



Barley and Barkway (VA) C of E First Schools Federation

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Dear Preschool Parents and Carers

I am writing to invite you to an event at Barkway First School on Tuesday 13th February from 9.00 when you can come along and meet our teaching staff in Early Years (Nursery and Reception) and see the current Nursery and Reception children in their setting. Applications for our Nursery open on 19th February, and we are keen to meet you and show you our exciting Nursery and Reception classroom areas both indoor and out.

This will be a great opportunity for you to ask any questions you would like of our team about the step up from Preschool or other nursery setting to our school. Children can join us in Nursery as soon as they are 3 years old. I spoke in a letter about our very recent and positive Ofsted report, available on our website. It highlights how children happily attend our school and have firm friends and feel well supported by staff. The report speaks of how our pupils achieve well, experiencing a broad and rich curriculum, how staff have high expectations and how the skills children learn build resilience and independence.

Learning in Nursery is slightly different from the experience children have in Preschool. The Nursery year prepares children for Reception, the school year in which they turn 5.

Please come and visit us on 13 February, or on another occasion if that is not convenient, and meet our nurturing teachers and see for yourself the educational opportunities we offer in our EYFS (Nursery and Reception). Contact our office in Barkway via email office@barleybarkway.herts.sch.uk or via telephone 01763 848283 to let us know you would like to attend.

We have a brand-new Instagram account - Barley and Barkway Federation. Please take a look - we post most days giving you an insight into our activities across the federation - <https://www.instagram.com/barleybarkwayfederation/>

We look forward to meeting you soon.

Mrs Sharon Brown
Federation Headteacher



Our Federation vision is to work with parents, Governors and the Diocese of St Albans to provide an outstanding Christian education, inspiring confidence and enthusiasm as well as positively impacting and preparing our pupils for the rest of their lives.