



# BARBY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## SCHOOL

### WELCOME BACK

It has been wonderful to see the children coming through the doors brightly each morning as the new year begins. Thank you, as ever, for your efforts in ensuring that they are smart and in full school uniform and black shoes. Please make sure they are also coming in with a coat each day due to the usual changeable weather. Could you please make sure that the children's jumpers and cardigans have been labelled to limit lost property.

### PARENTS OPEN CLASSROOMS

Parents are welcome to come into their child's class after school on Monday (14th January). This session is an opportunity for your child to show you their work and talk about it.

### KS2 PARENTS SESSION 21st JAN 5.30PM

Parents are invited to find out more about the Year 6 SAT's testing & process. There will be an opportunity to see past tests and ask any questions so that children are well supported through tests.

### SPELLING SHED PARENTS SESSION 29th JAN 9am

Most people are now familiar with our Spelling Shed system. This session is an opportunity to find your way around Spelling Shed and also to make sure that you are getting the most out of the programme.

### JOKE COMPETITION

As you know, Grace in Owls won our in school joke competition before Christmas. I am delighted to say that she has been selected to go through to the final of the national competition which will be held in London later this year. Well done Grace!

### STAFF

We would like to say a big 'thank you' to Mrs Ellis for all her hard work as she finishes at Barby School today. We wish her well for the exciting times ahead at her new school. We welcome Miss Lara Cox who has started a placement in Squirrels class, she is busy getting to know the children and will be with us until March.

## Diary Dates



Monday 14th January	Parents open sessions 3.15 -3.40 in classrooms.
Monday 21st January	Parents SATS meeting years 5 & 6—5.30pm
Tuesday 29th January	Parents Spelling Shed meeting 9am
Thursday 31st January	Squirrels Class Assembly
Thursday 14th February	Woodpeckers Class Assembly
Thursday 14th February	School closes for half term
Friday 15th February	Teacher Training Day
Monday 25th February	School re-opens
Monday 4th March	Class Photographs
Monday 11th March	Parents Evening 3.30-7pm
Wednesday 13th March	Parents Evening 3.30-5pm
Friday 5th April	School closes for Easter Holiday
Tuesday 23rd April	Teacher Training Day
Wednesday 24th April	School re-opens
Thursday 9th May	Acorns Class Assembly
<b>Monday 13th May</b>	<b>SATS Week</b>
Friday 24th May	School closes for half term
Monday 3rd June	School re-opens



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## EXPRESSION OF PREFERENCE—PHOTOGRAPHS

Now that the GDPR regulations have been in force for some time, updated guidance has been issued to the school and the Trust Photograph Policy has also been updated to reflect this.

The new policy can be viewed on the school website and we would ask that parents/ carers complete the expression of parental/ carer preference form attached to the document. Parents should note that the school is asking you to express a preference rather than giving consent. Consent will be sought only in specific circumstances, such as wishing to publish named photographs in the media.

Please return the expression of parental/ carer preference form by Friday 18th January. The school will assume that you have no preference if forms are not returned by that date. Please be aware that this policy replaces any preferences / consent previously given.

If preferred, you may collect a form from the school office or email [admin@barby.northants.sch.uk](mailto:admin@barby.northants.sch.uk) and a form will be emailed to you.

## DAVENTRY COUNTRY PARK ORIENTEERING

On Saturday 19th January Daventry Country Park are hosting an Orienteering event. The sport combines cross country trail running (or walking) and navigating from point to point—a bit like a treasure hunt. There is a choice of courses ranging from 2km to 6km, to suit beginners, especially families and experienced orienteers. There is no need to book, just turn up, 10am-12noon. The cost is £1 for children & £5 for adults. Timer hire is £1. For more information visit [www.octavian-droobers.org](http://www.octavian-droobers.org).

## KEYBOARD LESSONS

A space has become available for a child in year 1 or above to start keyboard lessons. Lessons take place on a Tuesday morning and fees are £83 for the term. Please pop into the school office if you are interested.

## SATS BOOK

We have The Book People who offer discounted books to the staff. This time there is a Carol Vorderman SAT's book that gives clear explanations about lots of aspects of learning needed for Year 6 SAT's. If you would like a copy they are £4 which can be given to the office by Tuesday 15th January. It is a great reference guide for all of Owls & Oaks so that you can see and support what they are learning

## STAR OF THE WEEK

Well done to our Stars of the week this week, Euan in Acorns, Phoebe in Woodpeckers, Emily in Squirrels, Josh in Owls & Leela in Oaks



**OUR VALUE THIS HALF TERM IS  
COURAGE**

