Barncroft Primary School

Where learning comes to life!



School Brochure

2026-27

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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.

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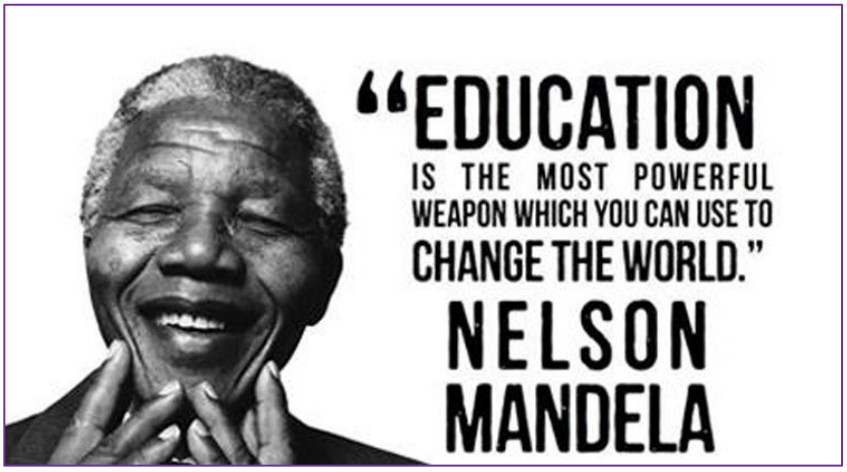
I want Barncroft primary to be a place where learning comes to life. A place which provides children with hands-on experiences which they will remember.

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 Mason



Why choose Barncroft Primary School?

Our Learning Community consists of the children, parents, staff and governors.

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 attitudes and learning behaviour in the children through a system of respect 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

Barncroft follows The Good Morning Club approach to behaviour, emotional, literacy, self-regulation, relationships and engagement. This helps us to be an inclusive school where well-being is at the heart.

We are proud to be a Voice 21 School which means that we are committed to improving children's speaking, listening and communication skills rather than treating speaking and listening as something that simply happens naturally in lessons. Oracy is embedded into our teaching curriculum and culture.

Our 5 Bs

We expect the highest standards of learning and behaviour from the children. We have our 5Bs that apply to the whole school.

Each child has a 5B card, and they collect stamps when they demonstrate one of the values when their card is full, they trade it for a cuddly toy of their choice.

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 Dmitry Oleynik and Amba Wooldrige

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.

When can my child start school?

Children reaching the age of 5 between the 1st September 2027 and the 31st August 2028 are admitted in September 2027. 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 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 or visit https://www.skoolkit.co.uk/school-uniform/1367	Brigade or visit 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.

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 handed into their class teacher 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 classroom 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

Children may bring a home packed lunch into 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.

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

If you are entitled to the benefits that give you free school meals from Year 3 onwards, we need you to register online using the QR code

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 ordered from home by 8.55 am daily using SchoolGrid.

Free school meals are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

A pupil is only eligible to receive a free school meal where both:

- a claim for this support has been made
- their eligibility has been verified by the school where they are enrolled or by the local authority

Households may also be entitled to a meal if they:

- are in receipt of income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- receive the guarantee element of Pension Credit
- meet criteria set out in separate guidance for families with no recourse to public funds

Targeted Free School Meals

Children from households in receipt of Universal Credit with annual household earnings of £7,400 or less (the existing threshold for FSM prior to the expansion), will be eligible for targeted FSM. In addition to receiving free meals, pupils eligible for targeted FSM will attract pupil premium and other disadvantage funding for their schools.

Pupil premium and other disadvantage funding is currently allocated in respect of pupils who are recorded in school census returns as eligible for FSM, or have been recorded as eligible for FSM in the past 6 years (referred to as Ever 6 FSM). From the start of the 2026 to 2027 academic year, Ever 6 FSM will be based on targeted FSM. This cohort is also used for accountability purposes.

Other education entitlements previously linked to eligibility for FSM, such as the Holiday Activities and Food programme (HAF) and the 'extended rights' element of school travel assistance, will also continue to be based on targeted FSM.

Households qualifying for free meals because they are in receipt of support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 will also be eligible for targeted FSM.

Households in receipt of Income-related Employment and Support Allowance or the guarantee element of Pension Credit or households with families with no recourse to public funds (NRPF) may also be eligible for targeted FSM.

Expanded Free School Meals

Children from households in receipt of Universal Credit, with annual household earnings exceeding £7,400 will be entitled to expanded FSM (meals only).

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

Does my child need to bring a drink?

All parents are asked to provide a water bottle for your child. They are encouraged to drink freely throughout the day.

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 – YR6

Do you have a Breakfast Club?

Our Breakfast Club is called Early Birds and is open from 7.30am and costs £1.50 - £2.50 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. Our Free Breakfast club starts at 8:15am.

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 report an absence on your child's Arbor account directly. There is also an attendance email attendance@barncroftprimary.co.uk

Or leave a message on the telephone system Option 1. 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 or Miss Burgess, our Home School Link Worker.

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

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit https://qrco.de/minfec

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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 August 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?

We no longer approve requests for holidays during the school term. Therefore, any holidays will be recorded as unauthorised.

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. Also notify the office of any morning medical or dental appointments that your child may have.

How is the School Organised?

Our leadership team is made up of Mrs Mason (HT), Mrs Chamber (DHT) Mrs Walsh (ADHT) and Mrs Walker (Inclusion Lead). Learning assistants support children across the school dependant on need. We have a Pre-School and two classes in each year group, apart from three classes in Year 5.

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 home learning

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

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.

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?

During the school day, accidents are recorded on your child's Arbor account. Lunchtime accidents are recorded separately in the lunchtime first aid book.

If your child bumps their head and we feel further medical attention may be required, we will contact you immediately. At the end of the school day, details of any accidents recorded on Arbor will be sent to you by email. For lunchtime accidents, your child will bring home an orange slip.

If your child has a serious accident, we will contact you straight away. If we are unable to reach you, the Headteacher or another senior member of staff will arrange for two members of staff to accompany your child to hospital if necessary.

If your child appears unwell during the school day, one of our trained First Aiders will assess them. If they have any concerns, you will be contacted and asked to collect your child.

It is very important that your contact details are kept up to date. Please update any changes via the Arbor App to avoid delays should we need to contact you in an emergency. We also require at least two emergency contacts for every child.

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 an 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.

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 Worker 07929 876022 who can book you an appointment at the clinics.

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, 3 and 4. 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 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 and/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.

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