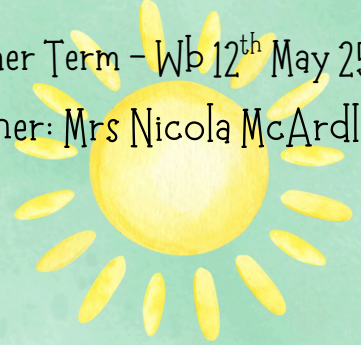




WEEKLY *Newsletter*

Summer Term - Wb 12th May 25
Headteacher: Mrs Nicola McArdle



Thank you to everyone who completed our recent parental questionnaire and shared their views. We are really proud of the positive responses we received and have already met as a team to discuss the comments made and areas where we can continue to develop. 100% of parents said that their child was happy and 100% felt safe.

Some comments were specific to individual children or families, and we'd like to remind you that you're always welcome to come into school and meet with your child's class teacher or myself to chat - no matter how big or small your concern or question might be, we're always happy to listen and work together. You can view a summary of the questionnaire in the attachment with this newsletter and on our school website. Parents > current parents and cares > parent view (at the side)

You'll also spot a 'You Said, We Did' poster further down in the newsletter where we've shared how we've responded to a couple of common themes raised.

A reminder that the deadline for any parent governor applications and nomination forms is Monday at noon. These can be emailed to the school office or handed in directly - we'll then be in touch about the next steps.

Finally - planning for BARROWFEST 2025 is well underway! We're very excited about what's to come and, with enough support, we hope to include a mobile farm visit for each class. Next Thursday, children are invited to come dressed in bright colours, with glitter, flower headbands and festival fun. There'll be a special lunch option available to order, or children can bring a packed lunch as usual. We kindly ask for a £5 donation via ParentPay - all proceeds go towards making the day as memorable as possible for our children paying for the farm, facepaint etc. IF YOU DO NOT WISH FOR YOUR CHILD TO HAVE FACE PAINT OR TEMPORARY TATTOOS PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE BEFORE THURSDAY.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Mrs McArdle

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB MENU - SUMMER 2

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Bee Keeping Club Mrs McArdle 3:30-4:30 Cost: £60 - 6 weeks Book via ParentPay Golf - KS1 (Progressive Sports) 3:30-4:30pm Cost: £18 Book via ParentPay	Musical Theatre KS1/2 WICKED by Just Imagine 3:30-4:30pm Cost: £36 - 6 weeks Book via link on letter	Rounders with James (Progressive Sports) KS2 3:30-4:30pm Cost: £18 Book via ParentPay Guitar Lessons with Nick Afternoons	Football - Year 1 & 2 (Progressive Sports) 3:30-4:30pm Cost: £18 Book via ParentPay Baking Club - KS1 Miss Crossley 3:30pm-4:30pm Cost: £15	American Football (Team ONLY x13) 3:30-4:30pm Cost: £18 Book via Parent Pay

THIS WEEK in Notices

Barrowfest Burger Lunch
Please book **BY MIDNIGHT TODAY** any main meal on ParentPay for 22nd May if your child would like to join us for our festival burger lunch



TESCO

If you're shopping in Tesco, our school's project for new out of school club opportunities has started and we need your votes! Please also encourage your family and friends to support us by using their blue token given at checkout.

Thank you

BLACKBURN COMMUNITY HOCKEY SESSIONS

CBN HC

AGES 5-11 BOYS & GIRLS + ADULTS

- Outdoor Games/Match Play
- Challenges
- Skills & Drills
- Team Work & Leadership
- Competitions & Prizes

Wednesday Nights
5-6:30 Juniors
7-8:30 Adults

Westholme School, Meins Road
Blackburn, BB2 6QU

FREE Coaching Sessions for all Levels
Equipment Provided

cbnhockey.co.uk
info@cbnhockey.co.uk
07825 771762

BARROWFEST 2025

ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL

THURSDAY 22nd MAY 2025

Parents are invited to pay a **£5** contribution on Parent Pay

Dial a SENCO!
Don't have time to book an appointment? Feel free to ring Miss Crossley on Wednesdays if you have any SEND / Pastoral concerns that you wish to discuss.

MIDDLESBURY HILLS CARE HOME

OPEN DAY

SATURDAY 17TH MAY

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE THE OPENING OF OUR BRAND NEW HOME

CLOSE-UP MAGIC FROM MAGIC MARC
20s SONGS WITH GERO FROM THE VOICE
CHARLESTON DANCING FROM LOCAL TROUPE THE A TEAM

COME ALONG - NO NEED TO BOOK!
01200 613 341

Middlesbury Hills, Whalley Road,
Barrow, C10 9AZ

Crystal Care
COLLECTION

Parent Governor Vacancy

We need your help... We are excited to announce that we are seeking to appointment a new Parent Governor to be part of Barrow's innovative, forward thinking, leadership team.

What do Parent Governors do?

- Help setting strategic direction
- Ensure accountability
- Be a critical friend
- Show commitment to the school
- Time - 6 meetings a year
- A common sense approach
- Work as part of a dynamic team
- Bring enthusiasm
- Be involved in making positive changes to our school

Find out more

Mrs McArdle
Headteacher
head@barrow.lancs.sch.uk

Mr Adams
Chair of Governors
padmatt@barrow.lancs.sch.uk

Thank you for all your efforts supporting!

Support us through

easyfundraising

It's Donation Day, let's celebrate!

Thousands of good causes have been paid!

Barrow URC Primary School has received

£41.10

easyfundraising has paid out over £1.7 million in donations this quarter.

Follow the QR code or look up Barrow URC on Easyfundraising



Progressive Active Camps

Be happy, healthy and active!

MAY HALF TERM

BOOK NOW

27TH - 30TH MAY

- For children 4-11 years
- 20+ exciting activities
- All delivered by our fully trained, DBS-checked staff with safeguarding and first aid qualifications.

10% Sibling Discount available...

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DIARY

Dates

- Sat 17th May - 10.00am Open day at Middleshaw Hills Care Home, Barrow
- Mon 19th May - NFL Flag North West tournament
- Mon 19th May - 4.00pm League A football game
- Tues 20th May - Year 6 trip
- Thurs 22nd May - Barrowfest (£5 donation/children to wear bright colours and festival wear)

Oak class have started learning about the life cycle of a frog this week



THIS WEEK

in Pictures

Children have enjoyed cleaning out Tiny's house and giving him a bath



Elm class enjoyed toasting marshmallows




Star Awards



Headteacher Awards



"Links to Church needs to be stronger. I'd like to see the Elders invited into school to assist with RE lessons and for parents to be encouraged to attend large annual events. e.g. Christingle"



A great idea — thank you! We already have a Family Worship at Clitheroe URC on the second Sunday of each month, along with Easter and Christmas experiences led by the church elders. However, we're always looking to build on this.

Mrs McArdle has arranged a meeting to explore how we can strengthen these links even further next year. One simple idea we'll look to introduce is including more information about church events in our school newsletters, so families know what's happening and can get involved if they'd like to.

"It would be good to hear plans for the new music offer"

Next year, we'll be working with Lancashire Music Service to provide taught instrument lessons for Year 4 and private tuition options for parents who'd like them. We'll also be continuing guitar sessions and termly concerts. We're excited to be taking part in the Let's Go Sing concert and are hoping to set up a school choir too! If any parents have a talent for music (unlike poor Mrs McArdle's singing voice!), we'd love to hear from you.





"Parents helping fundraising to buy extras."
"It would be great to use PTA events to raise funds for the charity, not volunteering fees. Every single event through the year is really inappropriate."



This year, thanks to grants and generous donations from the church, we've been able to develop our outdoor spaces — including a new pond, wildlife area, and outdoor gym — without relying heavily on FOBS fundraising. This allowed us to focus our fundraising efforts on an incredible opportunity: supporting the opening of a new library block at The Bethany Project, a once-in-a-lifetime project for our school community.

We'd love to see FOBS fundraising and events continue to grow over the next few years.

Attending FOBS meetings is a great way for parents to share ideas on how to raise money for the children and decide how it should be spent.

We hope those who joined the recent Summer Fair meeting found it useful and look forward to welcoming more of you to a meeting in September to help plan for the year ahead. Everyone is welcome — we'd love to see you there!