



Year 5

Autumn Newsletter 2026



Welcome back to another exciting year at Bartons! We hope you all have had a wonderful summer break. We are eager to welcome the children back and support them in having a fantastic year with us in Year 5. Mr Marsden and Miss Williamson (during the afternoons) will be supporting the children in Year 5 throughout the year.

Learning Journey

We start this term's work with our Exploring Egypt learning journey. We will become Egyptologists and learn all about Howard Carter's discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb, as well as delving deeper into what life was like in Ancient Egypt.



English

This year our focus in writing is to continue to develop the children's understanding of writing for purpose. Additionally, will be focusing on vocabulary, spelling and presentation of work, encouraging children to take pride in every piece of work.



Reading is very important and we expect all children to read frequently at home. We fully appreciate that most children enjoy reading on their own but the conversation you can have with your child during and after they have read can dramatically improve their understanding of the book and sometimes heighten their interest. Children should record all the reading they do in their reading record. Please ensure this comes to school every day.

Maths

Please support your child in ensuring that they are fluent with their times tables as this is an integral part of Maths. It is important that these facts are practised, learnt and retained (2x-12x). If your child is already confident with tables, move on to recalling division facts. TT Rock Stars is a great resource to practising times tables and Numbots is good for practicing general maths skills at home.



PE

Our PE sessions this term will take place every **Monday** and **Friday**. On Fridays, children will be swimming and children should come to school "swim ready" with their swimming costume worn underneath their PE kit. Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct PE kit on these days. If your child has their ears pierced, we ask that the earrings are removed before coming to school on these days. Please refer to our uniform policy for further guidance on this.

Homework

Weekly homework will be set on a Friday and should be uploaded onto Seesaw by the following Thursday morning (unless stated otherwise). Homework will consist of a maths activity and a writing/topic activity as well as reading each week. The homework will be linked to learning from that week so it is essential that every child attempts their homework and that a good effort is made to complete it to a high standard. For many children, homework is a good stepping stone in preparation for secondary school. In addition to the set homework each week, children are encouraged to practice their tables using Times Table Rockstars.



Essentials in Lime Class

Please bring to school -

- A named water bottle
- A fruit snack for break time
- A **small** rucksack containing their reading book and reading record
- A waterproof coat and a sun hat (weather dependent)

Children will be provided with a small pencil case containing everything they need for learning. This will be kept in school and they should not need to bring in any other pencil case from home.

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.

Kind Regards

Year 5 Team

Mrs Hildrew, Mr Marsden and Miss Williamson

Useful Dates for Autumn Term

September

10th: Year 5 & 6 parents welcome meeting 3.30pm

11th: Year 5 Swimming starts

14th: Maths Investigational/ Maths Games Day

October

1st: National Poetry Day

5th: Harvest Festival Assembly

6th: Flu Nasal spray 1 - 3pm. All classes.

9th: Yellow School Photos - Individual.

23rd: Parents Evening target sheets sent home Target Sheets out to parents.

(Half Term: 26th October - 30th October)

November

2nd: Back to School / Maths Week

3rd: Parents Evening (3.45pm - 5.45pm)

14th: Non-uniform day for Christmas Fair items

16th: Anti-bullying Week. Activities throughout the week.

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

20th: Children In Need Day

24th: Sharing of work (3.15pm - 3.45pm)

25th: Sharing of work (8.40am - 9am)

27th: Christmas Fair (3.30pm - 5pm)

December

11th: Christmas Jumper - wear your Christmas jumper for £1

14th: Years 4, 5 & 6 Christmas Carol Afternoon from 2pm.

17th: END OF TERM.

18th: Inset day

(School Holidays: 21st December 2026 - 3rd January 2027)