

# Newsletter

## October 2025



### Message from the Headteacher

As we approach the October half-term holiday, it's a thanks from me for your support over what has been a really busy 8 weeks. Lots of hard work going on in school, as well as attendance that has improved for so many children. Please keep this going!

We hope you have an enjoyable week, and look forward to seeing you all at 8.40am on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

### Staffing Updates

We have several staffing updates to share with you. We'd like to extend our thanks and best wishes to **Mrs Binder** and **Mr Groombridge**, who are leaving Barrowcliff to begin new roles. Their hard work and commitment have been greatly appreciated, and they'll be missed by both staff and pupils. We wish them every success. We're also pleased to share some lovely news—congratulations to **Mrs Robertshaw**, who is expecting a baby in the new year!

### Attendance Matters!

Each term, we'll be recognising and rewarding the children who have met **all of our Attendance Targets** in a special assembly. We'll also be rewarding children for **Most Improved Attendance**.

It's **really important that we're informed if your child is going to be absent from school**. If we don't receive a reason, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised. **Repeated unauthorised absences** may be referred to the Local Authority, which can result in a fine. We appreciate your support in helping us maintain accurate attendance records.

We understand that children may occasionally need time off due to illness or medical appointments. Our attendance targets take this into account, and we aim for all pupils to achieve at least **96% attendance over the year**. This includes having **no unauthorised absences and no more than five late marks**. Regular attendance plays a key role in helping children make the most of their learning, and we appreciate your support in working towards this goal.

### School Menu Changes

We started the year with our new school menu, and children have been enjoying the different meals and puddings on offer. 'Tasters' of certain menu items have been taken round the classes giving children the opportunity to 'try before they buy', which has had a very positive impact. Following feedback from the children, **Lasagne will replace chilli con carne in week 2**. Also, at their request, **every Friday will be fish fingers**, rather than battered fish and salmon fishcake. An updated menu is attached to the back of the newsletter. We'll be starting the new term on **Week 3** of the menu cycle.

### Meal Prices:

- **£2.30 per day** (£11.50 per week) for junior children
- **£1.80 per day** (£9.00 per week) for nursery children
- **All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal**

If you are the parent of a junior child and think you may be entitled to free school meals, you can apply online: <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/education-and-learning/free-school-meals>

Due to a fault with the oven we have been unable to offer jacket potatoes regularly for the last couple of weeks. We are hopeful that this will be rectified as soon as possible after the half term break, and will keep you updated.

### **Busy Bees**

**Busy Bees Before & After School Club** continues to be popular and is often fully booked most evenings. To help us manage demand and ensure we can accommodate everyone safely, please make sure to book sessions in advance where possible. **Kindly note that any sessions not cancelled with at least 24 hours' notice are chargeable, and late collections will also incur an additional fee.** Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Busy Bees Before School session	£5.00 per child
Busy Bees After School session (till 4.15pm)	£5.00 per child
Busy Bees After School session (till 5.30pm)	£10.00 per child
Late collection fees	£5.00 per child (up to 15 mins late) £10.00 per child (up to 30 mins late)

### **Lost Property**

We already have a large number of uniform items and coats in our lost property box that are not named. Please ensure your child is equipped with the correct school uniform and that **all items are clearly named**. This helps us return lost items quickly and easily.

### **Poppy Appeal**

After the half-term break, we'll be supporting the Poppy Appeal by selling poppies and other Remembrance Day items throughout the first week back. Children will be able to purchase items during the school day, so please send them in with coins if they'd like to take part. Your support helps raise funds for a very important cause.

### **October Half Term Events**

**Halloween Stories** - The National Literacy Trust are collaborating with the Sparks project during half-term at Wreyfield Drive Methodist Church for 'Halloween Stories'. The session is open to families with children aged 0-5 and any older siblings. **It takes place on Tuesday 28th October, 1pm-3pm.**

**Gallows Close Centre Halloween Party** – for children aged 5-12 years. **Thursday 30th October 6-8pm.** Tickets cost £3 and are available by contacting Gallows on 01723 378102 or email [gallowsclosecentre@gmail.com](mailto:gallowsclosecentre@gmail.com) . Children must be accompanied by an adult.

**The Thalia-Beau Foundation** are hosting a Halloween Disco on **Tuesday 28th October** at Burniston & Cloughton Village Hall from 3pm-5pm, and a **Marine Drive Sunset Walk** on Saturday 1st November, from Taylor's Bar at 4.00pm. Further information on how to get tickets is on our School Story on ClassDojo.

School closes at **3.15pm** on Friday.

Busy Bees closes at **5.30pm**.

We hope you have a restful half term break and look forward to the children returning on **Monday 3rd November at 8.40am.**

## Dates for your Diary – Autumn Term

Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	3.15pm	<b>School closes for the half term holiday</b>
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	8.40am	<b>School reopens</b>
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> November		Poppy Appeal – poppies and Remembrance Day items on sale all week.
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	3.45-6pm	Parents Evenings Booking information to follow
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	3.45-6pm	Parents Evenings Booking information to follow
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	am <b>3.30 – 4.30pm</b>	Christmas Pantomime at The Spa Theatre (Year 1 – Year 6) <b>Christmas Fair</b>
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	9.00-10.20am	Christmas Stay & Play (Whole School inc. Nursery) 9.00am - Refreshments in the Hall 9.25am -10.20am – in classes
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	pm	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Party
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	pm	Year 3 & 4 Christmas Party
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	am/pm pm	Magic Mike Christmas Show Nursery & Reception, in the school hall Year 5 Christmas Party
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	pm	Year 6 Christmas Party
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	2.30pm	<b>School closes for the Christmas break at 2.30pm</b> <b>Busy Bees closes at 3.30pm</b>

# BARROWCLIFF SCHOOL

## AUTUMN TERM MENU

BAKED BREAD AVAILABLE DAILY DIETARY NEEDS CATERED FOR		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1	MAINS	SPAGHETTI BOLOGNESE CHEESE & TOMATO QUICHE	CHEESE & TOMATO PIZZA	CHICKEN KORMA VEGETABLE CHILLI	PORK SAUSAGES QUORN CHICKEN	FISH FINGERS VEGGIE PASTA BOLOGNESE
	SIDES & VEG	GARLIC BREAD PASTA SALAD MIXED SALAD COLESLAW	POTATO WEDGES SPAGHETTI HOOPS SWEETCORN	RICE NAAN BREAD SEASONAL VEG	MASHED POTATO YORKSHIRE PUDDING SEASONAL VEG GRAVY	CHUNKY CHIPS SEASONAL VEG
	DESSERTS	ICE CREAM, TRAYBAKE FRUIT OR YOGHURT	CAKE & CUSTARD, TRAYBAKE FRUIT OR YOGHURT	ICED SPRINKLE CAKE, TRAYBAKE FRUIT OR YOGHURT	RICE PUDDING, TRAYBAKE FRUIT OR YOGHURT	FRUIT SALAD, TRAYBAKE FRUIT OR YOGHURT
WEEK 2	MAINS	MACARONI CHEESE	CHICKEN IN GRAVY VEGETARIAN SAUSAGE	CHEESE & TOMATO PASTA	LASAGNE VEGETABLE CURRY	FISH FINGERS VEGGIE BURGER
	SIDES & VEG	GARLIC BREAD MIXED SALAD COLESLAW	ROAST POTATOES YORKSHIRE PUDDING SEASONAL VEG	SEASONAL VEG	NAAN BREAD MIXED SALAD COLESLAW	CHUNKY CHIPS SEASONAL VEG
	DESSERTS	FRUIT SALAD, TRAYBAKE FRUIT OR YOGHURT	ICED SPRINKLE CAKE, TRAYBAKE FRUIT OR YOGHURT	APPLE CRUMBLE & CUSTARD, TRAYBAKE FRUIT OR YOGHURT	ICE CREAM, TRAYBAKE FRUIT OR YOGHURT	CAKE & CUSTARD, TRAYBAKE FRUIT OR YOGHURT
WEEK 3	MAINS	CHICKEN WRAPS & DIPS VEGETABLE CHILLI	MINCED BEEF IN GRAVY VEGETARIAN SAUSAGE	CHEESE & TOMATO PIZZA	BEEF BURGER VEGGIE SPAGHETTI BOLOGNESE	FISH FINGERS VEGGIE BITES
	SIDES & VEG	RICE MIXED SALAD	MASHED POTATO YORKSHIRE PUDDING SEASONAL VEG	POTATO WEDGES SALAD & COLESLAW	MINI HERBIE POTATOES SEASONAL VEG	CHUNKY CHIPS SEASONAL VEG
	DESSERTS	ICE CREAM, TRAYBAKE FRUIT OR YOGHURT	CAKE & CUSTARD, TRAYBAKE FRUIT OR YOGHURT	FRUIT SALAD, TRAYBAKE FRUIT OR YOGHURT	OATY BISCUIT WITH CHEESE & GRAPES, TRAYBAKE FRUIT OR YOGHURT	ICED SPRINKLE CAKE, TRAYBAKE FRUIT OR YOGHURT
EVERY DAY	COLD CAFE	SANDWICH OPTIONS ALTERNATE WEEKLY BETWEEN HAM OR CHEESE, AND CHEESE OR TUNA ALL SERVED WITH A SELECTION OF SALAD AND COLESLAW				