



Barkisland CE (VA) Primary School
WE BELIEVE, WE NURTURE, WE SUCCEED!

@Barkiprimaryschool @BarkiSchool

Thank you to everyone for their energy and commitment to learning, it has been wonderful to see! Well done!



Social Media

Check out some of the brilliant things your children have been doing on our social media platforms.

X (twitter): <https://twitter.com/BarkiSchool>

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/BarkislandPrimarySchool/>

Instagram:

<https://www.instagram.com/barkislandprimaryschool/>

We really appreciate your interaction on our social media platforms, we work hard to share what your children have learnt throughout the week.

STAFF NEWS

It's a sad goodbye to Mr David Harker – our fabulous cleaner has been with us for 2 and ½ years. But unfortunately he is now retiring, we all wish him a Happy Retirement!! We will miss you but enjoy your extra long weekends and free time, from us all at Barkisland!

A plea from Year 3!!

Miss Walsh and Mrs Clarke would like to put a plea out, if you have any of the following items, could you please send them into school for our topic :

- cereal boxes
- range of cardboard packaging
- newspaper
- cardboard tubes
- parcel paper
- junk modelling

Items can be brought in this week or when we return after half term.

Thank you!!



PUPIL VOICE CURRENT THEME
Fundraising

**EVERY
VOICE
MATTERS**

Be aware information is over 2 pages 😊

NEWSLETTER

8th February 2024

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🌐 www.barkislandcofeschool.org.uk

✉ admin@barkisland.calderdale.sch.uk

Headteacher: Mrs B Schofield B.Ed (Hons) NPQH

CHRIST CHURCH, BARKISLAND

EVERYONE WELCOME!

CHURCH SERVICE

Sunday 11th February - 11am Morning Worship



DATES FOR THE DIARY

FEBRUARY

9 th Feb	SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR HALF TERM
19 th Feb	SCHOOL REOPENS
22 nd Feb	Y5 School Trip to Jorvik Viking Centre
22 nd Feb	West Yorkshire Cross Country Finals, Temple Newsam, 12pm

MARCH

7 th March	World Book Day – more info to follow
16 th March	BSA BARKISLAND BALL at The Arches
20 th March	9:30 Easter Service @ Christ Church all welcome
20 th March	Face-to-face Parental Consultations, from 4pm – more info to follow
19 th March	Easter Egg Competition – more info to follow
19 th March	Online Parental Consultations (am) – more info to follow
21 st March	National League Trust North Finals @ Chesterfield
21 st March	EYFS Easter Bonnet Parade
22 nd March	SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR HALF TERM

SAVE THE DATE

8 th April	SCHOOL REOPENS
1 st May	Y3 School Trip to Magna– letter to follow.

Hey, we're

Hiring

-Y3/Y4 Teaching Assistant and Lunchtime Organiser
-Early Years Educator and Lunchtime Organiser
(Maternity Cover)

APPLY NOW!

Advert, Job Descriptions and Person Specifications can be found on our website. Any questions please email us:
admin@barkisland.calderdale.sch.uk

Link to website regarding vacancies:

<https://www.barkislandcofeschool.org.uk/page/staff-vacancies/126570>

We have been alerted by Calderdale's Health Protection team about an increase in the number of viruses and infections currently experienced by school children and staff. Please refer to the NHS guidance if you are unsure whether to send your child to school or not. [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/health/its-ill-when-should-i-keep-my-child-at-home-or-send-them-to-school/)



HALIFAX LIGHT OPERA SOCIETY JUNIORS PRESENTS
CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG JR.
WED 14TH - SAT 17TH
FEB 2024
HALIFAX PLAYHOUSE
FEBRUARY HALF TERM

**BOOK YOUR
TICKETS
AT THE HALIFAX
PLAYHOUSE BOX
OFFICE OR
ONLINE AT:
www.halosj.com**

Mrs Young would like to share the NSPCC Newsletter with you, it contains lots of helpful links and resources to support parenting and caring for children. It can be found on our website.

The full newsletter for 'Calderdale Music' can be found on our website:
https://www.barkislandcofeschool.org.uk/serve_file/23382069

Below is a poster provided by Place2Be as part of Childrens Mental Health Week, it includes some top tips for families. The full letter can be found on our website:
https://www.barkislandcofeschool.org.uk/serve_file/23988932



**Calderdale
Music**

Newsletter

See what we've been up to and what's coming up at Calderdale Music!

Beat The January Blues With Calderdale Music!

Don't forget that we have FREE music sessions taking place at The Old Courthouse in Halifax Town Centre in the month of January.

Scan the QR code below to watch a video showing you everything we have to offer!

Here are just some of the groups we have available

Group Name	Day & Time	Details
Drum Corps	Monday 5:45pm – 6:15pm	Drummers, Grade 2+ standard
Samba Band	Monday 6:15pm – 7:00pm	Suitable for all the family ages 7 and up
Music Theory	Wednesday Beginners 4:45pm – 5:30pm Grade 4&5 5:30pm – 6:15pm	Learn music theory and support your instrumental lessons All ages welcome
Debut Rock	Thursdays 5:30pm – 6:30pm	Ages 7 – 11, try a band instrument – guitar, keyboard, drums, bass guitar and vocals
Funk & Soul Band	Saturday 10:30am – 11:30am	Ages 11 – 19, grade 3+ standard. All instruments welcome
Saturday Winds	Saturdays 11:45am – 12:30pm	Woodwind or brass instruments grade 1+ standard. Under 19s
Debut Strings	Saturday 11:45am – 12:15pm	For pupils who can play open strings with a bow. Under 19s
Saturday Strings	Saturdays 12:15pm – 1:00pm	Violin, viola or cello, grade 1+ standard. Under 19s



MY VOICE MATTERS

TALKING TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH

Are you a parent or carer who wants to talk to your child about mental health?

This Children's Mental Health Week we want all children and young people, wherever they are, and wherever they are in the world, to be able to say – and believe – 'My Voice Matters'.

We visited primary and secondary schools to ask students what they wanted from the week – to help shape the activities we create for schools, the messaging we give to teachers, the tips we give to other children, and the advice we give to parents, carers and families.



LOOKING FOR FREE PRACTICAL ADVICE TO HELP YOU SUPPORT YOUR CHILD?

Parenting Smart, Place2Be's site for parents and carers, is full of expert advice and tips on supporting primary-age children, and managing their behaviour. And act on their views.

[PARENTINGSMART.ORG.UK](https://parentingsmart.org.uk)

Here's what children and young people told us they need from you:

- 1 We don't need to have 'one-off' conversations about our mental health' – sometimes a chat on a journey or at bedtime is enough.
- 2 I need to know it's okay to talk to you about any and all of my feelings. Please hear what I have to say, without interrupting me.
- 3 Please listen to me carefully and acknowledge how I am feeling – it might seem silly to you but what I am going through is important to me.
- 4 Playing with pets can make me feel better. Same with playing football, basketball or whatever type of sport I am into.
- 5 Don't compare my experiences to your own when you were a child.
- 6 Sometimes I just need you to listen and hear what I'm saying – I don't always need answers (or lectures)
- 7 Please don't worry about trying to fix things for me – I often just need to know you are there for me and understand what I am going through.
- 8 If you are open with me about your feelings, this can help me to be more open about mine.
- 9 Sometimes I don't want to talk. Please trust that I will come to you (or another grown-up or someone my own age) when I'm ready. Sometimes it's easier for me to talk to someone nearer my own age – my siblings, cousins, friends, younger teachers at school – because they 'get it'.
- 10 Sometimes a hug is all it takes to make me feel supported.



WHAT MATTERS TO YOU? CREATIVE VIDEO ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES

These wellbeing activities can help children and young people think about and share what matters to them.

For primary children: bit.ly/3PzC0B8

For secondary children: bit.ly/3L8D2wK

[CHILDRENSMENTALHEALTHWEEK.ORG.UK](https://childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk)