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A look back at...

The Spring Term

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

With Easter approaching, we hope everyone enjoys a well-earned break filled with rest, family time, and a chance to recharge. Before we enjoy our holiday we want to take this time to reflect on some of the experiences and achievements our students have had this half term.

Mrs Gardner



The Senior Leadership Team

KEY DATES for next half term

15.4.26 & 16.4.26: Annie Production

15.4.26: Year 10 Army in School Experience

22.4.26: Year 9 Vaccinations

7.5.26: Year 9 Options & Exam Skills Evening

8.5.26: GCSE exams begin

25.5.26 - 29.5.26: May Half Term

CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS

Lego Legends

Our students have done it again, bringing home another fantastic result in the LEGO League competition. This time, they impressed the judges with their creativity and engineering skills, earning the award for Best Robot Design. Their hard work, teamwork, and problem-solving really shone through, and we couldn't be prouder of what they've achieved.

A huge well done to every student involved, as well as the staff who supported them along the way. It's brilliant to see their dedication turning into such well-deserved success.



The Lego team brought home the trophy; our trophy cabinet is filling up!



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Pedal Power: Year 7 Welcome Greg James as He Rides Through Barlby

Red Nose Day brought an extra buzz to Barlby High this year as Greg James cycled past the school on his challenge route. Look North were on site to interview some of our students, capturing their excitement and energy. Staff and students lined the front of our school, waving and cheering in the sunshine as Greg rode by; a brilliant moment of community spirit.

Our Year 7 students were an absolute credit to the school. They behaved impeccably throughout and represented Barlby High brilliantly, showing enthusiasm, respect, and real pride in being part of the event.



Year 7, in their red noses, wave their banners at Greg James

Year 11 Grippled by Tom Talks' Hard-Hitting Assembly

Our Year 11 students took part in a powerful and thought-provoking assembly led by Tom Talks, who shared an honest and relatable message about mental health. Through personal stories and practical advice, Tom encouraged students to recognise the importance of speaking up, supporting one another, and taking small steps toward wellbeing. His down-to-earth approach resonated strongly with the year group and offered a timely reminder that no one has to face challenges alone.



Year 11 with Tom and Mrs Johnson in the Hall after the assembly

Breakfast of Champions: Celebrating Reading Plus Stars

Our Reading Plus superstars enjoyed a very special treat as they were joined by the Principal and Miss Hardcastle for a celebratory breakfast. The students were recognised for their outstanding effort, determination and impressive progress in Reading Plus and the morning was filled with smiles, chatter and



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well-earned pride. They were even visited by the Easter Bunny!



Top Readers breakfasting with the Principal

Confidence in Action: Year 10 Shine in Speak Out Workshop

A small group of our Year 10 students took part in a speaking and confidence workshop this week, where they focused on expressing their views clearly and developing strong presentation skills. They were fantastic throughout the session — engaged, thoughtful, and eager to challenge themselves.



Their positive attitude and professionalism shone through, and they represented the school brilliantly. We're incredibly proud of the confidence they showed and the progress they made.

The Easter Bunny hops in to celebrate Sparx Superstars



Year 11 topping the leaderboard for Sparx revel in their success with the 'Easter Sparx Bunny'

Well done to all our top Sparx students! With record numbers of students reaching 100% completion this half term the number of prizes has more than doubled! Year 11 are currently taking the top spot, with Year 7 a close second place.

Sparx Games on a Friday lunchtime, such as the Wheel of Sparx, are thrilling students and staff alike. Flurries of the most converted prizes of Queue-Jump Passes and Respect Cards have been won this half term, and the end of term Easter egg prizes have gone down a treat!

Keep up the hard work and don't forget that Mr McNaught-Roberts runs Sparx Homework Club every Tuesday in S7 at lunchtime.



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Being #InToWin!: 25 to Thrive

Spring 2 was the shortest half term of the academic year and we wanted to use this as an incentive to boost student attendance and bring additional joy to tutor time each day!

We are delighted by our students' reactions to 25 to Thrive, our half term attendance challenge! Each day, students who were #InToWin had a chance of being selected by the random name generator to win an attendance tasty treat, a present from the #BrilliantAtBarlby prize box or the Principal's prize box! We know that nothing makes more of a difference to achievement than attendance so we also rewarded students who achieved 100% attendance each week with double achievement points and they were entered into a prize draw to win an Amazon voucher!

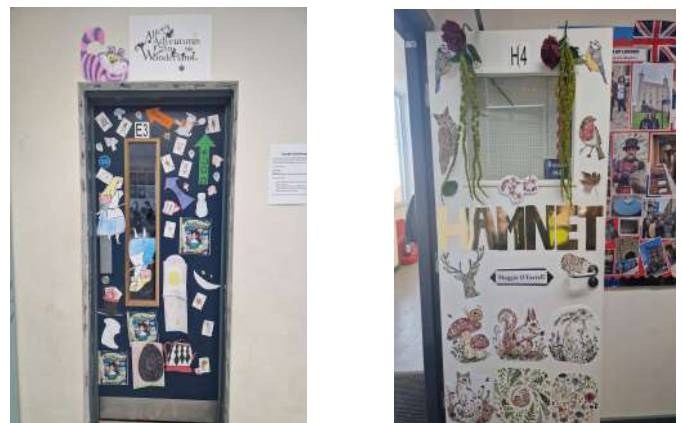
We finished the term with a special prize draw for any students who achieved a 'full house' on our challenge. Well done to all our winners and remember that #AttendanceMatters! Watch out for our next attendance challenge and #BelnToWin!



World Book Day

Staff and students came together to celebrate World Book Day in literary style.

Students enjoyed a full day immersed in reading, exploring new stories and revisiting old favourites. Our staff added to the excitement by dressing up as popular book characters, sparking brilliant conversations about the stories that inspire them.





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The library was buzzing with a range of activities throughout the day, and form room doors were transformed with creative displays inspired by beloved books. It was a joyful celebration of imagination, reading, and the power of stories to bring our school community together.



Barlby staff dressed up to celebrate reading on World Book Day

GOOD LUCK MESSAGES FOR YEAR 11

As you begin your exams, we want you to know how incredibly proud we are of everything you've achieved so far. You've worked hard, shown real determination, and grown so much this year. Now is your moment to show what you can do.

Remember:

- Believe in yourself
- Trust the effort you've put in
- Take each exam one step at a time
- And keep your head held high

You are more prepared than you think, and we're all behind you every step of the way. Go in with confidence and give it your very best.

Good luck, Year 11! You've got this.

Mrs Gardner

It only feels like yesterday since you all started here and now it's time for your exams! I want to wish you lots of luck - you can do this! You know where I am if you need me - anytime.

Mrs Sergeant

Good luck Year 11. Hard work pays off so go and give it your all then you can enjoy the long summer holiday ahead.

Miss Rafton

To our Year 11 Mathematicians

As you approach your maths exams, we want to wish each and every one of you the very best of luck.

You've put in the hard work; now is the time to stay calm, trust your knowledge, and take each question one step at a time. Remember to read carefully, show your working clearly, and keep going even if a question feels challenging at first (remember method and processing marks).

Success in Maths isn't about getting everything perfect, it's about thinking logically, staying resilient, and giving your best effort throughout.

We are incredibly proud of the commitment you've shown. Believe in yourselves, you are more prepared than you think.

Good luck from Team Maths



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Hope all goes well with all your exams-remember to show all your working out and show the examiners how good you are

Mrs Sanderson

Stay focused and you'll open the gift of choice for your future :)

Mrs Lister

"Go forth with courage, for the stars themselves seem poised to favour your bold endeavour. Good fortune attend you on every step."

Miss Day

"Good luck all Sociologists, you can't change the past but you can change your future, remember success doesn't come to you, you go to it" work hard and give the next 6 weeks everything you have got. Keep your heads held high and reach for the STARS! I am so proud of you!

Mrs Milne

Good Luck Y11!

You've worked so diligently and have come so far - you're going to smash it!

It has been a privilege to be a part of your journey at Barlby.

Ms McMullan

It has been so good to get to know you in the last few months and I cannot believe that your time to shine is almost here. Remember Year 11, you get nothing for a blank space so go in there and give it your best - if you do that, you will be able to look back and have no regrets. Go and smash it - I know you will be #BrilliantAtBarlby 🍊

Mrs Welsh

Good Luck Year 11 and 'Team Geography'. Remember that you can't let the examiner presume anything. Use specific detail, facts and figures for every answer possible. Refer to the diagrams, maps and pictures whenever they are given to you and use your case study examples whenever you can - and definitely when the question asks for an example. #TopGeoggers!!

Mr Anderson

Year 11, you have been an amazing year group and I am incredibly proud of how so many of you have approached your revision. 18 school days from our return after Easter is the first written GCSE exam and 40 school days after we come back is the final exam, after which you will leave us and become our alumni, the Barlbarians! Tempus fugit, so carpe diem and don't forget to always stay in One Nice Line!

Mr McNaught-Roberts