



TEAM BARTONS

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Safer Internet Day 2026



Safer Internet Day 2026 will take place in school on Tuesday the 10th of February with learning based around the theme 'Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI'. Everyone's talking about AI, and with many children and young people hearing about and using AI online, it's important they have the skills and confidence to make safe choices when they are using smart technology. There will be a variety of activities during the day to teach the children about how to be safe online. Children in Years 5 and 6 will also learn about the dangers of sharing inappropriate content.

Valentines Disco and Non-Uniform Day



On Friday 13th February, there will be a Valentines disco after school. Tickets will go on sale soon at £3 each. The children will bring home a sweetie bag at the end of the disco. As in past years, there will be separate discos - one for the younger pupils and one for the older children.

To coincide with Creative Arts Day in school, all children can **come to school on the day in non-school uniform**. This should be suitable clothing; no high heels or crop tops etc. This means that the younger children can go straight to the disco after school from class rather than being collected from school as normal.

The timings of the discos will be:

3.30pm - 4.30pm for Years R, 1, 2 and 3.

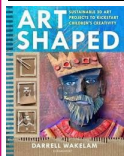
4.45pm - 6pm for Years 4, 5 and 6.

All children should be collected at the hall door at the end. For pupils in Years 5 and 6 who normally walk home - they must be collected by an adult from the disco. No child will be allowed to walk home alone in the dark. Tickets can be bought from Parent Pay.

Year R & KS1 Drama Workshops

On Thursday 26th February, we are very lucky to welcome the drama company Drama4ALL to Bartons to run some drama workshops in school. These will be for Elm, Beech and Chestnut classes and have a magical toy theme. These workshops are free and will take place during the school day.

Creative Arts Day



Friday 13th February will be Creative Arts Day in school. The children will have the opportunity to explore 3D model making, inspired by the work and skills of Darrell Wakelam - the artist who worked with us last year. It will be a fun day and the **children can come in non-school uniform for the day**. We are really looking forward to lots of creative pieces of work and models being made.

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

Dates for your Diary

FEBRUARY

10th: Safer Internet Day

13th: Non - uniform day, Creative Arts Day and Valentines Disco.

(Half Term 16th February – 20th February 2026)

23rd: INSET Day - School closed to pupils

24th: Back to School

MARCH

2nd: Book Week - details to follow

5th: World Book Day

10th: Parents Evening (3.45pm - 5.45pm)

11th: Messy Church at 3.15pm

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

20th: Red Nose Day

24th: Sharing of Work in class 3.15pm - 3.45pm

25th: Sharing of Work in class 8.40am - 9am.

27th: Easter Assembly and Easter Egg Raffle

End of Term

(Easter Holidays 30th March – 10th April 2026)

APRIL

13th: Back to School. Active Maths Day

20th: Year 6 Bikeability cycle training

30th: Class Photo Day.

MAY

4th: BAK HOLIDAY - School closed

11th: Year 6 SATs week. No Year 6 absence authorised.

22nd: Last day before half term

(Half Term 25th May – 29th May 2026)

JUNE

1st: Back to School. ENRICHMENT WEEK

12th: Non-uniform day for Summer fair donations

19th: Summer Fair (3.30pm - 5pm)

23rd: Sharing of Work in class 3.15pm - 3.45pm

24th: Sharing of Work in class 8.40am - 9am.

26th: Sports day morning

Year 6 Disco (4.30pm - 6pm)

JULY

1st: Year 6 Transition Day to secondary school

2nd: Area Athletics tournament

3rd: Reserve Sports day morning date

Class letters out.

6th: Dress Rehearsal Summer production Yrs 4, 5 & 6.

7th: Summer Production performances 1.45pm & 6pm

8th: Summer Production performances 6pm

10th: Reports home to parents

13th: Change over morning

17th: Last day of term

Year 6 Leavers Assembly 1.45pm. Year 6 parents invited.

20th: INSET Day - School closed to pupils.

21st: INSET Day - School closed to pupils.

22nd: INSET Day - School closed to pupils.

Happy Holidays!

Have a good weekend! Best wishes Kate Powell