mental Health Week and Well-being Champions workshops.

11th: Safer Internet Day.

14th: Target Sheets out to parents.

(17th - 21st: HALF TERM)

24th: INSET Day - school closed for pupils.

25th: Creative Arts Week.

MARCH

3rd: BOOK WEEK - book/author activities. To be confirmed.

6th: World Book Day.

11th: Parents Evening - (3.45pm - 5.45pm)

14th: Comic Relief Day - Non-uniform day donation of £1 to charity for the privilege.

19th: Parents Evening - (4pm - 6.45pm)

21st: National Poetry day

25th: Sharing of work 3.15 - 3.45pm. Parents invited in to see children's work.

26th: Sharing of work 8.40 - 9am. Parents invited in to see children's work.

31st: Easter assembly.

APRIL

4th: End of Term.

9.15am Assembly - Easter Egg raffle draw.

(Easter Holidays 7th April - 18th April)

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 16th January: **Year 6** SAT's meeting for parents at 3.30pm.

Thursday 23rd January: Year 1 Phonics Screening Test meeting for **Year 1** parents at 3.30pm.

The Beginning of the School Day

I've noticed this week, that many families are arriving at school after 8.45am. As previously said, lessons in school start at 8.45am so that registration and early morning tasks can be completed before phonics groups and GPS lessons start. Please make sure that you arrive on time so that your child/ren aren't missing important learning or instructions at the start of the day. Thank you.

Have a good weekend! Best wishes Kate Powell