BARCROFT NEWSLETTER

Friday 23rd October 2026

Unlocking potential today for a brighter tomorrow

DIARY DATES

01.10.26 – 31.10.26
Black History Month

26.10.26 – 30.10.26
HALF TERM

02.11.26
Pupils return after the half term holiday.

06.11.26
Sibling School Photos and Retakes

09.11.26 – 13.11.26
National Nursery Rhyme Week

12.11.26
Nursery Communication and Language / Smile Workshop

13.11.26
Children in Need: 'The Great SPOTacular'

16.11.26 – 20.11.26
Anti-Bullying Week: 'Break the Silence'

Further dates will be added to the Newsletter as we progress through the year.

Our Academy Rules

Be Safe
Be Kind
Be Ready to Learn

Headteacher Message

Dear Parents Carers,

What a fantastic final week of our first half term! It has been a busy and exciting few weeks at Barcroft Academy, and there is certainly plenty to celebrate as we head into the half-term break.

Firstly, a huge congratulations to Stars and 3EP, who were our half-term attendance champions and enjoyed their well-deserved pizza party this afternoon! Well done to both classes for their fantastic efforts!

It was lovely to welcome so many prospective parents and families to our Reception Open Evening on Tuesday. We thoroughly enjoyed showing everyone around our academy and sharing what makes Barcroft such a special place to learn and grow.

A big thank you also to all the parents and carers who attended our Parents' Evenings this week. It is always wonderful to have the opportunity to celebrate the progress, achievements and hard work of our children. Your continued support and partnership mean so much to us.

Well done to our cross-country team, who took part in their latest event this week. Once again, our children represented Barcroft Academy with determination, enthusiasm and pride. We are incredibly proud of you all!

One of my proudest moments this week, however, came during our Lighthouse Multi-Academy Trust Review. Over two days, we welcomed the Trust's Deputy CEO and Directors into our academy. As part of their visit, they spent time speaking with lots of our children about their learning, their experiences and what it is like to be a pupil at Barcroft.

And what can I say? Our children were absolutely phenomenal!

The Directors were full of praise for how knowledgeable our pupils were about their academy and how confidently and enthusiastically they spoke about their experiences. Hearing this feedback filled me with an enormous sense of pride.

Finally, I wish all our children, families and staff a wonderful, restful and enjoyable half-term break. Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 2nd November.

Have a lovely half term!

Mrs Locke - Headteacher



WEEKLY CLASS ATTENDANCE

Willows	Bumblebees	Ladybirds	Moons	Stars	1HE	1JH	2SB	2JH
100%	85.37%	75.44%	87.5%	94.17%	92.92%	87.05%	92.71%	91%
3JK	**3EP**	**4SK**	**4SR**	**5AT**	**5RC**	**6ME**	**6BE**	**Whole School**
98.08%	96.88%	95.83%	100%	96.55%	99.07%	91.96%	91.96%	93.67%

Lunch Menu

Week Beginning: Monday 2nd November 2026

Monday	**Crispy Chicken Wrap / Quorn Wrap**
Tuesday	**Oven Baked Sausage / Quorn Sausage**
Wednesday	**Meatballs & Pasta / Quorn Meatballs & Pasta**
Thursday	**Ham Pizza / Margherita Pizza**
Friday	**Fish Fingers / Vegetable Fingers**

Training Days 2026–2027

Our training days this academic year are:

Tuesday 1st September 2026

Friday 23rd October 2026

Monday 4th January 2027

Monday 1st February 2027

Monday 7th June 2027

Barcroft is a Nut-Aware School

To help keep children with nut allergies safe, Barcroft Academy is a Nut-Aware School.

We ask that parents and carers do not send nuts or products containing nuts into school, including in packed lunches, snacks or treats.

Thank you for helping us to keep our whole school community safe, healthy and included.



A huge Barcroft well done to Aoife, who celebrated a fantastic football achievement last Sunday!

Aoife and her team, Bilston Town U8 Lionesses, were crowned trophy event winners in the WJYFL after an incredible performance!

Across six matches, the team secured four wins and two draws, remaining unbeaten throughout!

What a brilliant achievement, Aoife! Your teamwork, determination and sporting spirit are something to be incredibly proud of.

Keep shining on the pitch, Aoife! We are all so proud of you!



Amazing Achievement

A huge Barcroft well done to Alexi-Athena and Xander-Adonis for their fantastic swimming achievements!

Alexi-Athena has proudly achieved her 100 Metres Certificate and Goldfish 1 Certificate! She is now working hard towards achieving her Goldfish 2 award. What a brilliant accomplishment!

Xander-Adonis has earned both his Octopus 1 and Octopus 2 Certificates! Despite only swimming for a short time, Xander showed incredible confidence by swimming independently, without any flotation aids, in his very first lesson!

We are incredibly proud of them both! Their resilience, determination and confidence in the water are truly inspiring and reflect our Barcroft values beautifully.

Keep making a splash, Alexi-Athena and Xander-Adonis! We can't wait to hear about your next achievements!





Barcroft Info

NUTS IN SNACKS AND LUNCHBOXES

A reminder for parents



We have children and staff at Barcroft with severe nut allergies. Even a small amount of nuts can cause a serious allergic reaction. Please help us keep everyone safe by checking ingredients carefully.

FOODS THAT OFTEN CONTAIN NUTS



Peanut butter and nut butters



Cereal bars, granola bars and flapjacks



Trail mix, nuts and mixed nuts



Cakes, biscuits and baked goods (e.g. brownies)



Chocolate and chocolate spread (with nuts)



Nut-based spreads (e.g. peanut butter, almond butter)



Some snack foods (e.g. peanut puffs, flavoured nuts)



Certain sauces and dips (e.g. pesto)

PLEASE CHECK LABELS



- Look for ingredients such as peanuts, tree nuts (e.g. almonds, cashews, hazelnuts, walnuts, pistachios), nut oils and nut pastes.
- Check 'may contain nuts' warnings.
- Remember that some foods, such as granola or snack bars, can contain nuts even if they don't look like they do.

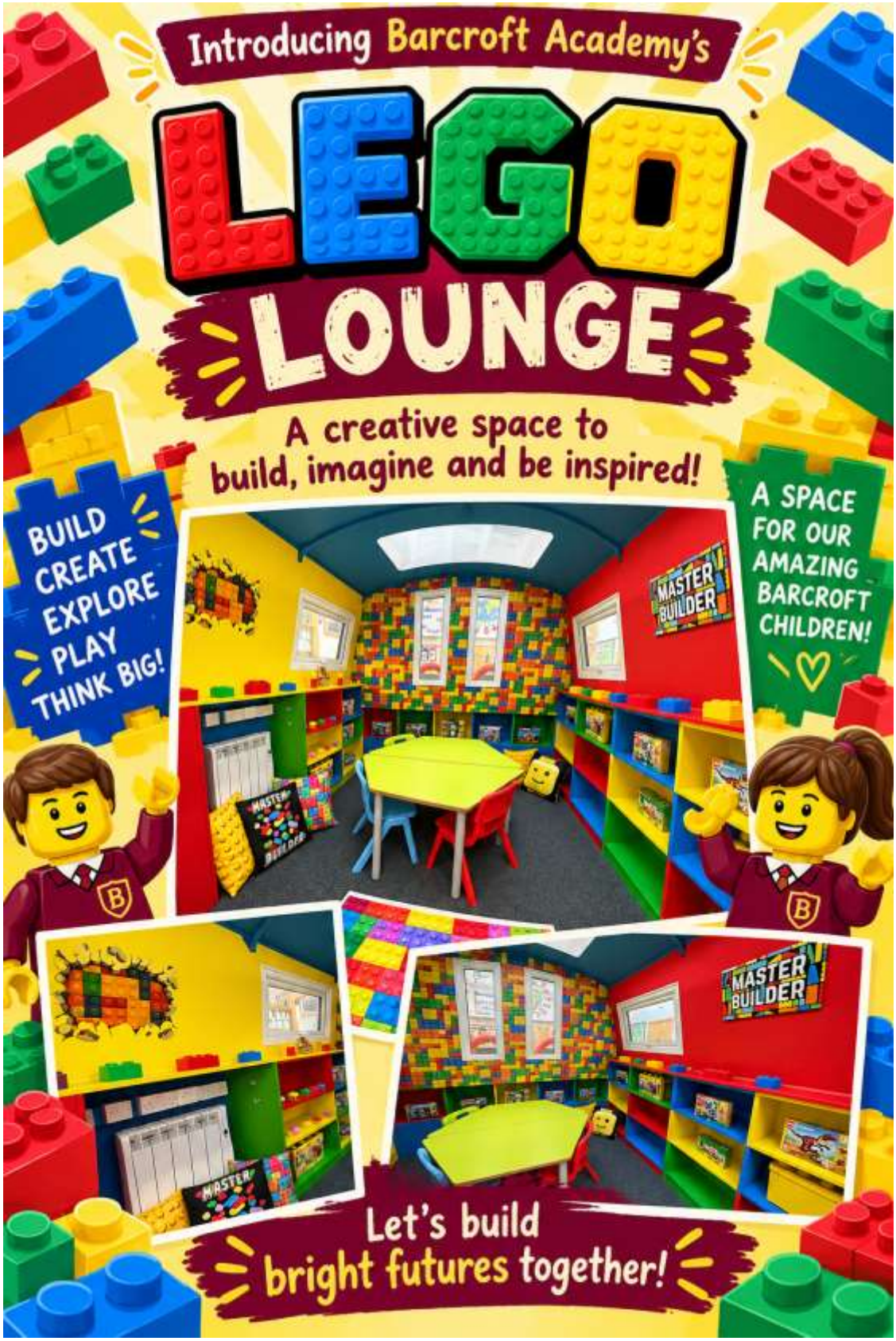
Thank you for your support in keeping our Barcroft community safe and inclusive!

Introducing Our NEW LEGO Lounge!

We are excited to reveal our brand-new LEGO Lounge at Barcroft Academy!

As part of our pastoral and wellbeing offer, this fantastic new space will support children through LEGO-based therapy, helping them develop communication, teamwork, confidence, friendships and problem-solving skills.

Building confidence, friendships and brighter futures – one brick at a time!



Lighthouse Multi Academy Trust
Term Dates

2026/27 academic year

Autumn term 2026

- Term starts: Tuesday 1st September 2026
- Half term holiday: Monday 26th October 2026 to Friday 30th October 2026
- Term ends: Friday 18th December 2026

Spring term 2027

- Term starts: Monday 4th January 2027
- Half term holiday: Monday 15th February 2027 to Friday 19th February 2027
- Term ends: Thursday 25th March 2027

Summer term 2027

- Term starts: Monday 12th April 2027
- Half term holiday: Monday 31st May 2027 to Friday 4th June 2027
- Term ends: Wednesday 21st July 2027

2027/28 academic year

Autumn term 2027

- Term starts: Monday 6th September 2027
- Half term holiday: Monday 25th October 2027 to Friday 29th October 2027
- Term ends: Friday 17th December 2027

Spring term 2028

- Term starts: Tuesday 4th January 2028
- Half term holiday: Monday 14th February 2028 to Friday 18th February 2028
- Term ends: Friday 7th April 2028

Summer term 2028

- Term starts: Monday 24th April 2028
- Half term holiday: Monday 29th May 2028 to Friday 2nd June 2028
- Term ends: Tuesday 25th July 2028