BARCROFT NEWSLETTER

Friday 6th November 2026

Unlocking potential today for a brighter tomorrow

DIARY DATES

09.11.26 – 13.11.26
National Nursery Rhyme Week

13.11.26
Children in Need: 'The Great SPOTacular'

16.11.26 – 20.11.26
Anti-Bullying Week: 'Break the Silence'

17.11.26
Lighthouse MAT Quiz

20.11.26
Toy Donations for Christmas Fayre (non-uniform day)

27.11.26
Bottle Donations for Christmas Fayre (non-uniform day)

Further dates will be added to the Newsletter as we progress through the year.

Our Academy Rules

Be Safe
Be Kind
Be Ready to Learn

Headteacher Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful first week back after the half-term break! It has been lovely to welcome everyone back to Barcroft Academy and the children have certainly returned ready for another exciting half term of learning and opportunities.

On Wednesday, we enjoyed a very special Diwali Celebration Day. The children had a fantastic time taking part in drumming sessions, which were thoroughly enjoyed by everyone! They also got creative making a range of beautiful Diwali-inspired crafts and decorations. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate and learn about different cultures and traditions. Make sure you take a look at the lovely photographs later in this newsletter!

This week, we also introduced our new Barcroft Value – Thoughtful and Caring. During our assemblies, we explored what it means to show kindness, consideration and care towards others and how even the smallest thoughtful actions can make a big difference. We look forward to seeing our children demonstrate this important value throughout the half term.

Yesterday, some of our pupils had the exciting opportunity to take part in Lighthouse Multi-Academy Trust's yoga event. It is always lovely to see our children experiencing new activities, developing new skills and making the most of the opportunities available to them as part of our Trust.

We have another busy week ahead! On Wednesday, we will mark Armistice Day, taking time to reflect on and remember those who have served and sacrificed for our country. Our youngest children will also be enjoying National Nursery Rhyme Week, with lots of fun activities celebrating the joy of rhymes, singing and early language development.

Next Friday is Children in Need! You should have received a letter via email with details of our family donation and non-uniform day. Children are invited to come to school wearing yellow, spots or their own clothes as we come together to support this very worthwhile cause.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It has been a fantastic start to the new half term and I look forward to all the exciting things still to come!

Happy Diwali for those who celebrate and have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Locke
Headteacher



WEEKLY CLASS ATTENDANCE

Willows	Bumblebees	Ladybirds	Moons	Stars	1HE	1JH	2SB	2JH
50%	95.48%	91.11%	89.67%	93.33%	91.33%	91.38%	92.08%	95.2%
3JK	3EP	4SK	4SR	5AT	5RC	6ME	6BE	Whole School
99.23%	97.14%	98%	97%	95.17%	98.89%	97.42%	97.78%	95%

Lunch Menu

Week Beginning: Monday 9th November 2026

Monday	**Sausage Roll / Vegetarian Roll**
Tuesday	**Pasta Bolognese / Quorn Bolognese**
Wednesday	**Chicken Burger / Quorn Burger**
Thursday	**Pepperoni Pizza / Margherita Pizza**
Friday	**Oven Baked Fish / Macaroni Cheese**

Training Days 2026–2027

Our training days this academic year are:

Tuesday 1st September 2026

Friday 23rd October 2026

Monday 4th January 2027

Monday 1st February 2027

Monday 7th June 2027

Barcroft is a Nut-Aware School

To help keep children with nut allergies safe, Barcroft Academy is a Nut-Aware School.

We ask that parents and carers do not send nuts or products containing nuts into school, including in packed lunches, snacks or treats.

Thank you for helping us to keep our whole school community safe, healthy and included.



Children from Year 6 entered their work into Young Writers competition, A World of Wonder. Children were challenged with writing a poem, linking to the theme of the competition. Children independently planned and mapped their creative ideas and selected their own style of poetry. Young Writers have reached out to share that they would like to publish the children's poems in a book called "A World Of Wonder - Everyday Enchantment", which will be published on 11th January 2027.

Well done to Lilly-mae, Charan, Ariel, Kyle, Naankee, Sirat, Hosanna, Elodie, Lilly, Seerat, Alicia, Seerat and Imani.





Diwali Activities – A Celebration of Colour, Culture and Creativity!

On Wednesday, Barcroft Academy was filled with colour, creativity and celebration as our children enjoyed a Diwali Celebration Day!
The children had a fantastic time taking part in exciting drumming sessions, filling the academy with rhythm and energy! They also showed their creativity by making a wonderful range of Diwali-inspired crafts and decorations. It was a fantastic opportunity for our children to learn about and celebrate different cultures and traditions. Take a look at some of the wonderful photographs from our celebrations below!





















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Workshop







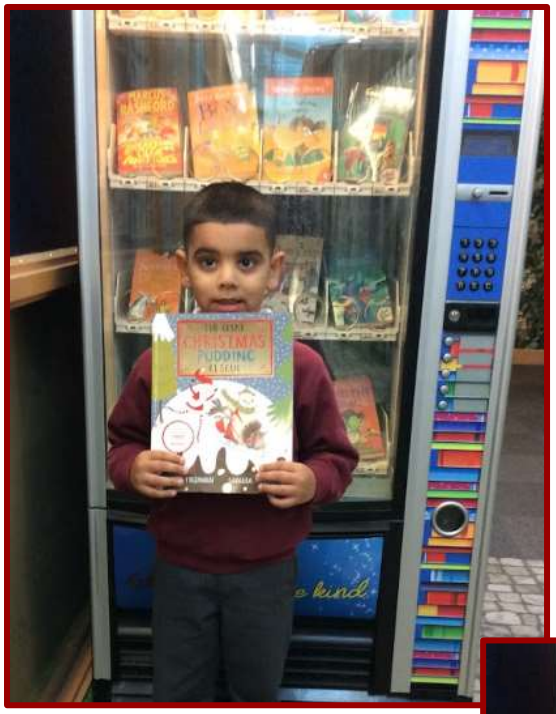




BARCROFT ACADEMY Star Reader

Star Reader was awarded to pupils who have been identified making super progress in their phonics or reading sessions. The books are also awarded to pupils who are reading for pleasure at home and recording their reading in their 'Reading Record Book'. The Star Readers received a golden token which they have used in our Reading Vending Machine to receive their book prize and 10 Barcoins.

Well done to: Aryan (1HE), Harry (3JK) and Baden (5AT)







Lighthouse Multi Academy Trust
Term Dates

2026/27 academic year

Autumn term 2026

- Term starts: Tuesday 1st September 2026
- Half term holiday: Monday 26th October 2026 to Friday 30th October 2026
- Term ends: Friday 18th December 2026

Spring term 2027

- Term starts: Monday 4th January 2027
- Half term holiday: Monday 15th February 2027 to Friday 19th February 2027
- Term ends: Thursday 25th March 2027

Summer term 2027

- Term starts: Monday 12th April 2027
- Half term holiday: Monday 31st May 2027 to Friday 4th June 2027
- Term ends: Wednesday 21st July 2027

2027/28 academic year

Autumn term 2027

- Term starts: Monday 6th September 2027
- Half term holiday: Monday 25th October 2027 to Friday 29th October 2027
- Term ends: Friday 17th December 2027

Spring term 2028

- Term starts: Tuesday 4th January 2028
- Half term holiday: Monday 14th February 2028 to Friday 18th February 2028
- Term ends: Friday 7th April 2028

Summer term 2028

- Term starts: Monday 24th April 2028
- Half term holiday: Monday 29th May 2028 to Friday 2nd June 2028
- Term ends: Tuesday 25th July 2028