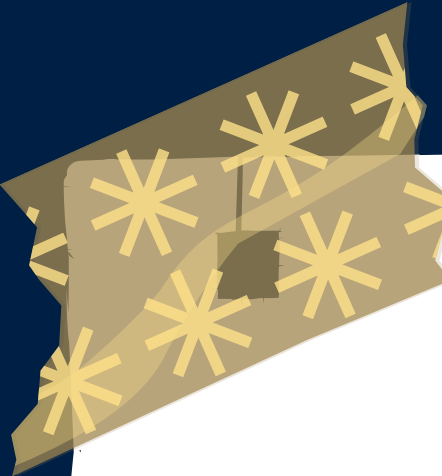




# WELCOME TO YEAR 4

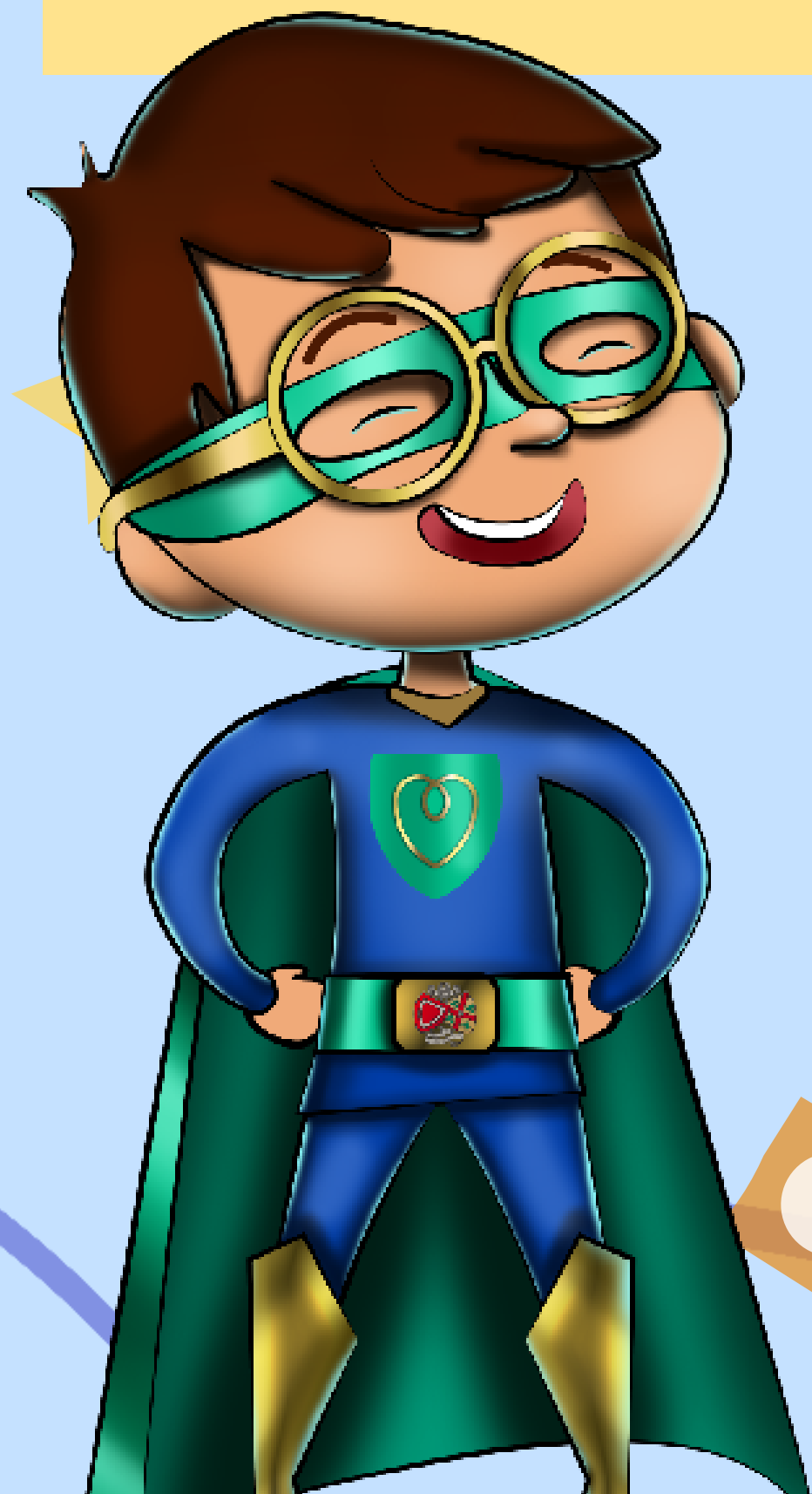


**Barnard Castle**  
PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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 Leonard**  
Headmistress



**Mrs Chaloner**  
Deputy Head



**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



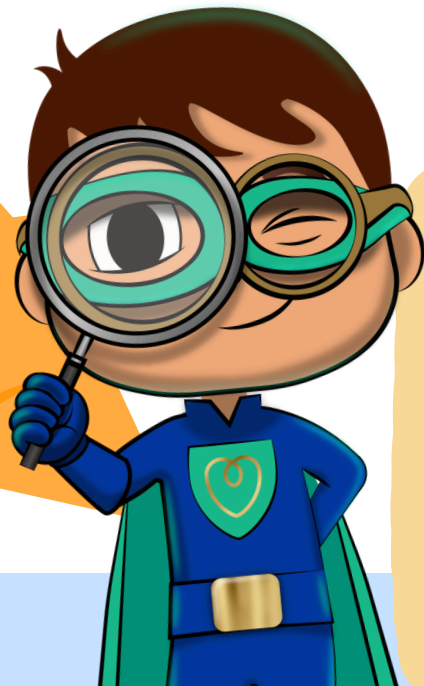
lots of children  
come in cars



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



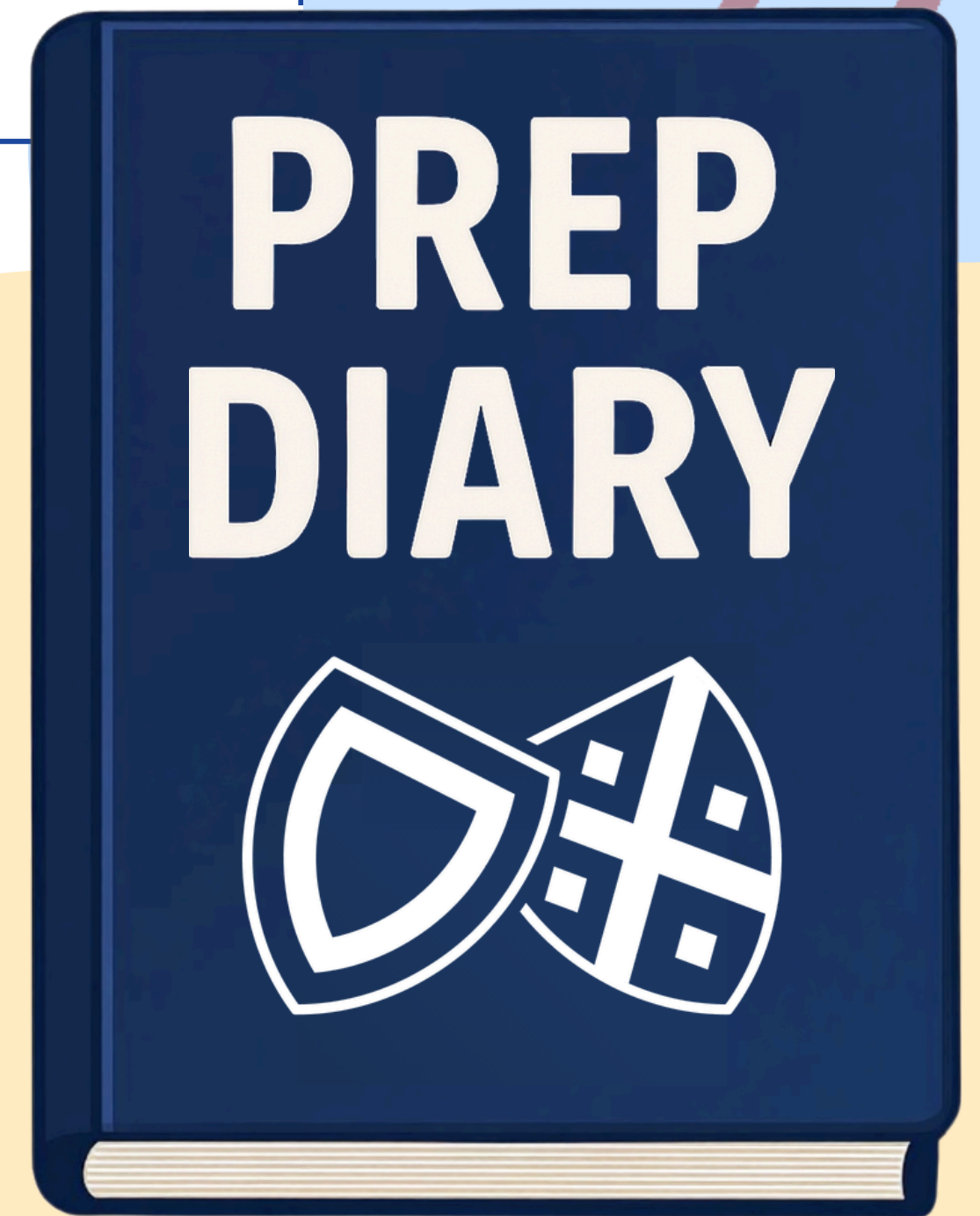
Special events



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!

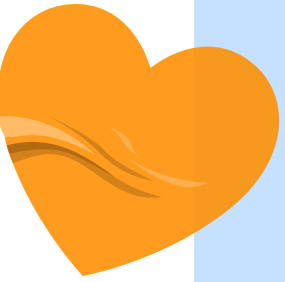
This is to help you **remember** work covered in class and **extend** your learning





# UNIFORM

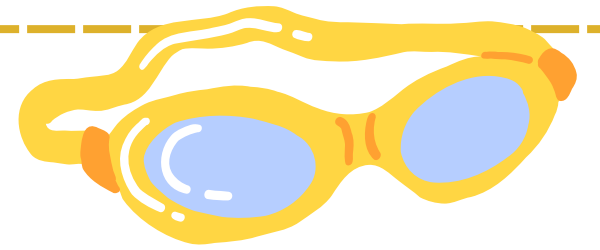
At Barney, your appearance is **very** important and you should always be dressed **smartly** in the correct uniform!



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 [Player 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



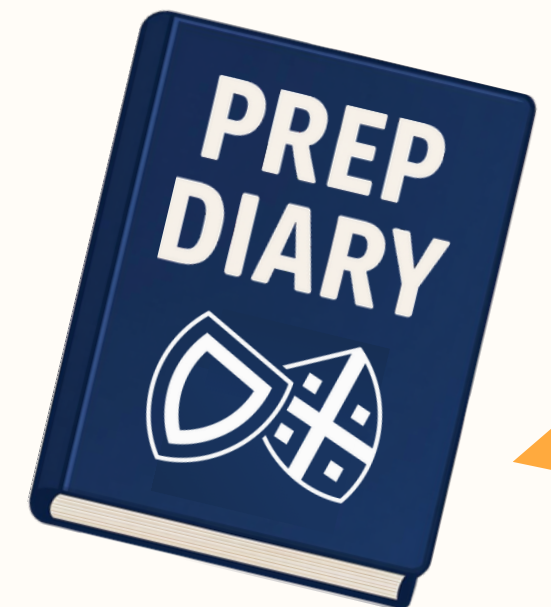
Team sheets will appear on the sports noticeboard outside

## 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



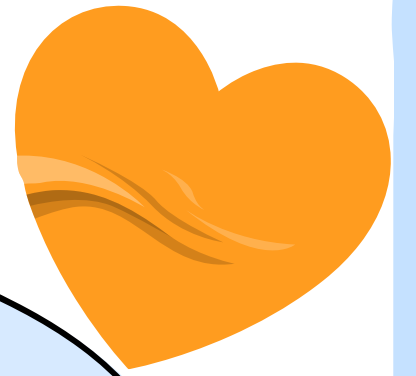
If you are concerned, speak to  
your class teacher, the Deputy  
Head, or the Headmistress

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**

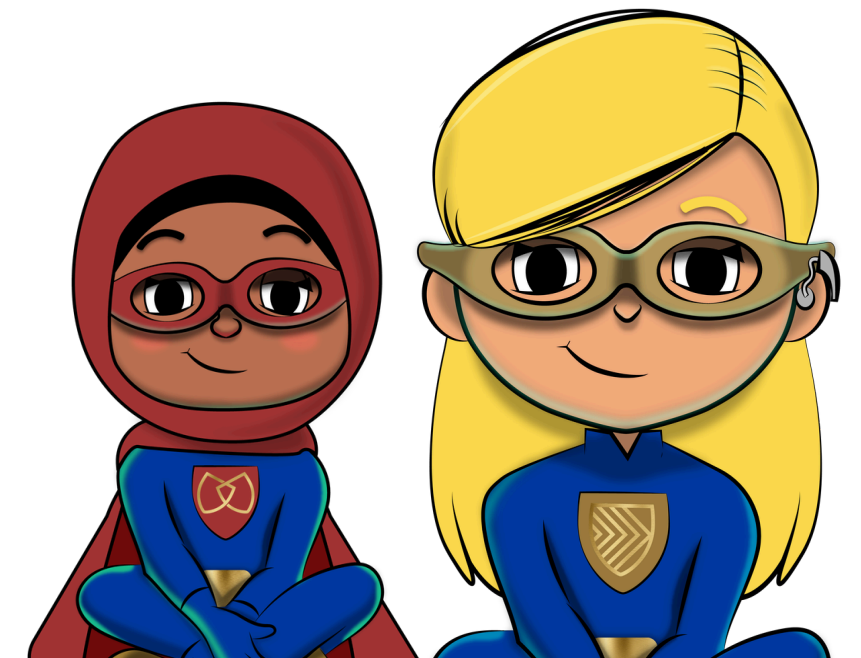
How you interact with people

**GO**

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!**

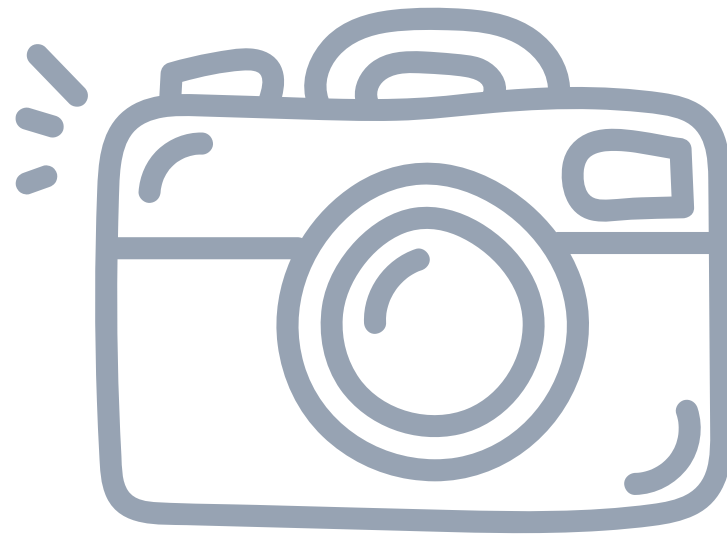
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We cannot wait to see you in  
**September!**





# FIRST DAY PHOTO



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

*We can't wait to see your happy smile!*