Barlow CE School Newsletter

Barlow CE Primary School
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Pathfinder Multi Academy Trust

Monday, 14th September 2026

Peace, Friendship, Endurance

Message from Mr Rich, Head of School

Welcome to a brand-new school year! Whether your family is returning for another exciting year or joining our Barlow school community for the very first time, we are absolutely thrilled to welcome you to the 2026–2027 school year.

A special welcome goes out to our new families—we are so glad you are here, and we can't wait for you to experience what makes our school community so special.

Education is at its best when it is a true partnership between home and school. We place a strong emphasis on active collaboration, open communication, and shared success.

- **Open Communication:** Our doors, inboxes, and phone lines are open. We encourage you to reach out to us whenever you have questions, ideas, or feedback.
- **Engagement:** From supporting your child by reading daily with them at home to volunteering with our active BPASA and attending events, there are many ways to get involved with school life.

We are also excited to be working with new colleagues here in school. Let me take this opportunity to remind you of our class structure.

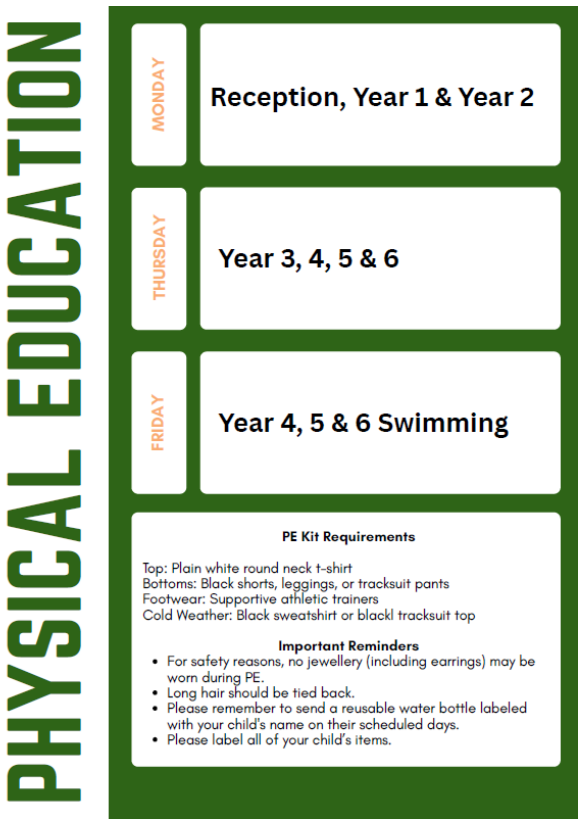
Miss Hardcastle - Class 1 teacher will be supported by Miss Griew and Mr Rose

Miss Wilson - Class 2 teacher will be supported by Miss Murden and Mrs Dobinson

Mr Rich - Class 3 teacher will be supported by Miss Hillerby and Mrs Harrop

We also have federation staff timetabled in during the week - Mrs Smith is on a Thursday leading on Cookery with Class 1 and an-after school club, Mrs Hall will be bringing Twig, our Pastoral Support Dog to see our children and Mrs Matta our federation HLTA is also on site on a Thursday all day teaching across Class 1 and 2. I am confident that you will make our new team feel welcome and that you'll support them throughout September as they settle in.

PE Timetable



Swimming lessons for Years 4, 5 and 6 started last Friday, with the last swimming lesson being held on **Friday 9th October.**

School Ambassadors 2026-2027

This is a special student leadership role created for children who truly represent the very best of our school.

What being a Barlow Ambassador means:

- A Friendly Face: Ambassadors will be a trusted friend in the playground—someone other children can always turn to for a chat or a helping hand.
- Special Coaching: We will be guiding and supporting the children with some gentle coaching. This will help them understand equality and diversity, and give them great strategies for handling new situations with confidence.
- The Ambassador Uniform: To help everyone spot our helpful leaders, your child are given two special "Ambassador" hoodies to wear on the days they are on duty.

We welcome Freya, Alivia and Harry and Charlie to their new school roles.

Aspens, our new catering partner

The children have enjoyed some great fresh food this week. Here's just a snap shot of some of the dishes served this week.

Netball & Rugby Trials @ Brayton Academy

Brayton Academy is pleased to invite Year 6 pupils to attend our Rugby & Netball Trials on Monday 28 September 2026. As part of our admissions arrangements, 21 places (10% of our Year 7 intake) are available for students who demonstrate a particular aptitude for Rugby Union or Netball, provided Brayton Academy is their designated catchment area school.

Trial Details

Date: Monday 28 September 2026

Time: 12:40pm – 2:30pm

Venue: Brayton Academy

How to Apply

To apply for one of these aptitude places, **parents/carers must:**

- Complete the North Yorkshire Common Application Form (CAF)
- Complete the Brayton Academy Rugby & Netball Trials Request Form
- Return the Trials Request Form to Brayton Academy by Monday 21 September 2026

Brayton Academy Forms[1]

All applicants for an aptitude place will be required to attend the trials.

The Rugby & Netball Trials Request Form is available on the Brayton Academy website within the Admissions section.

Please note that children who are not offered one of the 21 aptitude places will still be considered for a standard place at Brayton Academy alongside all other applicants, in accordance with the Academy's published admissions arrangements. If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Early Years Open Afternoon - Tuesday 22nd September

We have loved meeting lots of prospective new families this year. Our next **Open Afternoon is on Tuesday 22nd September**. Please share this with any friends or relatives who may be interested. To book an appointment just email office.barlow@wrfed.pmat.academy[2]

[1] https://www.braytonacademy.org.uk/page/?title=Admissions&pid=38
[2] mailto:office.barlow@wrfed.pmat.academy

BPASA AGM - 16th August 2026

The BPASA held their Annual General Meeting during the summer holidays and elected their committee roles for the year ahead. We look forward to working with the new chair, George Hefford and the BPASA team to make this year's events successful for all.

The BPASA delivered some thoughtful New Starter Parents kits to our Reception families on Tuesday and they were very well received. Thank you BPASA for your kindness.

BPASA 2026 Colour Run

We'd like to thank our school community for their support and understanding when we had to postpone our highly anticipated BPASA Colour Run due to the extreme summer heat. The BPASA are in the throws of replanning - this is no small task. As soon as we have a new date confirmed we will let you know.

Enrichment & Community Events

READ SCHOOL
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Autumn Open Day

Saturday 3rd October 9.30 am - 1.00 pm

The best possible start

School Tours / Heads Address at 11.00 am; followed by a musical recital

Independent Day & Boarding School for Boys and Girls 4-18

Proudly providing an exceptional education in the local area for 360 years

12 reasons to choose Read School

- **Small class sizes** supporting individualised teaching - whether for additional support or acceleration.
- **Excellent teaching ensures strong academic results.** (A-Level and BTEC 98% pass rate, with 42% of grades at A/A*. GCSE 82% pass rate, with 40% of grades at 9-6 (A-B)*. Our aspirational culture, small-school setting and dedicated teaching and support teams help pupils to realise their academic potential, while building the confidence and resilience they need for life beyond the classroom.
  As an inclusive school, every pupil follows a pathway shaped around individual strengths, interests and ambitions. Pupils are not removed from examinations to improve headline figures. Our outcomes are authentic, meaningful and achieved through the determination of our pupils and the care, expertise and encouragement of our staff.
- **Tranquil rural location** – 17 acres of rolling fields provide a peaceful and calm setting in which to thrive.
- **Superb enrichment programme** – Read develops happy, confident young people whose achievements and contributions outside the classroom – from cooking to sports, music to performing arts, Dungeons and Dragons and school history – are valued as much as exam results.
- **Exceptional sports programme** – the core sports of rugby, football and cricket (boys) and hockey, netball, rounders/cricket (girls) are enhanced by athletics, trampolining, tennis and badminton.
- **Football Academy** - Read school has developed an exciting and unique partnership with renowned Pontefract collieries Football club. Students will benefit from studying A Levels/ BTEC's at our top independent day and boarding school whilst fully immersed in the academy developing continued footballing potential and talent.
- **Creative arts excellence** - Art, Design Technology and Food are taught alongside Music, Drama and Dance, providing a broad and rich curriculum, now enhanced by Leiths Food Academy accreditation.
- **Combined Cadet Force (Army & RAF)** - For over 100 years, our cadets have benefited from the CCF adventurous activity programme and opportunities to develop skills and exercise responsibility and leadership in a disciplined environment.
- **Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Programme** - a life enhancing experience where pupils in Y9 and above develop new talents and interests, while evolving skills and confidence. Many sixth formers go on to achieve the prestigious Gold award.
- **Languages & global mindset** - Bucking the national trend for declining uptake in languages, Read School is committed to providing an international education. Pupils at Read School study French, Spanish, German, Mandarin and Latin, benefiting from overseas trips and cultural & exchange programmes.
- **Careers orientation** - strong links with the local business community and a Read Business Network provide a solid careers orientation for pupils, with regular industry talks and visits throughout the year.
- **Boarding** offers a range of different boarding options including full, weekly and flexi boarding and builds a unique sense of community for British and overseas students.

There are a myriad of reasons to choose Read School to provide the 'best possible start' for your son or daughter's education. To find out more or to book a visit please contact headspa@readschool.co.uk

Key Dates (so far....)

2026

🗓️ **Friday, 11th September** – Year 4 to 6 swimming lessons start

🗓️ **Tuesday, 22nd September** – EYFS Open Afternoon

🗓️ **Monday, 28th September** – Year 6 Residential Trip

🗓️ **Saturday, 31st October** – Year 6 - High School Application Deadline

🗓️ **Monday, 1st March** – National Offer Day for high school places

Contact us

📧 **Contact us:** office.barlow@wrfed.pmat.academy

🌐 **Website:** www.barlowschool.org.uk[3]

📞 **Barlow Phone:** 01757 618319

It's important to note that the Barlow school office is staffed until 1.30pm every day. In an emergency you can contact colleagues at Chapel Haddlesey who can make contact with school on your behalf.

📞 **Chapel Phone:** 01757 270282

[3] https://www.barlowschool.org.uk/