



The Weekly Bulletin

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Mobile Phones at School

In light of recent revised guidance from the Department for Education (DfE), which you may have seen in the news, we wanted to share a small update regarding mobile phone expectations in school. These arrangements are in place to help us maintain a safe, calm and focused environment for all members of our school community.

Pupils' mobile phones

If pupils in KS2 bring a mobile phone to school, we kindly ask that the correct permission forms are completed by parents. These are available at the office. All pupil phones must be handed in at the start of the school day. Phones are stored securely and returned to the children at the end of the day.

Once phones have been returned, pupils should not access them until they have left the school site. Phones should be placed straight into bags or pockets and remain unused while on school premises. This helps ensure that the end of the school day is calm and safe for everyone, while also reducing distractions or the risk of inappropriate use on site.

Parents and carers on school grounds

We would also like to take this opportunity to gently remind parents and carers about mobile phone use on school grounds during drop-off and pick-up times. When collecting children, keeping mobile phone use to an absolute minimum can make a real difference to safety and communication:

- *Being fully present helps children feel noticed and reassured at the end of the school day, when they are often keen to share news or need emotional connection.*
- *It also supports everyone's safety on busy pavements and near roads, where full attention is important.*
- *Finally, it allows for brief but meaningful face-to-face conversations with staff and other families, helping to maintain a warm and supportive school community.*

We appreciate that mobile phones play a really important role in daily life, and we are grateful for your understanding and support as we work together to model safe, respectful, and positive behaviour for our children.

Dates for your Diary February

11th Year 5 Science Centre Trip - Ipswich

12th Reception trip to St Edmundsbury Cathedral

13th - FoBs 'Wear Something You Love' non-uniform day

16th - 20th Half Term

24th Year 3 Wandlebury County Park Trip

24th Year 1 trip to the Sedgewick Museum, Cambridge

March

5th World Book Day

16th Year 5 Bikeability Week 1

17th School Photos

23rd Year 5 Bikeability Week 2

Whole School Notices

Menu Change

Tuesday next week has a special Winter Olympics themed menu. See details on following page.

Dogs on Site

As much as we absolutely love seeing dogs (and especially puppies!), dogs aren't allowed on site at this time — including being carried. Please leave your dog at the gate when dropping off or picking up. Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe and comfortable.

School Uniform

We kindly remind families that leggings are not considered school uniform. Girls should wear school trousers or tights with skirts or dresses on full uniform days. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding.

Showjumping Success for Elsie!

Elsie (Y6) had a fantastic start to the showjumping season competing in her first NSEA show of the year, representing Barrow CEVC Primary School. Riding her ponies Terry and Honey, she competed against up to 30 riders per class and achieved an amazing 1st and 2nd place in both the 80cm and 90cm qualifiers, securing top-three results needed for National Championship qualification. We are incredibly proud of her achievement against such strong competition!

Elsie's mum, Anna, is the NSEA Team Leader for Barrow Primary and would love to hear from anyone interested in getting involved — riders must have their own equine. Please contact the school office for further information.



Get Ready to Dance!

We're excited to explore launching a brand-new after-school dance club next half term with our amazing new dance teacher, Sophie! This fun and high-energy club is a fantastic chance for children to build confidence, learn new moves in a variety of dance styles, stay active and have a brilliant time dancing with friends.

Running on Fridays from 20th March (over 6 weeks, either side of the Easter holidays), the sessions will cost just £3 each. The club won't clash with any other school clubs and is open to Years 3–6.

Spaces are limited, so if you haven't already registered your interest and would like your child to join in the fun, please email the school office to let us know or speak to Mr Daniel.

Football Festival Champs



The UKS2 Football team travelled to King Edward's to compete in the Bury Schools Football Championships – and what a night it turned out to be. Barrow

played three matches in total, starting with two qualifying games. The opening match saw an emphatic 3–0 victory, followed by a confident 4–1 win in the second qualifier. Jack was in unstoppable form during the group stages, scoring two hat-tricks across the qualifying rounds to fire the team into the final.

In the final, Risby took an early lead to go 1–0 up, but Barrow responded brilliantly. A spectacular long-range effort from George B levelled the score. Two well-taken goals from George A then sealed the win and confirmed Barrow as Champions!

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Tuesday 10th
February

Celebrating the WINTER OLYMPIC GAMES

Gold Medal Pasta Bolognese
or
Ice Rink Risotto
With Bobsleigh Broccoli & Curling Carrots

Dessert

Podium (Chocolate) Crunch
With Ski Slopes of Ice Cream
or
Figure Skating Fruit Medley

Wellies in School

The school field is particularly muddy at this time of year! To help children enjoy using it at lunchtime, please ensure they have named wellies in school. These can be stored straight onto the wellie racks outside when brought into school. Thank you for your continued support.

