



OCTOBER 2023 NEWSLETTER



TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE

As we near the end of the fourth week of term I am pleased to share with you some exciting news about the long-awaited extension to our school.

After 8 years of planning, meetings and at times disappointments it is looking very likely that the building work for our 4-classroom extension will begin in January 2024.

The plan is to build 4 new classrooms on what is now the 'bottom playground', extend the school hall and do some extensive alterations inside the original building to create small break out, support, meeting rooms. The staff car park as it is now will change into additional play area and the staff car park will move to the school field across the road from us.

Amongst the excitement of having builders and construction equipment on site, we are obviously expecting some disruption to the daily running of the school over the proposed 8-month build, although any internal works are planned for the long summer break in 2024. With this in mind and to help prepare for the disruption we will be making small changes to our break times now. Morning break will remain as is for now, with the children mixing together, an opportunity to play with friends and siblings across the key stages. Lunchtimes will see the changes. We will be separating the children into EYFS / KS1 play area on the 'top playground' and KS2 play area on the 'bottom playground'. The changes will take place next week, by making these changes now we are hoping we will be able to transition the children easily through the build, when play space will be limited for a time, as they will be familiar with separate play.

Copies of the proposed build plans are on the back of the newsletter.

What is my child learning at school?

If you are not sure what your child is covering in the curriculum this academic year, please have a look on our school website <https://www.barlbycommunityprimaryschool.co.uk/> Click on the curriculum tab, choose the subject of interest to you and have a look at our progression documents for each subject. In the parent tab there are some useful videos to show you how you can support your child with different areas of the curriculum at home.

If you have any questions about the curriculum, please do not hesitate to have a chat with your child's class teacher.

As always, we are operating an open-door policy and staff are very happy to make additional appointments to our planned parents' evenings on the 24th and 26th October (letter to follow in the next few weeks) to talk through any queries or concerns. Your class teacher should always be your first point of contact.

Kind Regards, Jill Baker, Headteacher

ParentPay – If you have still not activated your ParentPay account, please contact the school office for an activation letter.

Parents evenings are approaching, please use the front door to enter and exit the building. We encourage you to bring your child with you so that they can share their work and discuss with you.



Playtime snack

EYFS and KS1 children are given a healthy snack daily. If you wish to send a snack for your KS2 child it must be fruit or fresh vegetable sticks. No sweets, cereal bars or savoury snacks. Thank you.

Water bottles

Water bottles kept in the classroom must be plain water, no juice or flavoured water. Children may bring a drink of juice with their packed lunch, separate to their classroom bottle, if they wish.

Jeans for Genes

Thank you for all your kind contributions. We raised a total of £171.90

Lunchtime milk is available to purchase daily for 20p per beaker from the school hall. If your child receives income related free school meals then this is free of charge.

There are still spaces available in our Nursery for September 2023, January and Easter 2024. If you are interested in a place for your child, please contact the school office.

DATES FOR DIARY

2nd October & 3rd October	Bike Ability Group 2
4 th October & 5 th October	Bike Ability Group 3
3 rd October	EYFS Harvest Festival 2.30pm
24th October & 26th October	Parents evenings
31 st October	High School Applications close
9 th November	Individual School Photos
17 th November	Children In Need – details to follow
28 th November	Reception starters 2024 drop in session 4-5pm

Please also see school website for calendar dates

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2023/2024

	SCHOOL CLOSURES	SCHOOL OPENS
October Half Term	Fri 27 th Oct 2023	Mon 6 th Nov 2023
Christmas Holidays	Fri 22 nd Dec 2023	Mon 8 th Jan 2024
February Half Term	Fri 9 th Feb 2024	Mon 19 th Feb 2024
Easter Holidays	Fri 22 nd Mar 2024	Mon 8 th Apr 2024
May Day Bank Holiday	Mon 6 th May 2024	
May Half Term	Fri 24 th May 2024	Mon 3 rd June 2024
Summer Holidays	Fri 19 th July 2024	

TRAINING DAYS 2023/2024 - SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN

FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2023
MONDAY 11TH MARCH 2024
FRIDAY 5TH JULY 2024
MONDAY 22ND JULY 2024

Please note that our training days are different to the standard North Yorkshire County Council advertised dates



Reception Starters 2024

We will be holding an open evening for prospective parents and their children to come and have a look around our school. This is a drop in session so no appointment times necessary.

Tuesday 28th November 4-5pm

If this date / time is not convenient, please contact the school office to arrange an alternative visit.

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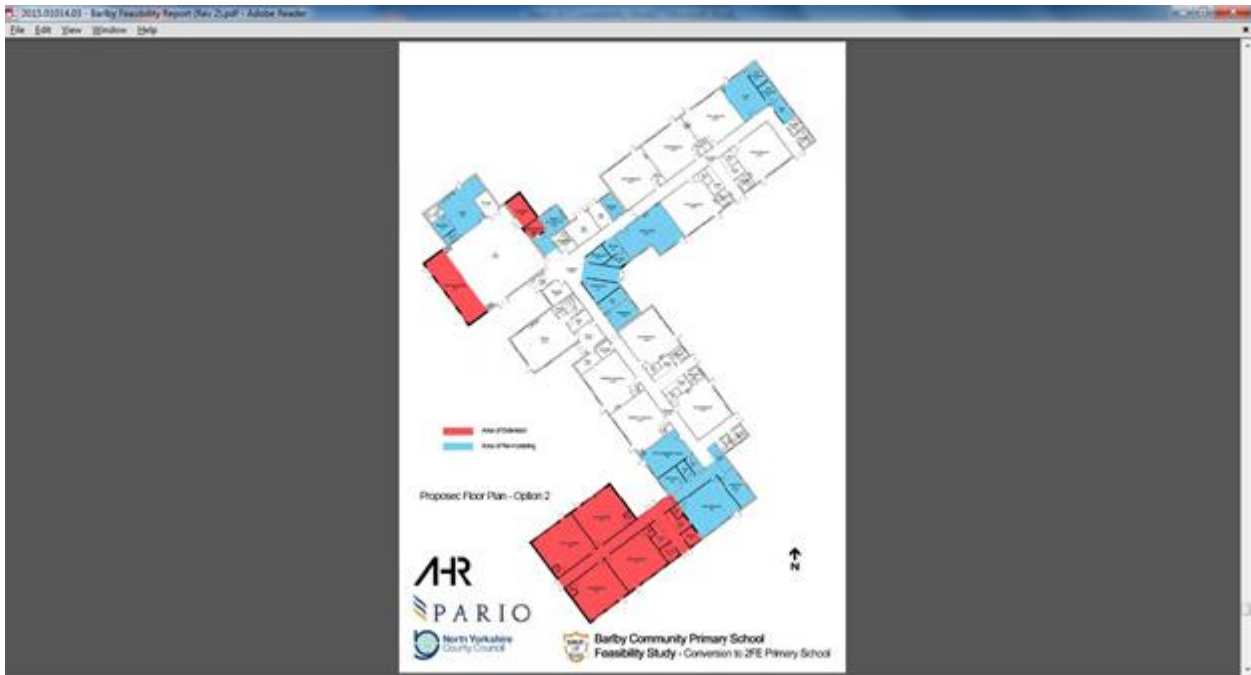
Reception Class 2024 application window opens on Thursday 12th October 2023 and closes Monday 15th January 2024

Is my child too ill for school?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, nursery or playgroup when they're unwell.

There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK. These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>



School field/new car park

