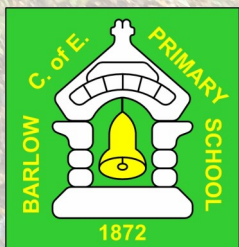


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BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

We currently offer before school care from 8 a.m. Monday to Wednesday. After school club is available on Monday and Tuesday until 5p.m. Choir and sports clubs will be available once everything returns to greater normality.

Learning and Growing in the Grace of God



'Teachers model the enjoyment of knowledge and this makes pupils enthusiastic to understand more.'

OFSTED, September 2018



'Staff ask pupils good questions that make them think.'

OFSTED, September 2018



Welcome to our school. We are a good school where our children achieve well and their personal development is outstanding. We aim to ensure each child achieves their full potential, gaining confidence and experiencing success along the way.

We are sorry we are not open as normal for you to visit, but please call us and we are happy to talk to you about why our small, friendly school could be a good fit for your child.

Mrs. Penny Watkin
Headteacher

Learning and Growing in the Grace of God

Music

We offer a variety of musical experiences for the children both in and out of class. As well as the curriculum music lessons throughout the school, each child has the opportunity to learn a musical instrument as part of the whole class wider opportunities programme in Upper Key Stage Two. We also regularly take part in Young voices , forming part of a choir of over 4000 children at Sheffield Arena.

Forest School

Mrs Ryan and Mrs Feeney are fully accredited level 3 forest school practitioners. Every child in school attends forest school sessions in our own private woodland kindly loaned to the school by local farmer, Rob Pearson.



"Forest school helps children learn and grow while having fun. You can build things out of sticks, mud and imagination."

Sport

We are part of the Chesterfield School Sports Partnership (SHAPE). This enables us to participate in many different sporting activities together with other local schools. As a small school, we can ensure a high proportion of our children are able to participate regularly and every child will access out of school activities with SHAPE.

Even in current times, we are taking part in festivals in our own school grounds organised by the experts at SHAPE.

Our older children train to be mini-leaders and run playtime activities. Our Bronze Sports Ambassadors support staff in setting up Sporting Events and competitions for the other children as well as running initiatives to make the school more active.

Remote Learning

Our children have access to two online platforms Purple Mash and Active Learn where teachers can allocate work and children can upload photos of completed work. We also put learning on the website. Please check the home learning button to see what has been delivered over recent closure periods. Most recently, we have offered live English and Maths lessons for our oldest children whilst they were self-isolating at home.

We hold the Gold Kite mark for School Games.

Welcome to our school

We are a small village primary school serving the community of Barlow and beyond. Our children come from Barlow, Chesterfield and the surrounding area. Our talented staff team know the children well and work hard to help the children achieve their very best.

We are situated on the B6051 on the way from Chesterfield to Owlver Bar overlooking fields and woodland. There is plenty of on road parking and we also make use of the facilities at the Village Hall. There are three classes in school, currently arranged as Ru- (Reception, Y1 and Y2 with two teachers), Emerald (Y3 and Y4) and Sapphire (Y5 and Y6).

Our school curriculum is organised around topics, which include key skills and knowledge in History, Design and Technology, Geography and Art. Maths, English, R.E. and Science are taught discretely. Computing skills are taught individually and linked into other subjects wherever possible.

In end of Key Stage assessments, our children achieve in line with and above children of similar age nationally as well as making good progress.

'staff ...work together closely to ensure that pupils are cared for and achieve well'
OFSTED 2018

We are a Church school

We are proud of our association with our Parish church, St Lawrence, Barlow. Each day in school, all the children gather for Collective Worship led by both staff and children. This is focussed around a different Christian value each half term. Recently, these have included Generosity and Forgiveness. We consider these values for life and encourage children of all faiths (or no faith) to respect and understand the beliefs of others.

"Pupils take seriously the trust that is afforded in them. They are proud of the contributions that they make to decision making and the smooth running of the school." *Church School Inspection June 2019*



"The teachers go over questions with me and if I've found them hard, they'll somehow make me understand."

"The teachers are always there for me when I need them."