



# BARBY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## SCHOOL

### SNOW

The weather is showing a possibility of snow next week. Please ensure that you have downloaded our app—just search School Jotter in your app store — as this is where notifications are put first. We also use twitter and the text system to keep you updated regarding any closures. Please ensure you keep us up to date regarding contact details also.

### CLASS OPEN SESSIONS

Thank you to everyone who came along to our class open sessions on Monday. The children thoroughly enjoyed showing you the work they have completed so far this school year.

### SATS MEETING

Please come along to the SAT's preparation meeting on Monday 21st January at 5.30 in the hall. This is really informative for parents and offers an opportunity to ask questions and gain understanding of what they entail and the mark scheme used. There will be past papers for you to look at and information on how you can help your child achieve their best.

### SPELLING SHED MEETING

Please come along to our spelling shed meeting on 29th January at 9am. This is a session to show you how you can utilise spelling shed to its full potential. We have seen fantastic progress from those using the app already and it would be great to introduce everyone to it. We are aware of a few issues with the app that we are trying to sort as soon as we can.

## Diary Dates



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

## STAR OF THE WEEK

Well done to our stars of the week this week - Isla in Acorns, Niamh in Woodpeckers, Joseph in Squirrels, Ewan in Owls & Charles in Oaks.

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COURAGE**





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## CLASS NEWS

### ACORNS



We have been making bird food and thinking about why we need to help feed the birds during the winter. We are very excited because next week we are going to build a bird hide and see how many birds we can spot!

### WOODPECKERS

This week we have been identifying 3D shapes around our classroom and learning all about their features. We have also been re-calling the 'true' story of the 3 little pigs... who knew the 3 little pigs made it all up and the wolf was actually only after a cup of sugar.



### SQUIRRELS

This week Squirrels class have been investigating the properties of materials and using 'scientific' words to describe them. They then used their materials to design and create 3D buildings.



### OWLS



Owls have been learning all about measurement and how to convert cm into m, m into km and cm in mm. We have also been out on the playground investigating its perimeter. In our English, we have been planning and are now starting to write our first draft of our explanation texts about looking after our teeth.

### OAKS

This week Oaks class have been looking at how a ruminant animal's stomach works. Did you know it has 4 separate chambers—the rumen, reticulum, omasum, and abomasums. In maths we have been adding and subtracting fractions and we have been exploring using brackets to indicate parenthesis.

