

DIARY DATES

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Tuesday 12th December

Rocksteady Christmas Concert



Wednesday 13th December

Bi-Annual Christmas Fair



Friday 15th December

Year 6 visit to the National Holocaust Centre & Museum



Monday 18th December

Christmas House Tournaments



Tuesday 19th December

Christmas Party Day & Christmas Lunch



Wednesday 20th December

Last day of term



Governor Meetings

FGB Meeting

Tuesday 30th January 2024



Barrowby Church of England Primary School

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Newsletter 8th December 2023

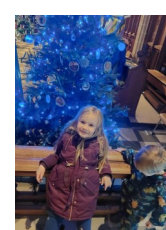
Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.

Matthew 3:3

Dear Parents/Carers

What a wonderful festive week we have enjoyed at school, during this period of Advent. Well, 'Deck the halls,' is definitely what's been achieved this week. Each classroom has their very own Christmas decorations up, we've also brought the tree from the Christmas Tree Festival at St Wulfram's Church and placed in to the school hall, perhaps you saw the images on social media earlier in the week?

If you're not following us on Facebook you're missing a treat—follow our school events on Facebook @ Barrowby Church of England Primary School.



It has been lovely to see so many of our children and their families have their picture taken with our school tree when it was at St Wulfram's Church.

It has also been lovely to share this year's Key Stage 1 Nativity with their parents, both yesterday and today. 'A Miracle Comes to Town' has delighted both audiences and fills me both with festive spirit and pride of the children.

I do hope you will join us next week for our Bi-annual Festive Fair. This year the fair can return to being inside. We are planning to use the school hall and a couple of the classrooms, so if you're looking for a last minute Christmas present pop along on Wednesday 13th December from 5—7pm. We do hope to see you there.

For now, I hope you enjoy reading this week's Newsletter and learning a little bit more about school life.

Kind Regards: Len Batey-Headteacher

CREATIVITY

Imagination
Personalisation
Experimentation
Curiosity
Improvisation
Choice
Uniqueness
Individuality
Freedom
Artistic
Self-belief
Pride

RESPECT

Valuing others
Caring
Maturity
Team-work
Empathy
Consequences
Relationships
Understanding
Communication
Manners
Respect

INDEPENDENCE

Initiative
Leadership
Organisation
Motivation
Confidence
Accountability
Reflective
Assertiveness



Visit our school's page by
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Happy

Valued

Loved

Year 5 visit to National Space Centre, Leicester

On Friday 1st December, our Year 5 children spent a wonderful day at the National Space Centre in Leicester.

They were enthralled at the sight of the 42m high Rocket Tower and climbed many flights of stairs to reach the top! The children learnt lots about how rockets work and experienced some chemical reactions in the brilliant live space talk. The gallery tour enabled the children to enjoy the interactive activities and helped them learn about all the planets in our solar system, whilst realising how we as humans are changing our own planet Earth. The planetarium gave an immersive experience which helped us understand the feelings of weightlessness and a centrifugal force. What a wonderful way to bring our science topic to a close.



A special thank you to Miss Walton and Miss Ansell who accompanied the children alongside Mrs Tinkley, Miss Sugden and Mrs Clarke.



LIVES First Aid Training

On Tuesday 5th December, LIVES First Responders came into school to work with Year 5. They showed the DRSABC and discussed how to resuscitate. The children experimented on mannequins and even tried out a defibrillator.

Our visitors commented on the children's impeccable behaviour and said they had never been to a school before with such polite and well behaved children. Well done guys!

Save The Children Christmas Jumper Day

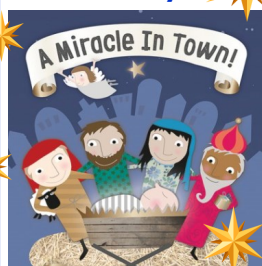
On Thursday 7th December, our whole school participated in 'Christmas Jumper Day' to help support the charity 'Save the Children'. Children and staff came to school dressed in a festive / winter jumper and enjoyed feeling christmassy for a great cause.



Save the Children
**CHRISTMAS
JUMPER DAY**

This year, the suggested donation of £2.00 could pay for a pair of shoes to keep a baby in Afghanistan warm through winter or £5 could pay for a maths pack to make sure a child in the UK is ready for school. Please donate via this link. <https://christmas.savethechildren.org.uk/fundraising/CJD230032174>

KSI Nativity



Over the past few weeks, our Year 1 and Year 2 children have been working extremely hard on their Christmas nativity, 'A Miracle In Town'.

This week, the children have performed to the whole school and their parents/carers. They were absolutely amazing, from their energetic dance moves, enthusiastic singing, clear narration and wonderful acting skills. We would like to thank you for your continued support. Have a wonderful Christmas!

Parental Reminders

Rock Steady Music Christmas Concert



We are very excited for our upcoming Rocksteady Music Concert on **Tuesday 12th December at 2.30pm.**

All the children participating in the Rocksteady Music lessons have had the opportunity to enjoy a range of musical experiences through singing, listening, performing and composing. We would like you to join us to celebrate their musical talents in this fabulous Christmas concert.

We hope you can join us, and we look forward to sharing with you the progression the children have made this term.



Parental Reminders Bi-Annual Christmas Fair

Christmas Fair



Our bi-annual Christmas Fair is fast approaching and doors will open on **Wednesday 13th December**, from 5.00pm - 7.00 pm. There are stalls with lots of gift ideas. Each class also has a stall at the fair, and the children are busy making their items to sell. There will be refreshments served by FoBS, and a super Christmas raffle with a whole host of great prizes to be won.

Entry into the Christmas Fair is £1 per person, with under 5s being free. All proceeds raised will go towards this year's Year 6 Legacy gift.

We very much look forward to seeing you all there enjoying the refreshments while doing some Christmas shopping. Come and spread a little festive joy!

**Barrowby CE
Primary School
Christmas Fair**
Wednesday 13th December 2023
5.00pm - 7.00pm

*Would you, or anyone you know,
like a stall at our very popular
bi-annual Christmas Fair?
The cost is £10 per stall and a
donation of a raffle prize.*

*Call now on 01476 566121 and
speak to Mrs Holmes or
Mrs Duller to secure your place.*

FOBs Design a Christmas Jumper Competition

Our wonderful FOBs members would like to invite all children to get creative and design their ideal Christmas jumper!

Entries are £1 and all proceeds raised will go directly towards future school projects that benefit all children in the school.

Entries will be judged by the School Fundraising Committee and winners will be awarded in the following categories -

- Reception,
- Year 1 and Year 2,
- Year 3 and Year 4
- Year 5 and Year 6.



Prizes will be presented to the children on the Christmas Party Day, Tuesday 19th December.

Please hand completed entries along with the £1 entry fee to your child's class teacher by Friday 15th December. Please ensure all entries are completed with your child's name and class.





Year 6 visit to National Holocaust Centre

On **Friday 15th December**, our year 6 children will visit the National Holocaust Museum at Newark. If you have not ordered a meal with our hot school meal provider for your child on this day, please ensure your child is provided with a packed lunch and a water bottle for this visit.

Please ensure that your child arrive at school at 8.45am for a prompt departure from school at 9.00am to the centre. The children are expected to arrive back at school in time for the end of the day at 3.15pm.

Christmas House Tournaments

On Monday 18th December, our Christmas House Tournaments will take place in school. Please can you ensure your child has their full PE kit in school and a water bottle for this event.



Christmas Lunch & Christmas Party Day

This year, Christmas Parties for all classes will take place on **Tuesday 19th December**.



Children should come to school wearing a Christmas jumper and or party clothes, they will enjoy Christmas games in the morning, and our Reception and Key Stage 1 children will even have a secret 'virtual' visitor (as long as the elf-mail is working).

Once again, we will be enjoying a traditional Christmas lunch with crackers in the school hall. Please ensure that if you wish your child to have a Christmas lunch that this is ordered from The Farm Kitchen by **10.00am on Tuesday 12th December**.

In the afternoon, the whole school will enjoy a performance from the West Midlands Children's Theatre, with their Pantomime, 'Sinbad,' in the school hall.

Once again, thanks to our fundraising efforts, we are able to fund this pantomime, the gifts from Santa and the Christmas crackers, through FOBs – many thanks to everyone.

Church Christmas Service

Our School Christmas Service will take place in Barrowby Church, on Wednesday **20th December 2023** at 9.15am.

This year we would like to welcome parents to the service. There is a limited number of seats in the church and due to the amount of families, we hope to be able to offer one ticket per family on a first come first served basis.

If you would like a ticket please complete the form provided on your Parentmail below by **Friday 15th December at 10.00am**.



Once the deadline for tickets has closed, we will notify you via Parentmail if you have been allocated a ticket for this event on **Monday 18th December**. I look forward to sharing this event with you.



Last Day of Term

Our last day of term will be Wednesday 20th December at 3.15pm.

Return to school

We return to school on Wednesday 3rd January 2024.



Key Stage 2 New Year Disco



On **Tuesday 9th January 2024**, we will hold our Key Stage 2 New Year Disco from 3.30pm until 5.15pm.

Tickets for this cost £4.00 per child. These will be on sale from **Wednesday 3rd January 2024 to Monday 8th January 2024**. They will be sold by their class teacher in their classrooms-each day.

The ticket price includes:

Disco

Food and Drink (provided by FoBS)

Entry into the Prize Raffle

Children should come to school in school uniform and bring their disco clothes with them. At the end of the school day, they will then get changed before enjoying the disco.

We look forward to seeing the children enjoying themselves at this very popular event in our calendar.

Dates for your diary.....

Tuesday 12th December - Rocksteady Christmas Concert
Wednesday 13th December - Bi-Annual Christmas Fair
Friday 15th December - Year 6 visit to Holocaust Centre
Monday 18th December - House Christmas Tournaments
Tuesday 19th December - Christmas Party Day & Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 20th December - Christmas Service,
All Saint's Church, Barrowby
Wednesday 20th December - Last day of term
Wednesday 3rd January - Return to school
Tuesday 9th January - FOBs KS2 Disco



Wrap Around Care Booking Update

To create a more streamlined booking process, from **Thursday 1st February** you will now be able to select your booking requirements for Breakfast and After-School club on the one template on your Iris Parentmail App.

For assistance making your bookings, please refer to the instruction guide provided to you in our Wrap Around Care bookings update letter provided on Parentmail. For all bookings prior to this date, please continue to make bookings as you would normally do so.

As a school we believe that communicating with parents is vitally important; ensuring our parents receive the correct information about all aspects of school life at the right time, we work very hard to communicate effectively. All of our communications to parents are issued via Parentmail.

Parentmail is an online communication tool, you are automatically registered with Parentmail when your child starts school. Parentmail helps make life for parents much easier; with your App you can:

- View messages
- Make payments electronically
- Reserve tickets for school events
- Complete forms, surveys and give permissions for school visits/events
- Book SEND review meetings and Parent-Teacher Consultations
- Make bookings for Wrap Around Care provision
- Urgent communications are issued via text message

Please check your child's account regularly for any updates.



Available on the
App Store

The best way to use ParentMail is to download the free app. Using the app you can easily keep track of all messages from school (instead of cluttering your inbox!), report a pupil absence, pay for items, organise parents evenings appointments and attendance at events and complete online forms.

If you require assistance with Parentmail, please contact the school office on 01476 566121.



Attention all parents!

Download the ParentMail App
for the best way to pick up school messages

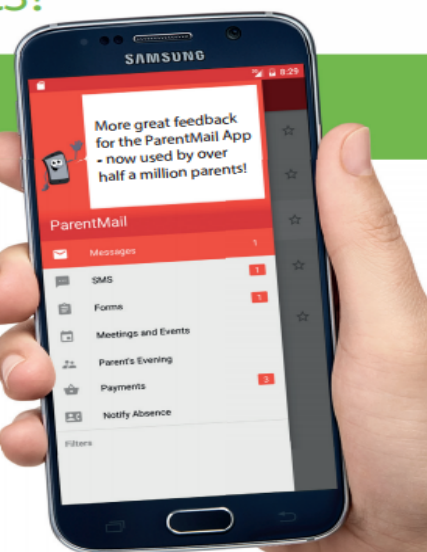
*"Great App to compliment the web!
It's so convenient to have all the
ParentMail services in my pocket!"*



*"Works perfectly! Texts, emails & newsletters all
come through. I can even make appointments
for parents' evening. Fantastic!"*



**FREE
DOWNLOAD**



ParentMail



Please note: If you are not already registered, you will need to register online on the ParentMail website before trying to access the App. Please ask the school office to send you a registration message



Christmas Party Day Menu...

Breakfast:

Choice of:

Regular breakfast menu OR

Pancakes (served with strawberries,
blueberries, and cream)

Dinner:

Pigs in blankets with stuffing balls,
Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes, peas,
and gravy

Dessert:

Fresh fruit OR

Mince pie with cream (hot or cold)

Drinks:

Fresh orange juice

Fresh apple juice

Milk

Hot Chocolate with marshmallows and
squirty cream



Reception Admissions September 2024

Our Open Day appointments are now open and we are welcoming prospective parents to visit to our school.

Do you have a child or know someone who has a child starting school in September 2024? We have our Open Day bookings available, these take place on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. We will be providing appointments up until Thursday 14th December.

You will be provided with a one to one tour of the school with the Headteacher, Mr Batey. If you would like to arrange an appointment, please contact the school office on 01476 566121 to arrange a suitable appointment for you.





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Grantham, Lincolnshire
NG32 1BX

Barrowby Church of England Primary School

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WE ALWAYS STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE

"Make your light shine so that others can see the good that you do" - Matthew 5:16





CREATIVITY



RESPECT



INDEPENDENCE

Come and join our school family:
Tel: 01476 566121 Email: enquiries@barrowby.lincs.sch.uk



Hot School Meals

Have you ordered your hot school meals with our hot school meal provider, The Farm Kitchen? The deadline for ordering your hot school meals for the return to school after half-term for the week commencing **Monday 18th December** is **Tuesday 12th December at 3.00pm.**



BARROWBY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Farm Kitchen - Hot School Meals - Menu Sheet

Mon 18 December - Fri 22 December



	Monday 18 December	Tuesday 19 December	Wednesday 20 December	Thursday 21 December	Friday 22 December
Main Course 1	Margherita Pizza, Sweetcorn and Carrot Sticks	Christmas Lunch - Roast Turkey, Cocktail Sausage, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Parsnips, Carrots, Peas and Gravy	Ham and Cheese Pasta Bake, Crusty Bread and Peas		
					
Main Course 2	Tuna Mayonnaise Baguette and Carrot Sticks	Christmas Lunch - Roast Pork, Apple Sauce, Roast Potatoes, Roast Parsnips, Carrots, Peas and Gravy	Jacket Potato with Chicken and Sweetcorn Mayonnaise and Cucumber Slices		
					
Vegetarian Option	Jacket Potato, Baked Bean Hotpot, and Carrot Sticks	Christmas Lunch - Vegan Strips in Gravy, Sage and Onion Stuffing, Roast Potatoes, Roast Parsnips, Carrots, Peas and Gravy	Veggie Hotdog, Diced Potatoes, Cucumber Sticks and Ketchup		
Pudding 1	Zesty Orange Shortbread	Christmas Strawberry and Vanilla Swirl Ice Cream	Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Custard		
					
Pudding 2	Individual Yeo Valley Strawberry Yoghurt	Chocolate Christmas Cake	Individual Yeo Valley Strawberry Yoghurt		
					
Fruit	Banana - individual	Satsuma - individual	Slice of Honeydew Melon		

Weekly House Point Totals

ARMSTRONG

306

CHICHESTER

403

SCOTT

508



SAVE the DATE!



**TUESDAY 19TH
DECEMBER BY 3PM**

You'll need to order your child's school lunches for the first week back at school in January by this time.

The menus are now live on the ordering system.

Any orders placed after this time unfortunately can't be fulfilled.



GRANTHAM
TOGETHER

Festive Fun

Grantham Together has been busy organising some festive fun. Dedicated to giving family and friends a chance to make some wonderful memories this Christmas it is hosting a week of events all of which are entirely FREE.

Come along and walk through Grantham's Winter Wonderland and see what there is on offer.

EVENTS TAKING PLACE AROUND THE TOWN

from Monday 11th December to Saturday 16th December

Performances from Grantham School of Dance

Present hunt - find the shops, solve the anagram & claim a FREE goody bag from the elves

Activities in The George shopping centre

Performances from Grantham Operatic Society

See Christmas scenes come to life with festive characters

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday

See the Elves in the George Shopping Centre & send your letter to Santa daily

Christmas Light hunt

Christmas Story Telling & more in Library and Museum

Performances from Harrowby Singers

Christmas Steam Punk Event

COME AND JOIN IN THE FUN





GRANTHAM TOGETHER

Monday 11th December to Saturday 16th December

Date and Time	What's happening and Where
Monday to Friday 6pm - 8pm Saturday 10am - 12noon	Present Anagram Hunt Look for the presents with letter clues on around the town centre. Solve the anagram and come and claim your FREE lucky bag as a prize. Sheets to take part can be collected from the Elves in The George Shopping Centre. (Thanks to Grantham College for thier support with this)
Monday to Friday 6pm - 8pm Saturday 10am - 12noon	Come and See the elves in The George Shopping Centre and send your letter to Santa
Monday to Friday 6.30pm	Performance by the Grantham School of Dance in Morrisons Centre
Wednesday to Friday 6pm - 8pm Saturday 10am - 12noon	See Christmas Scenes come to life with festive characters. Empty shops throughout town will be transformed into festive scenes by Harrowby singers, Grantham Dramatic Society and St Peters Hill Players. Come and see Mrs Claus baking gingerbread, Elves wrapping presents, snowy scenes and more!
Thursday and Friday 6pm - 8pm	Performances by Harrowby singers in the Morrisons Centre and The George Shopping Centre. Performances will be at various times throughout the evening adding to the festive cheer!
Wednesday 6pm - 8pm	Performance by Grantham Operatic Society in The George Shopping Centre
Saturday 16th December	Grantham Library will be hosting Christmas Story telling and fun activities throughout the day
Saturday 16th December Starts at 11am	Christmas Steam Punk Event - The Market Place and The George Shopping Centre Come and see the steam punk society dressed in their finest. Tea Shanty's at 12noon and 3pm Umbrella Jousting at 1pm Torch light parade at 4:15pm - starting from The Market Cross and finishing and with a Christmas Carol in The George Shopping Centre.
Saturday 16th December 12noon - 4pm	Grantham Museum are hosting a festive display throughout the week and there will be Elf Story time Saturday 16th December 12noon - 4pm
Any time when the light are on!	Christmas Light Hunt In addition Grantham together wanted to give the opportunity to create some special memories away from all the hustle and bustle. If you prefer a quieter scene. Chose an evening of your choice download the light hunt sheet from Councillor Tim Harrison's Facebook page (@cltindharrison) and head out into Grantham town centre and see if you can spot all the things on the sheet in the magical Christmas lights and shop windows.



All Saint's Church, Barrowby



Advent Coffee Morning

Saturday 9 December
in Barrowby Church.

10.00am -12 noon

Christmas Stall
Raffle

Advent and Christmas at Barrowby Church

Sunday 10 December

Families Carols for Advent

10.00am



Dysart Park * Carols at the Bandstand

Celebrate Christmas with carols in the beautiful surroundings of Dysart Park!

Buy your ticket at
Grantham's Christmas Fayre
(3rd December 11am-5pm),
or on the day
(subject to availability).

Light refreshments
will be available.

Please note that parking and
toilet facilities are limited.

**FREE
EVENT**
FOR THE GRANTHAM
COMMUNITY

walking nativity
starting at St. Anne's
2-3pm

Sun 10 December
2-4pm



Dysart Park EVENTS



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