

9th September 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

The Barlow Open Evening - Thursday 1st October 2026

This letter is with reference to our forthcoming annual Open Evening here at The Barlow and is primarily to inform you that there will be an early closure on this date at **12.15pm** for all pupils. The early closure is to allow staff to prepare for the event which is an important date in our school calendar. Please note, lunch will be available for those pupils who require it until 12.30pm.

In terms of transport home for your child, the 714 bus will arrive early on this date, however, unfortunately, we have been informed by the bus company that the 716 and 728 buses are not able to accommodate our early finish and therefore, pupils who get these buses will need to make alternative arrangements.

As you would expect, parents and carers of Year 5 and 6 pupils are warmly invited to The Barlow for our Open Evening, however, I feel it is important to extend that invitation to our current parents and carers so that you too are given the opportunity to visit our amazing school. Over the summer break there has been a full refurbishment of the Learning Resources Centre, as well as The Hive. This is in addition to other recent building and development work, which includes our refurbished boys' PE changing area, our new Drama Studio, upgraded Canteen and our Astroturf. We are continually looking to improve and upgrade the facilities for our pupils, and it is important that our current parents and carers can see the ongoing investment into our school. Therefore, you are welcome to join us from 6.00pm onwards. Guided tours will be available on request.

A number of pupils will participate in our Open Evening. It is always something special to see our pupils volunteer for this prestigious event, and to see how proud they are of our school. Parents and carers of pupils who are participating in our Open Evening will be asked to grant permission for their child to attend via our Evolve system.

We look forward to seeing you at Open Evening and giving you the opportunity to witness first-hand our vibrant and purposeful school community at work.

As always, we would encourage you to follow us on social media for regular updates and to see the wonderful things that happen in our school every day.

Yours sincerely

Ms CM Wallace
Headteacher