



Barncroft Primary School

Where learning comes to life!



School Brochure
2026-27



An inclusive school in which all children enjoy outstanding learning experiences, make good progress and leave as responsible citizens.

Welcome

The Governors and Staff of Barncroft Primary School welcome you.

Your children are the reason why we are all here. We will always try to ensure that your child is happy. As a parent myself, I fully understand that children's safety and wellbeing must always be the priority.

Our vision for Barncroft Primary School is to be a hive of learning where everybody challenges themselves and are nurtured to become confident and respectful members of the of the community with the skills they need to achieve their dreams.

I want Barncroft primary to be a place where learning comes to life. A place which provides children with hands-on experiences which they will remember.

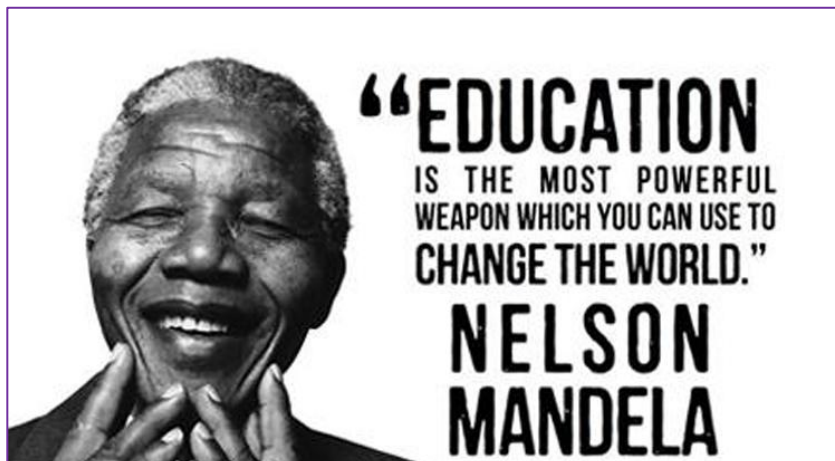
All the staff at Barncroft Primary are committed to giving the children the very best learning opportunities; we all want to do our best for the children. We want your child to be a motivated and enthusiastic learner who will be brave when learning and never afraid to try new things.

I strive to promote and support excellent practice within our school. The relationships between teachers, children and parents are fundamental to the success of the school. Working together, we can ensure that children enjoy their time at Barncroft, make good progress and leave us as responsible, mature young people, ready to make a valued contribution to society. My expectations of the children are very high. I expect all members of the school community to uphold the values of our school.

We look forward to a positive and successful relationship with you and your children so please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like to visit the school or have any queries.

Sara Petipher

Headteacher



Why choose Barncroft Primary School?

Our Learning Community consists of the children, parents, staff and governors. Everyone is encouraged to acquire the skills necessary for learning in order to become responsible and successful citizens in an ever-changing world.

- Our children are treated equally regardless of their background, race, ability or gender
- Staff and governors understand that they are also learners
- Children and adults treat each other with respect and kindness
- We work very hard to develop both positive conduct and learning behaviour in the children through a system of praise and reward for all
- The school is an inviting place with stimulating classrooms and brilliant facilities
- Children are given a range of learning experiences
- Children are encouraged to be independent and have confidence in themselves
- We work in partnership with parents to ensure that every child's learning needs are met

At Barncroft Primary School we recognise that the personal development of children- spiritually, morally, socially and culturally- plays a significant part in their ability to learn and achieve. We therefore aim to provide an education that provides children with opportunities to explore and develop:

- Their own values and beliefs
- Their own spiritual awareness
- Their own high standards of personal behaviour
- A positive, caring attitude towards other people
- An understanding of different social and cultural traditions
- An appreciation of the diversity and richness of their cultures

Our 5 Bs

We expect the highest standards of behaviour from the children. We have the 6Rs that apply to the whole school. Children are rewarded with house points if they demonstrate one of the 5Bs.

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The following 5Bs are values which are promoted throughout everything we do at Barncroft Primary School.

1. Be Kind
2. Be Resilient
3. Be Curious
4. Be Aspirational
5. Be Empowered



Governors

The school has a Governing Body who oversee the running of the school. The Chair of Governors is Paul Shaw.

Details about our Governing Body can be found on the school website and our governors can be contacted through the school office. Parents are represented on the Governing Body and from time-to-time vacancies arise. If you are interested in becoming a School Governor, please ask for more information.

Our parent governors are Michelle Andrews and Dmitry Oleynik.

Admissions

Who can come to our school?

Our school is for children between the ages of two and eleven. It is maintained by the Education Department of Hampshire County Council. A copy of our Admissions Policy can be found on the school website. The school has now taken over Barn Owls Pre-School.

When can my child start school?

Children reaching the age of 5 between the 1st September 2026 and the 31st August 2027 are admitted in September 2026. By law parents do not have to send their child to school until the term after their child's fifth birthday and are free to exercise that right.

Children coming to school should:

Be able to use the toilet independently

Have some independence in dressing and eating

Be able to communicate their needs

School Uniform

Please name all your child's clothing.

Boys	Girls
Grey/black trousers (shorts in the summer term)	Grey/black skirt, pinafore dress or trousers
White, yellow or purple polo shirt	White, yellow or purple polo shirt
Purple sweatshirt or fleece	Yellow or Lilac check dresses
Sensible enclosed black shoes /black trainers	Purple cardigan, sweatshirt or fleece
Black shorts and Yellow t-shirt and a pair of black plimsolls or black trainers for PE	Sensible enclosed black shoes /black trainers
Swim kit - towel and trunks	Black shorts and Yellow t-shirt and a pair of black plimsolls or black trainers for PE
	Swim kit - towel and one-piece swimsuit
	No bikinis

All pupils are expected to wear school uniform. The uniform has been chosen so that it is reasonably inexpensive to purchase and easy to obtain. A high standard of appearance is usually an indication of personal pride and responsibility.

A plain black tracksuit may be worn for PE in colder weather.

Use the links below to order our Barncroft Uniform, which can be sent directly to your home address or you can visit the SkoolKit store in Havant

Skoolkit – www.skoolkit.co.uk

Brigade -<https://www.brigade.uk.com/parents/school/BA7591PD/>

Children from Year R- Year 2 should bring a book bag to school. Children from Year 3 up can bring a small backpack if they would prefer.

Can my child wear jewellery?

If your child has pierced ears **only one pair of stud earrings** can be worn. Children are **not allowed** to wear earrings for swimming or PE so they must be able to remove their earrings themselves for these lessons or not wear them on that day. We will let you know PE and swimming days in advance.

The school can take no responsibility for loss of jewellery in school.

How can my child wear their hair?

We ask that your child has no extreme hairstyles – no shaved patterns or Mohicans; hair should not be anything less than a Grade 2; long hair should be tied back and hair must not be coloured.

Can my child wear nail varnish or temporary tattoos to school?

Children are not permitted to wear nail varnish or false nails to school, nor are they allowed to wear temporary tattoos. Any child who comes into school wearing nail polish, false nails or a temporary tattoo may have them removed.

Can my child bring a mobile phone to school?

Children in Years 5 and 6 may bring a mobile phone to school but only if they walk home alone. The phone is to be left at the office during the day for safe keeping. Children in Years R, 1, 2, 3 and 4 should not bring a mobile phone to school.

School Hours

The school gates are open between 8.30am and 8.50am and between 3pm and 3.30pm. The class room doors **open** at 8.35am with children expected to start the school day at 8.45am. The end of the school day is 3.15pm.

School Meals

All children in Years R, 1 & 2 can have a Universal Free School Meal as part of the Government scheme.

Every child can have a free school dinner but if you are entitled to the benefits that give you free school meals outside of this scheme, we need you to register online at

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/freeschoolmeals/juniorsecondary> then select 'Check to see if you are eligible for Free School Meals'. Alternatively, you can come to the school office and they will be happy to help you. The school receives additional funding for every child registered for Free School Meals.

For children in Years 3-6, a two-course meal is available at a cost of £3.35 a day. Meals must be order from home by 8.55 daily using SchoolGrid.

A child is eligible for free school meals if their parent or carer receives one or more of the following benefits:

Income Support

Income-based Job Seekers' Allowance

Income-related Employment and Support Allowance

Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit

Child Tax Credit, provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit, and have an annual gross income, of no more than £16,190 as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (Parents who are made redundant or start working less than 16 hours per week, may find their children are entitled to free meals for a limited period).

Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)

No other benefits qualify for free school meals from Year 3 onwards.

Children may bring a packed lunch to school in a named container.

We have a strict policy on packed lunches: no nuts, fizzy drinks, energy drinks, sweets, chocolate, chocolate spread or junk food allowed.

Does my child need to bring a drink?

YR will be provided with a water bottle when they start school. The YR teachers will keep the bottles in class and clean.

Y1 – Y6 parents are asked to provide a water bottle for your child. They are encouraged to drink freely throughout the day. The school keep the bottles in school and clean and disinfect them weekly.

Who looks after my child at lunchtime?

We are fortunate to have a full team of lunch staff who will look after the children during the lunch period. They supervise the children whilst they eat their lunch and look after them on the playground, often playing games with them.

Wraparound Care YR – Y6

Do you have a Breakfast Club?

Our Breakfast Club is called Early Birds and is open from 7.30am and costs £2.75 - £3.85 a day, depending on whether you start at 7.30am or 8am. The children can have a range of breakfast foods and a hot or cold drink. There are supervised activities and games for the children until the start of the school day. Last entry for Breakfast Club is at 8.30am. All sessions must be pre ordered and paid via Arbor.

Do you have an After-School Club?

Our Night Owls club provides after school care from 3.15 - 6pm at a cost of £9.35 per session, including a snack. You can also collect your child at 4.30pm for a reduced cost of £4.40 This session does not include a snack. Children can attend a teacher run club and then attend Night Owls until 6pm at a cost of £4.95 this includes a snack. This must be pre ordered and paid via Arbor.

Absence from School

What do I do if my child is unwell?

Please contact the school as soon as possible if your child is unwell and unable to attend school. The school office opens at 8.00am each morning or you can leave a message on the telephone system Option 1. You are also able to notify us of absences via your child's Arbor account or via the attendance email attendance@barncroftprimary.hants.sch.uk. Please contact the school on each day your child is absent due to illness.

If your child is absent and you have not informed the office, you will be contacted to see why your child is not in school. We will always endeavor to support parents who find it difficult getting their children into school. If you are experiencing any difficulties, then please do not hesitate to contact either the office.

If you are not always certain if your child needs to stay home, please contact the school office and we can advise you as to whether your child can come into school.

Where possible, always make your child's doctors or dental appointments outside of school hours. Should your child have an appointment during the school day, then a copy of the appointment card is required.

If your child has sickness or diarrhoea, they should not return to school until they have stopped bouts of sickness or diarrhoea for a minimum of 48 hours and must have eaten at least two meals with no after effects before they return.

The school telephone number is: 02392 482331

What do I do if there is another reason for my child to be away from school?

For any other time away from school permission must be sought from the Headteacher. Unauthorised absences will be marked on your child's record. From September 2024 regulations on attendance have been tightened. Please see our policy on attendance which is available on our website or on request from the office.

Can I book a holiday in term time?

The Governors no longer approve requests for holiday or leave of absence during the school term. Therefore, any holidays will be recorded as unauthorised. In extremely exceptional circumstances, absences may be granted at the discretion of the Headteacher.

Lateness

The school is required to monitor a child's lateness. It is a legal requirement for children to arrive at school on time. Children who arrive after registration need to come to the school office to be signed in; they will be marked as late. Children who arrive after the close of the register will be recorded as having an unauthorised absence.

Your child's attendance and education are important to us.

Attendance does affect your child's progress.

It is very hard for your child to catch up and maintain their standard of learning whilst constantly missing lessons.

1 day a week away from school equals 39 days a year.

That is a whole half a term of their learning lost!

Equally, 15 minutes late every day equals one whole lesson lost every week.

If you know that your child is going to be late for registration, please notify the school office on 02392 482331 or email the attendance@barncroftprimary.hants.sch.uk. Also notify the office of any morning medical or dental appointments that your child may have.

How is the School Organised?

The school is organised into three phases, Reception and Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3, and Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6. We have two classes in each year group, apart from three classes in Year 6.

A qualified teacher and a learning support assistant work in each class.

Reception children follow the Foundation Curriculum and children in Years 1 to 6 follow the National Curriculum.

What is the Foundation Stage?

Reception is a key time in a child's education in which the foundations for their learning journey are put into place. At Barncroft Primary School, we fully believe that in the Early Years, children learn best through play. This style of active learning encourages children to develop key skills such as speaking, listening, thinking and problem solving. Our highly skilled teachers plan for opportunities to further children's learning through play in all 7 areas of the EYFS including communication and language, physical development, personal, social and emotional development, Literacy, Maths, understanding the world and expressive art and design.

What will the children do in Key Stage 1 and 2?

We provide the children with an interesting and stimulating curriculum. Through this the children will learn to:

Listen carefully

Speak clearly with confidence

Read for pleasure and to obtain information

Write clearly and legibly

Use mathematics in everyday life

Investigate scientific concepts

Understand how information technology can support learning

Find out about the environment and the wider world

Understand that there is a huge amount of diversity in our world

Develop agility and co-ordination through physical experiences

Be creative through music, art and dance

How is the curriculum organised?

The teachers work together in year group teams to plan the curriculum. The majority of the work is planned through topics. Our curriculum maps are available on the website.

The children will have a mix of whole class teaching, group teaching and individual teaching.

The children will experience a range of opportunities to enable them to develop as a learner.



Frequently Asked Questions

How can I help my child?

We expect you to support your child in their learning by:

Listening to them read every day

Helping them with homework

Engaging him/her in meaningful conversations about the world and their place in it

Understanding and supporting the school's Behaviour Policy

The teachers and support staff are always happy to meet with you to discuss any concerns you may have.

What will happen if my child finds learning tricky?

All children with Special Educational Needs, whether they are cognitive, emotional or physical, are welcome at this school. The school employs an Inclusion Leader who oversees the education of children with additional needs. The Inclusion Leader liaises with outside agencies such as Educational Psychology, Speech Therapy and Physiotherapy.

Our Special Educational Needs Policy is available on the website.

Will I be kept informed of my child's progress?

We have meetings with parents in the Autumn and Spring terms. You will receive a formal report about your child's progress across the curriculum at the end of the academic year.

At the end of Year 1, all children complete the National Phonics Test. The results of these tests will be made available to you.

At the end of Year 4, all children take a multiplication check which tests their knowledge of the times tables up to 12 x 12.

At the end of Year 6 children will sit national statutory tests (SATs). These tests are marked externally and the results are made available to you in July.

It is hoped that the majority of children will reach End of Key Stage Expectations in Year 2 and Year 6.

Reception Teachers complete a profile on your child during their Reception Year. The results of this will also be shared with you.

Can I help in school?

We welcome parents into school to help in classes. Please let us know if this is something you are interested in and we can send you the relevant paperwork to complete.

How can I support the school?

We welcome parents and carers to take an active role in the life school, such as being part of the Friends of Barncroft Association.

Will there be any extra expenses?

From time to time the children will go on school trips or we may have visitors who come into school to deliver workshops. We will let you know in good time of any trips so payment can be

made in instalments via Arbor if desired. No child will be denied the opportunity to go on a trip because of financial issues.

What happens if my child is hurt or unwell at school?

We keep a record of any accidents that occur during the school day. If your child has bumped their head, children will bring home a note or you will receive a phone call or message (via email or by the Arbor In-App message) to advise you of this.

If your child has a serious accident, we will contact you immediately. If we are unable to contact you, the Headteacher or other senior staff will arrange for two staff members to take your child to casualty.

If your child appears to be unwell one of our registered First Aiders will check them. If they have any concerns you will be telephoned and asked to collect your child.

We realise that many people change their phone numbers on a regular basis. **Please update your details via the Arbor App so there is no delay should we need to contact you in an emergency.**

My child has asthma

If your child has asthma, please let us know by updating your child's medical conditions on the Arbor App giving us details on their treatment. You will also be required to complete Asthma Action Plan. We keep all asthma inhalers in your child's classroom for easy access. We do not keep the brown asthma inhalers in school, as these should only need to be administered twice a day.

My child has allergies

Please update your child's Arbor App detailing any known medically advised allergies. This is particularly important as your child may taste or handle food or materials as part of a topic.

If your child has a diagnosed food allergy you need to advise SchoolGrid of this and they will contact you directly.

Do you have a School Nurse?

The school nurse visits regularly. They are happy to talk through any concerns that parents may have and can be contacted via the school office or via the Home School Link 079 2987 6027 section on the school website.

What do you do about head lice?

Parents are responsible for checking their children's hair. Parents tell us that the best way of controlling head lice is to comb the hair through with conditioner using a nit comb on a regular basis. If you find lice or nits in your child's hair, please inform the school office.

Is my child safe in school?

We take safety very seriously. Our classroom doors cannot be opened from the playground and all other entrances are locked during the day and can only be opened from inside the school or by key or fob.

All visitors to the school are requested to sign in. We do not permit visitors or parents to enter the school without supervision.

Members of staff are outside when the gates are open. Members of the public are not permitted to walk through the grounds during the day and will be challenged if seen.

We think it is important that the children are brought to school and collected by a responsible person in Years R, 1, 2 and 3. There is always a staff member on duty at each of our entrances in the morning to see the children into school. Teachers will release the children to you in the playground at the end of the day. Please do not crowd around the doors as it makes it difficult for the children to exit the classroom safely.

You will be asked to provide a list of the people who are authorised to collect your child via your Arbor app. If for some reason you are not able to come, please telephone the school. We will look after your child until you or an authorised person arrives to collect them. The children are taught to wait with their teacher if they cannot see the person who collects them, so if you are unable to contact us, they will stay with their teacher until 3.25pm, when they will be brought up to wait in the School Reception area. We will also need to know if your child walks home alone. This is an option in Years 4, 5 and 6.

Children may only leave school during the day if collected by their parents or someone authorised by you.

Can I park my car on the School Site?

Parents are not allowed to park in the car park, as there simply is not room for your cars. You are of course welcome to park if you have a blue disabled badge. We do ask you to park sensibly on the street with due regard to traffic markings and the driveways of our neighbours.



Smoking or vaping is not permitted on site nor should dogs be brought within the school grounds. We also ask that you refrain from swearing or using aggressive language whilst within the school grounds.

<i>Policies</i> All policies are available on our website at: www.barncroftprimary.co.uk/policies	<i>School Contact Details</i> Email: admin@barncroftprimary.hants.sch.uk Telephone 02392 482331 Website: www.barncroftprimary.co.uk/
Any other numbers that I should know? The Headquarters of the Education Authority are at The Castle, Winchester. Telephone number: 01962 841841	