

# Weekly Parents Bulletin



## Autumn 1 Week 1 News

### Arbor Issues

As you may be aware, we are having issues with the Arbor system in terms of sign up for clubs. This seems to mainly be affecting breakfast club sign up and parents are being asked to pay for a year up front!

We have raised a help desk ticket with Arbor but it would seem that several schools are affected as the help desk are not currently taking calls. Please bear with us until this is resolved. Parents who wish to register their child for breakfast club can do so with Mrs Sykes by phone. We shall keep a paper register for those who attend and sort out payment once the issue is resolved. Thank you for your patience.

### Arbor Updates



Speaking of the Arbor app, please take a few moments to review the contact details that are recorded on your app. We use Arbor to find contact details such as phone numbers and emails as we are no longer permitted to keep copies of your details on site. If your contact details are out of date or do not cover all relevant family members then we can struggle to contact parents in emergency situations or keep you up to date with information.

### After school club offer

I have recently sent you details of a potential new after school club for Wednesdays. Please complete the form to register your interest. As there is a cost for the club, we need to check there is sufficient interest before booking it for the remainder of the term. (poster at end of the newsletter)

#### After School Clubs

Mon	Forest School	Mrs Barrott
	Mindfulness	Mrs Millington
	Young Voices	Mrs Rees

Tue	Kids Fitness	Shawny
	Graphics Club	Mr Swallow

Thu	Dance	Shawny
	Yoga	Mrs Moody

Sign up for after-school clubs on the Arbor app now or contact Shawny directly for Fitness & Dance (poster attached)

#### After School Club Offer

As you may have noticed, we have some slots available for after school club provision.

We try to staff as much of our after-school provision as possible through unpaid, staff volunteers. This is so we can offer free after school care to you all where possible.

Lately, we have been lucky to have received further offers of after-school provision from Shawny-Leigh and Amelia. Whilst this is paid provision, the ladies have been kind enough to offer their clubs at heavily discounted rates for our pupils.

If you have a talent you would like to share with our pupils and would like to offer a club, please enquire at the office or with myself.

Please be aware that working with children is subject to police checks, public liability insurance and relevant training.



# Communication Update



Since losing Twitter as our most convenient form of mass-communication, we have struggled to effectively share children's learning and short-term news updates with our school community.

We attempted to use the SeeSaw app as a replacement late last year but the launch of this was unsuccessful, with less than 20% of the school community signed up. We are going to do better this year. There will be a school-wide relaunch of SeeSaw and this app will be used to both share your child's individual learning as well as news relevant to the whole class/school.

## Freddie Fit

Monday is Freddie Fit day at Birdwell. Each class in school will have a fitness session in the hall with Freddie. He will teach us about the benefits of exercise and a healthy diet, in a fun way! Get ready to get sweaty kids and remember, EVERYONE can come in their PE kit on Monday!



### Attendance Prizes

Reception	100%
Year 1	97.4%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	100%
Year 4	100%
Year 5	96.55%
Year 6	96.15%
<b>Total</b>	<b>98.4%</b>

### Class Chocolate cake!

A roll of the monopoly prize dice

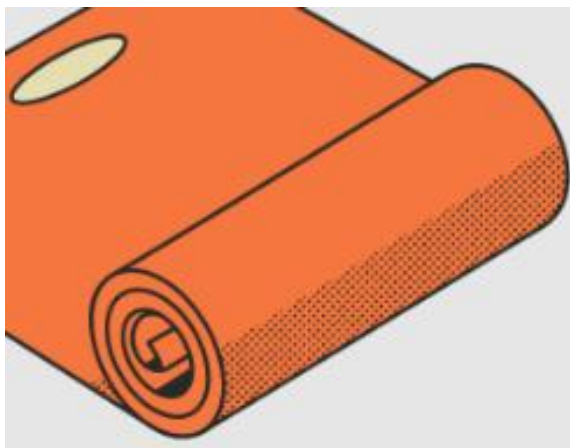
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Our attendance target is 97% or more

Well done everyone, we have smashed our target this week! You are going to cost Mr Honeyman a fortune in cakes and prizes!



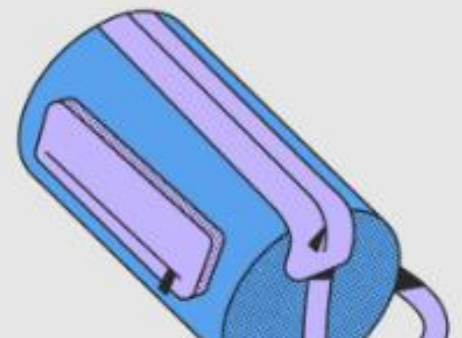
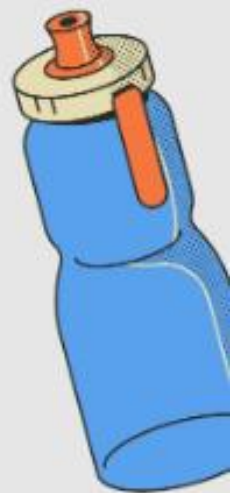
JOIN SHAWNY-LEIGH

# KIDS FITNESS CLASS

Every Tuesday 3.30pm-4.30pm  
Term time only  
8 weeks - £23 (£2.80 per class)

Book with Shawny  
07508984539

All ages throughout school  
welcome, boys and girls.



*Term time*

*7 weeks*

**£21**

## **AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**

Every Thursday  
3.30pm-4.30pm

A fun exciting workout with your friends!

# **DANCE CLASS**

With Shawny-Leigh

Come and try something new!

## **GAMES AND DANCES**

**NO class first week!**

In the hall,  
with an  
end of term  
performance!

Bank transfer

**All ages throughout the school, boys and girls welcome.**

**To book contact Shawny-Leigh  
on 07508984539**

**BARNSELEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR THE 2025-26 ACADEMIC YEAR**

For community and voluntary controlled primary, secondary and special schools

September (22 Days)						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

October (18 Days)						
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November (20 Days)						
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December (15 Days)						
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February (15 days)						
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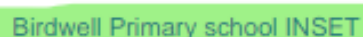
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July (14 Days)						
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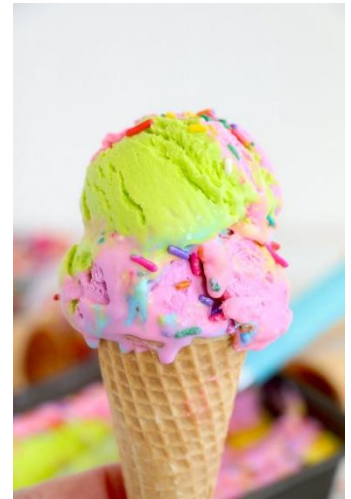
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 Denotes Bank Holidays  
 Denotes School Holidays

 Birdwell Primary school INSET

## Ice Cream Making Club

### Sessions Overview



#### Course goals:

- Learn the science behind ice cream making
  - Explore different flavours and ingredients
  - Develop teamwork and creativity
  - Understand the cultural significance of ice cream around the world
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#### **Week 1: Introduction to Ice Cream**

**Objective:** Learn what ice cream is, its history, and how it's made.

- Fun icebreaker: Favourite ice cream flavours
- Short presentation on the history of ice cream
- Experiment: What happens when we freeze milk? (Basic science of freezing)
- Activity: Create ice cream flavour brainstorm board

#### **Week 2: Science of Ice Cream – Making Ice Cream in a Bag!**

**Objective:** Understand the role of ingredients in ice cream making.

- Learn about emulsions and freezing points
- Hands-on activity: Make ice cream using ziplock bags (milk, sugar, vanilla, ice, and salt)
- Taste test & discuss how salt affects ice

#### **Week 3: Flavour Experiments & Mix-ins**

**Objective:** Explore different flavour combinations and mix-ins.

- Learn about natural and artificial flavours

- Activity: Create mini “flavour lab” stations with ingredients like cocoa, fruit purees, cinnamon, and honey
- Make a basic ice cream base and divide into groups to add different mix-ins
- Voting on the best flavours!

#### **Week 4: Ice Cream Around the World**

**Objective:** Discover how different cultures enjoy frozen treats.

- Presentation on global frozen desserts (e.g., Italian gelato, Thai rolled ice cream, Indian kulfi, Japanese mochi)
- Tasting activity: Try small samples of different frozen treats (if available)
- Group challenge: Design an international ice cream flavour

#### **Week 5: Ice Cream Business & Marketing**

**Objective:** Learn how ice cream is sold and marketed.

- Discuss branding, packaging, and logos
- Activity: Design and decorate a logo and ice cream tub for their own flavour
- Group challenge: Create a fun name and slogan for their ice cream

#### **Week 6: Ice Cream Party & Certificates**

**Objective:** Celebrate learning with a final ice cream-making competition!

- Teams create their own unique ice cream flavours from scratch
- Ice cream tasting and friendly judging
- Hand out “Junior Ice Cream Maker” certificates
- Fun reflection: What did we learn?

To register your interest, complete the following Form.



If we have sufficient interest, I will book the club. Otherwise I will keep trying to source an alternative.

Autumn 1	Events
1.9.25 2.9.25	INSET days, school closed
3.9.25	Return to school
Birdwell Geography subject focus- <u>"Understanding the UK"</u>	
8.9.25	Freddie Fit Whole school fitness event (Wear PE kits)
12.9.25	Roald Dahl Day. Dress as your favourite character
15.9.25	International Day of Democracy- pupil leader elections
26.9.25	MacMillan coffee morning- 9:00am onwards. Baked donations welcomed
26.9.25	TT Rockstars day- dress as a rock star
30.9.25	Rise and shine Reading event. All parents are invited to read in class with their children
1.10.25	Year 1 parents Phonics workshop.
2.10.25	Year 2 library visit (National libraries week)
3.10.25	National Poetry Day- poetry themed activities in school
8.10.25	Birdwell Black History week begins
14.10.25	Open book evening- History & Geography (3:30 all classes)
17.10.25	Black History Museum (8:30-9:00am and 3:30-4:00pm in hall)
20.10.25	Birdwell Sketching week begins
TBC	School Photos (Individual & siblings)
21.10.25	Open book evening- art sketching (3:30 all classes) Last day of term
22.10.25	Harvest Festival coffee morning- songs and performances in the hall 9:00am-10:30am
23.10.25 & 24.10.25	INSET day, school closed

Key events Curriculum coverage In-school events