

WELCOME TO YEAR 4



Barnard Castle
PREPARATORY SCHOOL

A GUIDE FOR CHILDREN & PARENTS



INTRODUCTION TO YEAR 4



Welcome to **YEAR 4** at **BARNARD CASTLE PREP SCHOOL!**

This is your year to grow in independence!

There will be lots to do in and out of the classroom, with *fun trips* to go on and new friends to meet.

This booklet will help you along the way, but please ask any of the teachers if you need help - we are here for you!

We hope you are looking forward to having a busy and enjoyable time!

AND YOUR TEACHER IS...

You will see your class teacher when you register and during most of your lessons

You'll also enjoy lessons with specialist teachers in PE, Swimming, Music, and French!

Hello Year 4! My name is
Mr Joy

I am here to help you learn and encourage you to always do your best!

In Year 4 you will:

- ✓ Follow 'The Barney Way'
- ✓ Carry out daily tasks independently
- ✓ Take responsibility for your learning
- ✓ Embrace and learn from mistakes
- ✓ Set a good example to the younger children

New to the school? You'll be paired with a helpful buddy!



WHO IS WHO...



Mrs Turner
Headmistress



Mrs Leonard
Deputy Head



Mrs Chaloner
Prep School SMT



Mr Burgess
Prep Head of Sport



Mr Cresswell
Headmaster



Beth Cummins
School Nurse



Mrs Morse
Secretary

COMING TO SCHOOL

You can come to School in lots of different ways

Some children
walk



lots of children
come in cars



some children come on
the school bus



If you arrive at School early, the
teachers will look after you in the
Playground with your friends



PREP DIARIES

Your Class Teacher will check your diary
EVERY DAY!

Your Prep Diary is very
important!

This Diary will help you organise your **busy** Year 4 life.
Each day you should write down:

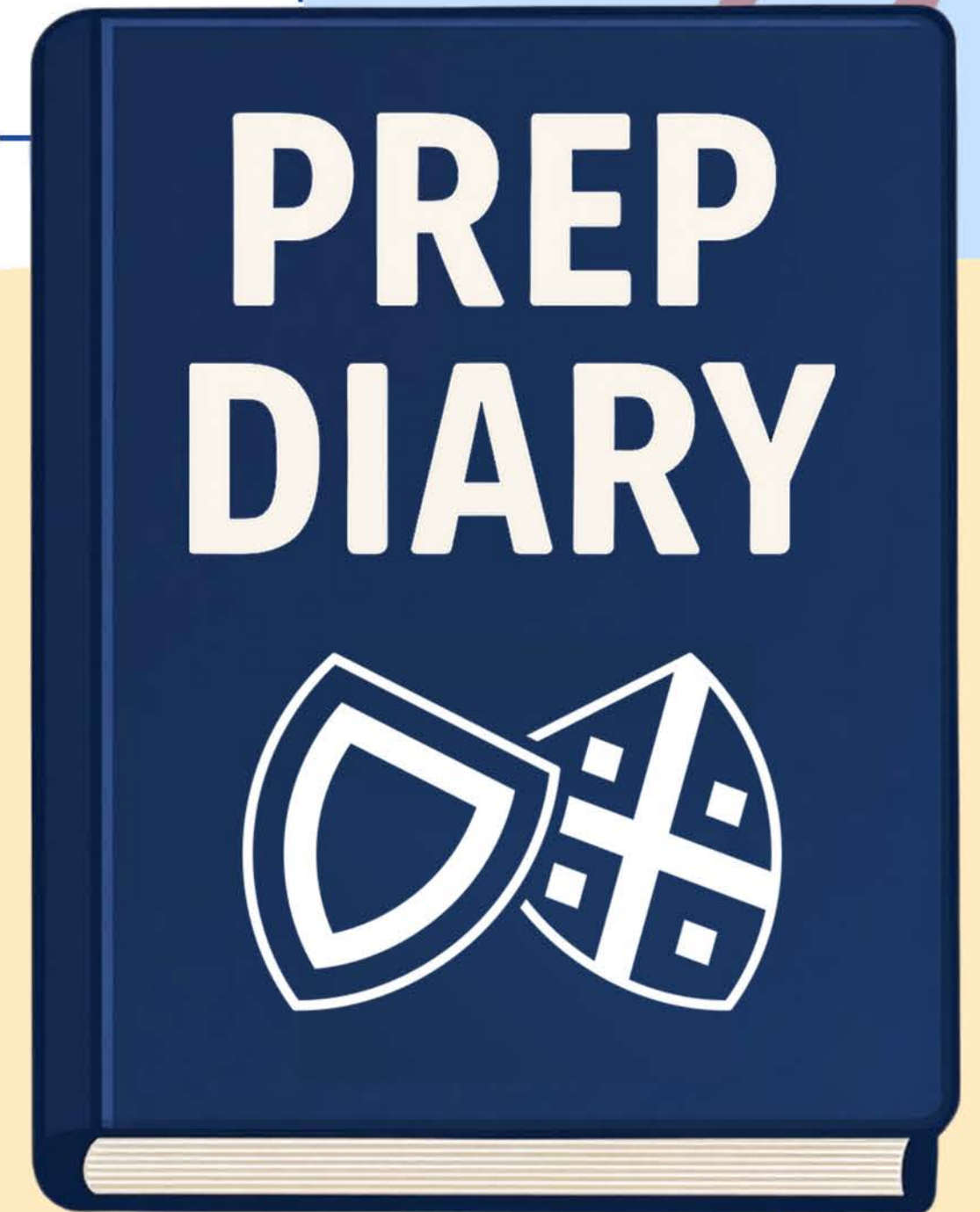
All homework tasks



Special events



Any music lessons



Make sure to get it signed
EVERY WEEKEND
to be handed in on Monday morning!



HOMework



In Year 4 you will get homework **most** evenings.

You should be able to complete your homework **independently**.

You should also read at home regularly for at least **10 minutes** every day!

This is to help you **remember** work covered in class and **extend** your learning



UNIFORM

At Barney, your appearance is **very** important and you should always be dressed **smartly** in the correct uniform!



Hair should be **neat** and **tied back** if it is long



Your shoes should be **black** or **navy** and **polished** every day



You will also go swimming **every week** using the School pool



You will have **two days** of **PE** and **Games** each week
Please come to School in your sports kit on these days

Sometimes uniform gets misplaced, so please label all items clearly

EQUIPMENT

EVERYDAY ITEMS:

You must have a **NAMED** pencil case containing:

- ☒ pencils
- ☒ pens
- ☒ scissors
- ☒ glue stick
- ☒ coloured pencils
- ☒ pencil sharpener
- ☒ rubber
- ☒ ruler
- ☒ highlighter



FOR SWIMMING:

- ☒ towel
- ☒ goggles
- ☒ white swimming cap (girls)
- ☒ navy swimming costume or navy swimming trunks



FOREST SCHOOL:

- ☒ wellingtons
- ☒ hat, scarf and gloves
- ☒ all-in-one waterproof suit



EQUIPMENT: SPORT

For more information, please see [PlayerLayer](#) uniform lists

PE KIT:

- ✓ House T-Shirt
- ✓ School crested PE shorts (boys)
- ✓ School crested Games skort (girls)
- ✓ short white socks
- ✓ School tracksuit
- ✓ indoor & outdoor trainers



GAMES KIT:

- ✓ towel
- ✓ school rugby / hockey shirt
- ✓ navy rugby shorts / skort
- ✓ School Games socks
- ✓ School tracksuit
- ✓ cricket whites (boys)
- ✓ football / rugby boots (boys)*
*with kite marked studs
- ✓ outdoor trainers (girls)
- ✓ indoor trainers
- ✓ mouthguard & shin pads



MERITS

You already belong to a special House:



You earn MERITS when you follow:

THE BARNEY WAY

At the end of each term, merits are added up. The House with the most merits wins...

THE MERIT SHIELD



& earn special Merit Certificates throughout the term...

25 Merits



50 Merits



100 Merits



SPORTS FIXTURES

If you are selected to play in a team, your name will appear on a team sheet

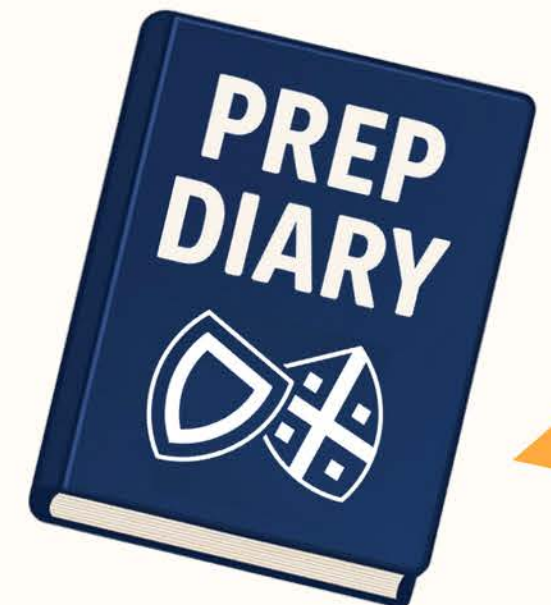


Team sheets will appear on the sports noticeboard outside

ATKINSON HALL

with all the match details and the kit you need

WRITE DOWN
all the details in your
Prep Diary for your
parents and to be
organised!



AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

After School fun activities are delivered
by School staff as well as external
teachers and coaches

Information about activities will
be sent to your parents before
THE START OF EACH TERM

Chat to your
parents about
which activities
you would like to do!

Remind your parents to
complete the online form
at the start of term to
SIGN YOU UP!

You should attend the activity
EVERY WEEK
Let the teacher know if you
cannot come



FOREST SCHOOL

Every week we have time in Forest School.

It is an exciting opportunity to...

- Learn about nature
- Practice tool skills
- Light fires
- Build dens

& EXPLORE THE OUTDOORS

We go out in
ALL WEATHERS

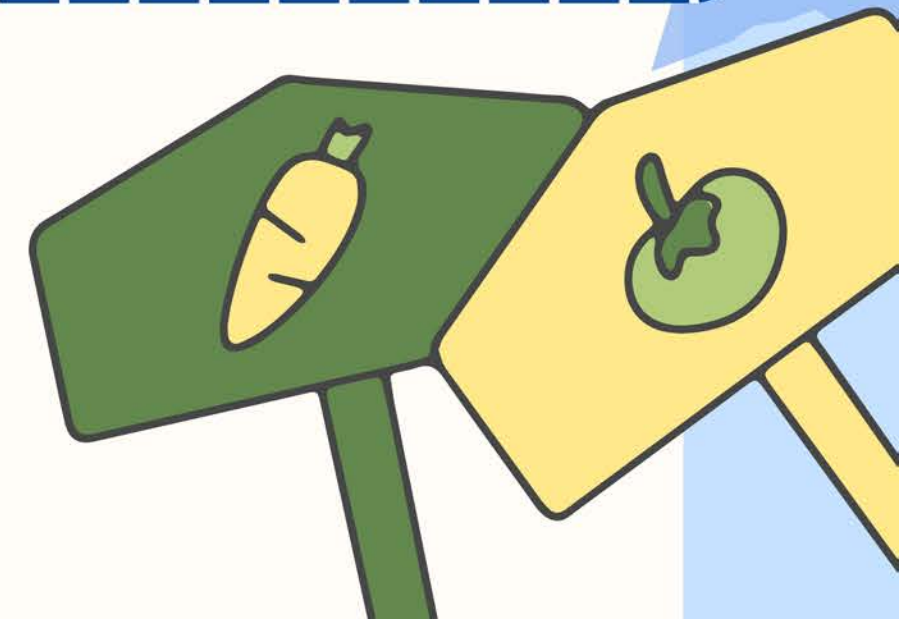
OUTDOOR EDUCATION

This helps to develop our subject skills outside!

You will also
have time to go
to the allotment..

... whilst also
maintaining our
garden ...

& looking after
the chickens!



TRIPS & VISITORS



There will be several opportunities to go on **trips** throughout the year!



Sometimes, amazing visitors come to school with fun activities and workshops for us!

These workshops will **relate to the work** you are doing in class!



WELLBEING

At Barney, Prep School is a
 **HAPPY PLACE** 
and we help keep it that way by looking
after our wellbeing every day

During the day, we spend time with our class teacher to:



stretch &
do yoga



practice calm
breathing



listen to and
read stories



colour
quietly

At Prep School we love being busy, so it is important to:

breathe

reset

think about
how we are feeling

You are always cared
for at Barney!

SOMETHING ON YOUR MIND?

If you are worried or upset, you can talk to:



Any of your
teachers



Mrs Morse our Secretary
or Beth our School Nurse



Your parents or
your friends



School's independent
listener:
07817 484816



If you are concerned, speak to
your class teacher, the Deputy
Head, or the Headmistress

You can also
call **Childline**



A BARNEY EDUCATION



At Barney, we are:
well rounded and well grounded

We help you grow into your very best self and build skills you will need during your time at Barney and beyond!

Through our character education we use four special words...



FEEL

How you feel within

BE

Who you are and how you behave

SHARE

How you interact with people

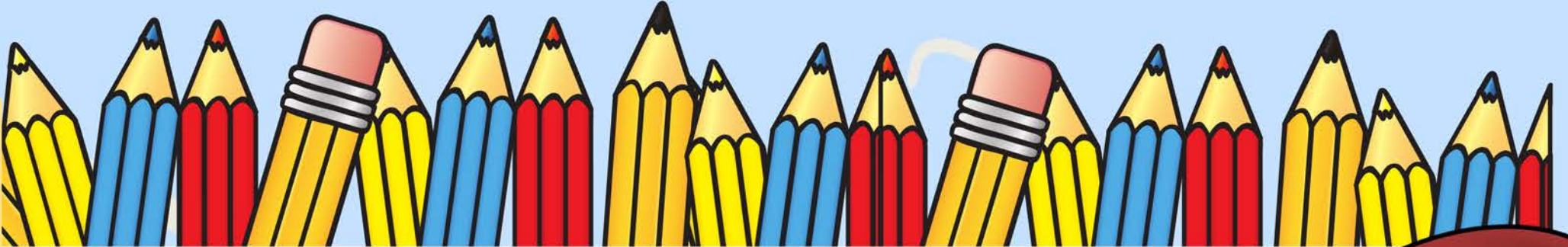
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How you learn and make progress



Our Prep School Superheroes help us learn about **kindness**, **confidence**, **resilience** and **teamwork** every single day





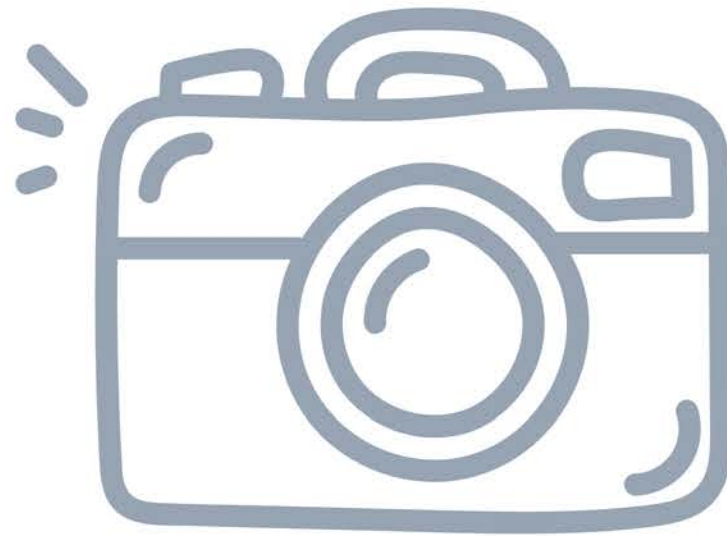
SEPTEMBER

We hope are **excited** about starting Year 4.
You are going to have **so much fun!**

We cannot wait to see you in
September!



FIRST DAY PHOTO



**Stick a photo of your first day of Year 4
here!**

We can't wait to see your happy smile!