

DIARY DATES

Dates for the School Year can be found on our website. [CLICK HERE](#) to go to

Monday 18th December

Christmas House Tournaments



Tuesday 19th December

Christmas Party Day & Christmas Lunch



Wednesday 20th December

Last day of term



Wednesday 3rd January

Return to school



Tuesday 9th January

FOBs KS2 New Year Disco



Thursday 11th January

Parent Workshop - Year 3
Residential Visit



Governor Meetings

FGB Meeting
Tuesday 30th January 2024



Tuesday 9th January
FOBs KS2 New Year Disco



Barrowby Church of England Primary School

As a Church school family, we strive for excellence, ensuring that we all feel happy, valued and loved. We aim to provide an exciting, innovative, and relevant curriculum that enables all to 'shine' and develop as creative, respectful and independent citizens. We seek to promote equal opportunities for all so that each individual is encouraged to achieve their full potential and become lifelong learners who can make a positive contribution to society.

Newsletter 15th December 2023

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

Dear Parents/Carers

What a busy week, we've enjoyed this week. I hope you enjoy reading this week's Newsletter.

Len Batey-Headteacher

Events In School

Reception Christmas Assembly and KSI Nativity Photographs

All photograph orders from the Reception Christmas Assembly and the Key Stage One Nativity have now been sent home with your child, please ensure you have checked your child's book bag.



We can confirm we have raised a fantastic £444.64 and we would like to say a very big thank you to all the parents and carers that supported us at these two special events. Thank you also to our wonderful FOBs committee for providing the refreshments, raffle and assisting with the photograph orders. We hope you enjoyed the events. Afterwards, one of our parents wrote:

Dear Mr. Batey: I hope this email finds you well. We wanted to express our sincere appreciation for the outstanding efforts of the teaching staff in Reception and Year One during the recent Christmas performances.

Having a child in both Reception and Year One, we were truly amazed at the remarkable job Mrs. Selby and the entire team have done. It was evident that a tremendous amount of effort and dedication went into preparing the children for their performances. We were particularly impressed by how confidently the children performed at their young age, and the way the staff skilfully commanded such a large group of children.

As parents, we are incredibly grateful for the hard work and commitment demonstrated by the teaching staff. The Christmas performances were a joy to witness, and it's clear that the educators at Barrowby Church of England Primary School go above and beyond to create a positive and nurturing environment for the children to feel confident to showcase their own abilities.

We wanted to take this opportunity to extend our heartfelt thanks to Mrs. Selby and the entire team for their exceptional work. Please convey our gratitude to everyone involved. Wishing you, the teaching staff, and all the students a Merry Christmas filled with joy and warmth.

CREATIVITY



RESPECT



INDEPENDENCE



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Happy

Valued

Loved

Guide Dogs Assembly



On Monday 11th December, we were delighted to be joined by some very special visitors to collective worship, Jannette, Koko and Paul. They visited us from the Guide Dogs association to provide some information and demonstrations of what Koko can do as a guide dog to Jannette.

The children were amazed at Koko's obedience and training and it was fascinating to learn how thanks to guide dogs, Jannette can live her life to the fullest! The fundraising committee conducted their own research which they shared with the school and In the Spring Term will be exploring ways we can raise some vital funds for the charity.

NASA Virtual Q & A

On Monday 11th December, Year 5 joined a virtual talk from the British Space Agency. Space Engineer, Libby talked to the children about space, the moon landing and future space missions to the moon. The children took part in an interactive quiz and helped to invent solutions so that astronauts can one day survive on the moon for up to two months.



Carol Singing at Apple Tree Care Home



On Monday 11th December a small group of our Key Stage 2 choir went to spend some time in a local Care Home - Apple Trees. The children performed a handful of Christmas songs to the residents. The residents had a wonderful time, some were dancing and singing along to the carols.

The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We would like to thank the parents/carers who took time out of their day to provide transport; we are very grateful.

Year 6 Mince Pie Day

On Tuesday 12th December, our Year 6 children were very busy in the Christmas kitchen! They were making mince pies for the Christmas Fair! All the children were very well behaved and followed head chef-Mrs Kay's instructions! Well done Year 6. We hope you enjoyed them at this year's Christmas Fair.



Bi-Annual Christmas Fair

On Wednesday 13th December, we held our bi-annual Christmas Fair. We couldn't believe how many parents and family members wanted to join us on Wednesday evening, despite the long queues and waiting time to enter the Fair. Nevertheless, we welcomed a staggering amount of visitors to this year's Fair. We think it's the most people that have ever visited one of our Christmas Fairs. We hope you enjoyed it.

The children worked really hard to prepare their produce which the staff helped to sell. This included:



Decorations



Wrapping Paper



Sweet Treats



Mosaic Tiles



Baubles



Mince Pies

Thank you to the generosity of those that visited we made a wonderful £1004.26. The monies raised will be used by our Year 6 children to help fund their Legacy Gift at the end of this academic year. [CLICK HERE](#) to view other Legacy Gifts over the years.

A special thank you to all the children and parents who attended, to the staff and their families for attending and to other members of our school community. What a wonderful way to end the term.





Open The Book

On Thursday 14th December, Mrs Watson and Mrs Goodband took the Year one and the Year two children across to the church for a festive version of 'Open The Book'.

The children wore their nativity costumes and helped the church staff members to act out the Christmas story. It really brought the wondrous story to life! Thank you to all the church community who helped make this possible.

Parental Reminders

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.

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.

Today, Friday 15th December, parents and carers have been notified by email via Parentmail if a ticket has been allocated for this event.



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 and **Entry into the Prize Raffle**



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



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

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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



 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

Weekly House Point Totals

ARMSTRONG

596

CHICHESTER

510

SCOTT

583



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 the Christmas holiday for the week commencing Monday 1st January is Tuesday 19th December.





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.

ORDER
NOW!

BARROWBY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Farm Kitchen - Hot School Meals - Menu Sheet

Mon 1 January - Fri 5 January



	Monday 1 January	Tuesday 2 January	Wednesday 3 January	Thursday 4 January	Friday 5 January
Main Course 1			Lincolnshire Beef Bolognese, Pasta, Green Beans and Peas	Roast Pork served with Roast Potatoes, Peas, Carrots and Gravy	Jumbo Fishfinger Sub Roll, Salad Platter, Ketchup and Sweetcorn
or					
Main Course 2			Jacket Potato, Baked Beans, Vegetable Sticks	Egg Mayonnaise Baguette and Cucumber Slices	Jacket Potato, Grated Cheese and a Mixed Salad
or					
Vegetarian Option			Veggie Bolognese, Pasta, Green Beans and Peas	Vegan Strips in Gravy, Roast Potatoes, Peas, Carrots and Gravy	Veggie Finger Sub Roll, Salad Platter, Ketchup and Sweetcorn
Pudding 1			Frozen Strawberry Mousse (not suitable for vegetarians)	Chocolate Banana Bread Cake	Apple Flapjack
or					
Pudding 2			Individual Yeo Valley Mango and Vanilla Yoghurt	Individual Yeo Valley Strawberry Yoghurt	Individual Yeo Valley Mango and Vanilla Yoghurt
or					
Fruit			Apples - individual	Apples - individual	Banana - individual



All Saint's Church, Barrowby

Candlelight Carols

*Sunday 17
December
6pm for
6.30pm*

*refreshments from 6pm,
service starts at 6.30pm*



Christmas at Barrowby Church

Christmas Eve
3.00pm

Children are invited to decorate
our little Yew Trees

3.30pm

Birthday Party
for Jesus

*Puppets, balloons,
cake and more!*

4.00pm

Carols
round the

Decorated Trees

Followed by refreshments in church



Christmas at
Barrowby Church

Christmas Day

8.30am

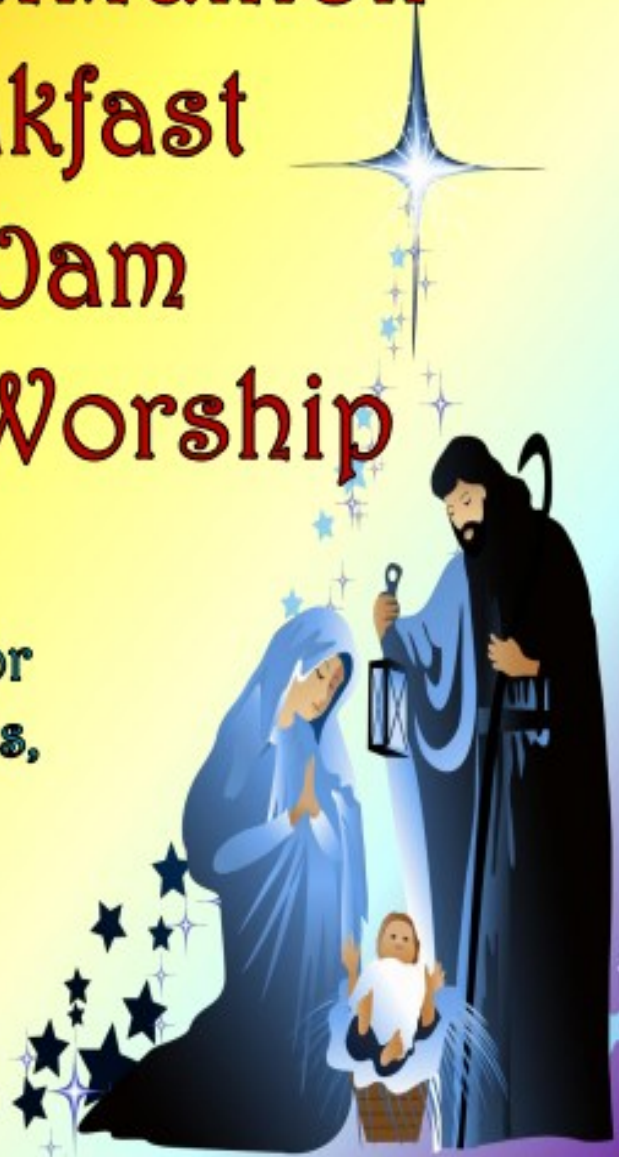
Holy Communion

Breakfast

10.00am

Family Worship

Everyone welcome for
either or both services,
and breakfast,
on this special day.



All Saints Church Barrowby "Twelfth Night Revels"



Friday 5th January 2024
6pm-9pm

Live Music, Singing,
Party Games,
(to join in with if you would like)
Donation Bar, Raffle.



£5 per person
to include a festive drink
and party nibbles

A fundraiser to help keep our church warm
and bright for our whole community to
enjoy.

To buy a ticket please contact Sarah C
on 07729 259997

Ps. Bring plenty of change

