

BARLEY LANE SCHOOL – PE DEPARTMENT

Summer
Edition

NEWSLETTER – SUMMER 2026



WELCOME TO OUR SUMMER NEWSLETTER!

Firstly, a huge thank you to all of our staff and students for the incredible support shown throughout the year. Together, we have reached some fantastic milestones that, not so long ago, felt out of reach. From achieving new sporting successes to creating more opportunities than ever before for our pupils, it has been a year full of progress, participation and memorable moments. As a PE department, we are immensely proud of what has been achieved, but these successes belong to our whole school community, and it has been brilliant to celebrate them together.

It has been another action-packed term for the PE Department. We launched our very first Sports Week, giving pupils the opportunity to experience sports from around the world while embracing a range of exciting challenges. The week included our whole-school **100 Mile Monday**, a **Tough Mudder-style Tuesday**, **Kin-ball Wednesday**, our **Primary Sports Day** on Thursday, and concluded with a trip to **Exeter Arena**, where our KS3 and KS4 pupils competed in an athletics-based Sports Day. The enthusiasm, resilience and teamwork shown throughout the week were outstanding and perfectly reflected the values we strive to promote through PE.

100 Mile Monday

We kicked off the week with a whole-school challenge to collectively walk, jog or run **100 miles**. Every pupil and member of staff played their part, demonstrating that when we work together, even the biggest goals are achievable. We finished off the day, rallying up a total of 112.4 miles as a school community.

Tough Mudder Tuesday

Obstacle courses, crawling, climbing, balancing and teamwork combined to create our very own Tough Mudder experience. Pupils pushed themselves outside their comfort zones, showing determination, resilience and plenty of smiles along the way!

Kin-Ball Wednesday

One of the week's biggest hits! Kin-Ball encouraged communication, cooperation and teamwork as pupils worked together to keep the giant ball in play. It was a fantastic opportunity for everyone to enjoy a sport that was completely new to many of them only a few months ago!

Primary Sports Day – Thursday

Our first-ever Primary Sports Day was a huge success and perfectly reflected our school's values. The focus was on participation, effort and encouraging one another, with every pupil getting involved and celebrating each other's achievements. The smiles, determination and sportsmanship on display made it a day to remember.

Exeter Arena Athletics – Friday

We rounded off the week with a trip to Exeter Arena, where our KS3 and KS4 pupils competed in a range of athletics events on a professional track. Whether sprinting, jumping, throwing or cheering teammates on, pupil

represented the school brilliantly, displaying resilience, respect and outstanding teamwork throughout the day.

Barley Lane School 2026-2027 PE Curriculum Map

Autumn Term

Curriculum plan with links to National Curriculum for PE in *italics*.

Term	Lower Key Stage 2	Upper Key Stage 2 / Lower Key Stage 3	Key Stage 3	Key Stage 4
Assessment (2 weeks)	Baseline Testing <i>Demonstrate improvement to achieve their personal best</i>	Baseline Testing <i>Demonstrate improvement to achieve their personal best</i>	Fitness Testing and HRE <i>Demonstrate improvement to achieve their personal best</i>	Fitness Testing and HRE <i>Demonstrate improvement to achieve their personal best</i>
Autumn 1 st Half Term	Fundamental Movement Skills (Locomotion) <i>Master basic movements including running, jumping, throwing and catching, as well as developing balance, agility and co-ordination, and begin to apply these in a range of activities</i> Gymnastics (Stability) <i>Perform movements using simple patterns</i>	Fundamental Movement Skills (Locomotion) <i>Master basic movements including running, jumping, throwing and catching, as well as developing balance, agility and co-ordination, and begin to apply these in a range of activities</i> Gymnastics (Stability) <i>Perform movements using simple patterns</i>	Badminton <i>Develop their technique and improve their performance in other competitive sports</i>	Badminton <i>Develop their technique and improve their performance in other competitive sports</i>

Autumn 2 nd Half Term	Sports from around the world (Manipulation) <i>Develop their technique and improve their performance in other competitive sports from different cultures around the world</i>	Sports from around the world (Manipulation) <i>Develop their technique and improve their performance in other competitive sports from different cultures around the world</i>	Table Tennis <i>Analyse their performances compared to previous ones and demonstrate improvement to achieve their personal best</i>	Table Tennis <i>Analyse their performances compared to previous ones and demonstrate improvement to achieve their personal best</i>
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	Exeter Chiefs – Rugby (Locomotion) <i>Use a range of tactics and strategies to overcome opponents in direct competition through team and individual games</i>	Exeter Chiefs – Rugby (Locomotion) <i>Use a range of tactics and strategies to overcome opponents in direct competition through team and individual games</i>	Exeter Chiefs – Rugby <i>Use a range of tactics and strategies to overcome opponents in direct competition through team and individual games</i>	Volleyball <i>Develop their technique and improve their performance in other competitive sports</i>
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DATES FOR THE DIARY

- **Tuesday 8th September – Students return to school.**

NEW BIKE SHED!

Heads up.. We have secured funding from the WPA Foundation for a new bike shed. This will be installed over the summer holidays so keep your eyes peeled on your return to school.

Please find attached our PE Curriculum Map for the Autumn Term. This outlines all the sports that will be covered by each key stage from September through to Christmas.

Subject to change depending on external providers.



STAR OF THE YEAR!

Jae T



Jae has had an outstanding year and has been a fantastic ambassador for the PE department. Through his support and leadership with our Primary classes, he has consistently shown maturity, responsibility and a willingness to help others develop and succeed.

On Sports Day, despite illness affecting his classmates, Jae proudly represented his class as their sole competitor. His determination, resilience and commitment to taking part embodied everything we aim to promote through PE.

In his own lessons, Jae consistently demonstrates our school values of being **Ready, Respectful and Safe**, while also living out our Golden Threads of **Resilience, Empathy and Conflict Resolution**. He has been an excellent role model throughout the year, and this award is thoroughly deserved.

Congratulations, Jae, on a fantastic year!

Wishing you all an enjoyable break.
The PE Team.