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# NEWSLETTER

22nd October 2026

Live links to letters here!

**CHRIST CHURCH, BARKISLAND**
**EVERYONE WELCOME!**
CHURCH SERVICE
**Sunday 25th October** – Morning Worship, 11am

## A Message from Mrs Young

I am very sorry to be leaving Barkisland. It has been a privilege to work with the children and families and the amazing staff at the school.

After working for 36 years in education, Barkisland was the icing on the cake (I love baking!)

It has been a pleasure to be part of such a dedicated and committed team and it is team work that makes this school so special. Working together on the same side for the good of the children. Although there can be tough times, mistakes made, difficult conversations had, no one cares more about the children than the Barkisland team and together it is wonderful to see the children flourish and thrive. Thank you for your kind words, cards and gifts, it is very much appreciated.

I will leave you with my favourite motto, 'Everyone is fighting a battle you know nothing about, be kind always'.

Thank you.

With love Mrs Young.

## Good half-term

Wishing all of you a fantastic half term! We hope you enjoy some quality time together and get some well-deserved rest.

**Have a wonderful half term!**

## Royal British Legion

From Tuesday 3rd November we will have items from the Royal British Legion to sell in school in advance of Remembrance Sunday. Products include: paper poppies, wristbands, reflecting poppies, pencils and zip pulls. Children can bring in cash to purchase products. Suggested minimum donation is 50p for a traditional paper poppy or £1 for other items. Thank you for your support on behalf of the British Legion.

## Parent Consultations

Thank you to all parents who attended our Parents consultations. It was a valuable opportunity for staff to share children's successes, achievements and progress, and to discuss how we can continue to support each child's individual needs.

We appreciate your cooperation with childcare arrangements. This supports us in ensuring allocated appointment times are respected and ensures all families receive the time and attention they deserve.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

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| **OCTOBER** | |
| Fri 23rd | HOUSE POINT WINNERS – WHITWORTH – NON UNIFORM<br>SCHOOL CLOSES FOR HALF-TERM |
| **NOVEMBER** | |
| Mon 2nd | STAFF TRAINING DAY – Holiday Club Available |
| Tue 3rd | SCHOOL RE-OPENS TO CHILDREN |
| Wed 4th | SEND Coffee Morning 9:15-10:15am (booking available on School Spider) |
| Thu 5th | Y5/6 Boys Adam Heslop Cup |
| Mon 9th | Individual and Sibling Photographs **PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE FROM OCTOBER 14TH ** |
| Wed 11th | Flu Vaccinations in School Rec – Y6 |
| Thu 26th | Winter Art Morning in School |

## October Holiday Club

Booking is still open on School Spider for Friday 30th October and for the staff training day, Monday 2nd November!!

## Cool Milk

If your child is above 5 years old and would like milk at school for more information and to sign up please follow this link:
https://coolmilk.com/parents/



# BLACK HEROES OF MATHEMATICS YOUTH FESTIVAL 2026

**Black Heroes of Mathematics Youth Festival**
Wednesday 7 and Thursday 8 October | 10am & 2pm
**FREE 50-minute online maths workshops**

The Festival connects young people with world-class Black mathematicians through interactive sessions, fun activities and inspiring stories. Discover how maths shapes the world around us.
Open to UK upper primary and lower secondary classes (ages 8–14).

Wednesday: **Discover David Blackwell with Nira and Juliet**






Thursday: **Get Smart About A.I. with Jason and Herb**






Click the buttons below to book your FREE place.
Join us for both days!

Wed 7 Oct, 10am (Secondary)
Thurs 8 Oct, 10am (Secondary)
Wed 7 Oct, 2pm (Primary)
Thur 8 Oct, 2pm (Primary)

For more info email: maths@big-ideas.org

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# BARKISLAND SCOUT GROUP

Scouts Skills for Life

ADVENTURE
FRIENDSHIP
SKILLS
COMMUNITY

EXPLORE
LEARN
MAKE FRIENDS
HAVE FUN!

## NEW MEMBERS WANTED!

Join Beavers, Cubs or Scouts and be part of something amazing!

OUTDOORS
ADVENTURE
SKILLS FOR LIFE

**BEAVERS**
Ages 6 – 8
Play, learn, make friends and try new things!

**CUBS**
Ages 8 – 10½
Explore, learn, do more, be your best!

**SCOUTS**
Ages 10½ – 14
Take on challenges, Gain independence, make a difference!

CAMPING & OUTDOORS · ADVENTURE · TEAMWORK · FRIENDSHIP · NEW SKILLS · MAKE A DIFFERENCE

## JOIN THE ADVENTURE AT BARKISLAND SCOUT GROUP!

Call Alison Meadows
+44 7594 662733

Calling all young people

HEALTHY HOLIDAYS CALDERDALE

Free holiday activities and food sessions

# HALF TERM FUN

26th October - 30th October 2026

Join #HealthyHolidaysCalderdale for a variety of activities during October Half Term!

Calderdale VISION 34 · Calderdale Council · ACTIVE CALDERDALE · COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR CALDERDALE

BHC BARKISLAND HolidayClub

# WOODLAND WONDERS

Monday 26th - Friday 30th October & Monday 2nd November



**-Monday 26th -**
Autumn nature hunt
Paper plate hedgehogs
Autumn leaf printing
Cricket

**-Tuesday 27th -**
Fox & rabbit tag
Fox den building
Fox crafts
Basketball

**-Wednesday 28th -**
Make a bug hotel
Animal handprint painting
Woodland animal charades
Pinecone target throwing

**-Thursday 29th-**
Woodland wands
Create your own woodland fairy tale
Nature bingo

**-Friday 30th-**
Autumn baking
Autumn crown making
Woodland olympics
Squirrel nut collecting game

**-Monday 2nd-**
Sunflower crafts
Scarecrow crafts
Scarecrow tig
Football



Please bring a **nut free** packed lunch

We provide breakfast and an afternoon snack

8AM - 6PM £30 Per day, per child

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Bookings on School Spider close 12 noon on Tuesday 20th October