



Barwic Parade Newsletter 23rd January 2026

Welcome back

Welcome back to our Spring term, although it doesn't feel quite like spring just yet!! This is a short term, but it promises to be a really fun and exciting one for the children. We have lots of wonderful opportunities planned, including our pupils taking part in Young Voices, an exciting journey to New Orleans through our Globetrotters learning, and a number of sporting events to look forward to. As always, we look forward to working closely with parents and carers to ensure that your children continue to make strong progress and, just as importantly, enjoy their learning.

Welcome back to our returning staff.

We are delighted to welcome back members of staff who have returned from maternity leave. Mrs Ault has returned to Year 1 and will be working three days per week, with Mrs Nutbrown continuing to teach the class on Thursdays and Fridays. Mrs Romain has also

returned to Year 6 and is working alongside Mrs Hind. It is wonderful to have them back with us and fully part of the team once again.

Dates for you Diary

| Date | Item |
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| Monday 26 th January | 3.30pm – Young voices Club |
| Wednesday 28 th January | 1pm – CIC review meeting SD SM – Recall and retention |
| Thursday 29 th January | BBC in school to talk to parents about the Barwic Pantry |
| Monday 2 nd February | 3.30pm – Young voices club – Cancelled 3.30pm Movie Night after school |
| Friday 6 th February | Dodgeball event at Selby College – KS1 |
| Monday 9 th February | Young voices concert – Sheffield Arena |
| Friday 13 th February | School closes at 3.30pm for Half term holiday |
| Monday 23 rd February | School opens |
| Monday 2 nd March | World Book week |
| Thursday 5 th March | World Book Day – Dress up day – More information to follow |
| Wednesday 11 th March | Parents evening |
| Thursday 12 th March | Parents evening |
| Friday 20 th March | Nerf Games event at Selby College |
| Thursday 26 th March | 9.30am Year 3/4 Performance to parents |

The last Young Voices club will be on 26th of February

Digital Art Club runs every Thursday from 3.30-4.30pm

Choir Club is Wednesday 3.30-4.30pm

Dodgeball for Year 2 children is on Tuesday 3.30-4.30pm

Phunky Foods club for Year 6 starts on 24th March and runs until 14th April

What Parents need to know about online bullying

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trained adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children. Should they feel the need, this guide covers the key issues which we believe should be covered. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guidance and advice for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about HOW TO COMBAT ONLINE BULLYING

Defined as "ongoing hurtful behaviour towards someone online", cyber-bullying makes its victims feel upset, uncomfortable and unsafe. In the digital world, it has numerous forms – such as hurtful comments on a person's posts or profile, deliberately leaving them out of group chats, sharing embarrassing images or videos of someone or spreading gossip about them. Cyber-bullying can severely impact a young person's mental health – so, in support of Anti-Bullying Week, we've provided a list of tips to help trusted adults know what to look for and how to respond to it.

- 1. GET CONNECTED**
Playing online games together with your child or connecting with them on social media (providing they're old enough) is not only fun but also an excellent opportunity to discuss things you've both seen or done online. We need to keep our eyes on who our child is communicating with in the digital world.
- 2. KEEP TALKING**
Regular chats with young people about their online lives of good practice in general, but the one who can be an excellent reference to help you to understand what your child is doing. It's important to reveal included with it's important to any parent/adult who people are aware and trust, and why passwords should always remain secret (even from our best friends).
- 3. STAY VIGILANT**
Observe your child when they're using technology. Look for any abnormality or sign of character? Possible signs of a problem may include:
 - Spending more time online than usual
 - Appearing nervous or angry when talking about online activities
 - Being secretive about their online life
 - Being angry or sad when talking about online activities
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- 4. MAKE YOURSELF AVAILABLE**
If an online bullying incident does occur, it's important to offer your child the support they need. This may include:
 - Encouraging them to report the incident to the relevant authority
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- 5. BE PREPARED TO LISTEN**
When conversations about online bullying do arise, please try to avoid being judgemental. Your child may be upset and you may not be able to help them, but listening and trying to show up to support them is a good start. If they haven't dealt with the situation in exactly the way you would have, that's okay.
- 6. EMPOWER YOUR CHILD**
Depending on their age, your child might not want a parent helping them. However, if they do, take it through their own words. There are many ways to help your child to feel safe online, such as:
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- 7. REPORT BULLIES ONLINE**
Cyber-bullying remains a crime through platforms or online games. If this is happening to your child, encourage them to report the incident to the relevant authority. Encourage them to report the incident to the relevant authority.
- 8. ENCOURAGE EMPATHY**
Protecting themselves online is a priority, of course, but your child might also be empowered to help if they witness other people being cyberbullied. Even if they don't feel safe enough to be seen online, they can still confidentially report the incident to the relevant authority.
- 9. SEEK EXPERT ADVICE**
Victims of online bullying frequently experience feelings of isolation and loneliness, even though they are surrounded by people. If you think that an incident of cyber-bullying has affected your child, please contact your local psychological support for them. There are lots of helpful contact details in the central panel below.
- 10. INVOLVE THE AUTHORITIES**
If the nature of any online bullying experience suggests that your child is genuinely in physical or mental danger, or if you have evidence of explicit images being shared as part of the bullying – then you should gather any relevant evidence and discuss it with your local police force.

FURTHER SUPPORT AND ADVICE
If you or your child need additional help with an online bullying issue, here are some specialist organisations that you could reach out to:
 Childline: talk to a trained counsellor on 0800 1111 or online at www.childline.org.uk (get support)
 National Bullying Helpline: counsellors are available on 0845 323 3787 or by emailing onlinebullyinghelpline@nhs.uk (during hours)
 The NSPCC: the children's charity has a guide to the signs of bullying of any kind and offers a helpline for cyberbullying and can be reached on 0800 800 8000

Meet Our Expert
Dr Claire Bethermond is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and worked as a researcher for the Australian government, completing a number of studies on the wellbeing behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

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Holiday Activities

Holiday Activities Inspire Youth Mobile Youth Club

Thursday 19th February 2026
 11.30–2pm @ Barwick Parade, YO8 8DL
 3–5pm @ Selby Leisure Centre, YO8 4BL

Offering various arts, crafts, games, PS5, sports and other activities alongside information, support, a safe space, (and much more!) for young people provided by qualified youth workers.

All welcome aged 8–14 free to attend

Refreshments included for all attending, see you there!

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www.inspireyouth.uk

Parking Outside School / Car Seats

The Community Support officers have been out and about carrying out spot checks on parking and checking car seats. They came into school to share that they had spoken to a number of families about not using the correct car seat or not using a car seat for their child.

I have attached a link for your information [Car Seat Safety](#)

I understand from a few families that parking enforcement have been out ticketing in the area. I understand the frustration, but the lines outside school are to protect our children. As always if you are driving to school, please make sure that you are parking in an appropriate spot and driving safely. We have had a number of reports of near misses when our children are crossing the road.

Why Attendance Matters at Barwic Parade

At Barwic Parade, we want every child to feel happy, confident and successful. Good attendance is a key part of this. When children are in school regularly, they make stronger progress, build secure friendships, and feel more settled in their routines. Even a few days off can interrupt learning, especially in reading, phonics and maths, where skills build day by day.

School isn't just lessons — it's OPAL play, clubs, trips, sports, music, friendships, careers activities, Thrive moments, and all the experiences that help children grow and develop. When children attend well, they take part in these opportunities fully and are better prepared for future learning.

We also know that good attendance is important for children's wellbeing. Being in school gives them structure, support and a sense of belonging. It's one of the strongest protective factors we can offer.

We understand that sometimes children are genuinely unwell, and we will always support families when this happens. If you ever have concerns or barriers affecting attendance, please talk to us early — Mrs Morris and Miss Secker are always here to help.

Working together, we can make sure every child has the best chance to thrive.

If your child is not in school, it is very important that you call and let us know. We will make contact with families if we have no reason for an absence as set out in our policy, if we can not make contact we will carry out a home visit in line with our safeguarding duty.

Our attendance figures are below national figures and we need to work with families to ensure that this improves to give our children the best education possible. We really appreciate your support in making sure that your child has good attendance.



Barwic Pantry

Barwic Pantry continues to be a success, so much so that the BBC will be here next week to hear all about it. This will be a radio piece, so I am hoping that some of you wonderful people will give 5 minutes of your time to share how you feel about the "Barwic Pantry" and how it helps to support you.