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Dear Parent/Carers,

As we come to the end of a successful term, we are delighted to share that the children have settled exceptionally well into their new routines and have embraced school life with enthusiasm and confidence. We have a busy week coming up next week, so please take a few minutes to read the following information.

Parent WhatsApp Groups

We are introducing a new WhatsApp Code of Practice to help ensure that communication on these parent groups remain respectful, constructive, and supportive. We kindly ask all parents to follow the guidelines, which include refraining from sharing sensitive information, avoiding negative or inflammatory comments, and using WhatsApp groups only for school-related updates and encouragement.

A copy of the Code of Practice is on our website: <https://barham.kent.sch.uk/parents/parent-whatsapp-groups>

We appreciate your cooperation in helping us maintain a safe and inclusive environment for everyone.

Parent Events Next Week

There are three parent events taking place next week, which we hope you can join us for:

Parent Drop In

The first Parent Drop In of this academic year will take place next Wednesday, 15th October (3:25pm to 3:45pm). For families new to Barham, this is when you, as parents, get an opportunity to look around your child's classroom and see what they have been learning so far this term. It is a time for parents/children to enjoy together.

We are putting in some extra safeguarding precautions for all future school events and will be asking all parents to sign in or book in. For the drop in session on Wednesday, you will be required to sign in before heading to your classroom.

For families in Wrens/Jays/Owls, if you wish to attend the Parent Drop In, please collect your child as usual from their classroom door. You will then be let into the class and signed in, when every child has been collected.

For KS2 classes (Robins, Puffins, Eagles and Hawks), could parents please collect your child as normal from the gate. We will then ensure that all our children have made their way to their parent, club, Kingfishers or ASC. Then we will re-open the gate and you will be asked to sign in and make your way to the classroom.

If your child is currently booked into Zumba After School Club next Wednesday, they will be expected to attend the club as usual. If they are unable to attend, please can you let the school office know.



Celebration Assembly

Parent Celebration Assembly takes place at 9:10am on Friday, 17th October. Please wait outside the school hall to be let in. There will be sign-in sheets by the hall door for you to sign in with.

Parent Workshop

Straight after Assembly Mrs Duhig and Mrs Gooderham will deliver a Parental Workshop on Phonics and Reading. In order to know how many people to expect please can you book spaces via this link:

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FKXI>

Or this QR code



Opal Parent Meeting



We began our journey with OPAL in September 2025. We have surveyed the children, staff and parents to see how we can improve playtimes. We are working to achieve our OPAL award over the next 2 years.

OPAL is based on the idea that, as well as learning through good teaching, your children also learn when they play. As 20% of their time in school is playtime, we want to make sure that this amount of time (equivalent to 1.4 years of primary school) is as good as possible. We are really excited about this project and hope that you will support us in our efforts to improve playtime for all children.

An OPAL information meeting for parents and carers being led by **Gráinne Pickles** from OPAL on Thursday 30th October at 7pm on Zoom.

Zoom link is

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87225653033?pwd=iD4xa4LyRZvFAJrCfuoNO6ZLA7xTnn.1&jst=3>

We hope you will be able to attend.

Year 6 Parents

You will receive the Kent Test results after 4pm on Thursday 16th October, please email the school office if you would like to discuss the results with Mrs Higgins or Mrs Duhig.

Term Dates 2026-27

Our new term dates for 2026-27 are now on the website (click [here](#)).

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,



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