



Barrowby Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

As another school year comes to an end, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, once again, for your continued support, trust and understanding and share with you some of our school achievements; challenges we've faced as well as outline some of the developmental priorities for our school, in the next academic year.

This year, I am delighted with what we all have achieved. Being rated 'Outstanding' in all 5 areas during the OFSTED Inspection 2024 was a particular highlight with all pupils from Reception to Year 6 have once again achieving higher than the Local and National Comparisons as they continue to 'shine' in all that they do.

The children and staff have continued to excel. This year, we have continued to build upon our: **Extra-Curricular Activities** and **External Sporting Competitions**.

As a result of all this hard work, we have enjoyed much success this year:

- Further increase of competitions and sporting opportunities for all
- Increase of pupils acting as Pupil Leaders
- 1st Place – Large School Swimming Gala
- 1st Place – Large School Relay Swimming
- 1st Place – U7's Gymnastics
- 1st Place – U9's Gymnastics
- 1st Place – U11's Girl's Individual
- 1st Place – Large School's Athletics
- 2nd Place – Y3 & 4 Cross Country Running
- 2nd Place – U11's Gymnastics
- 2nd Place – Netball League resulting in 4th Place - County
- 3rd Place – Tag Rugby
- 4th Place – Large Sport's Hall Athletics
- 5th Place – Mixed Football Competition
- 10th Place – Girl's Football
- 16th Place - Boccia
- Renewed the School Games Mark Platinum (2nd consecutive term)

In addition, we have continued to enjoy:

- **Visits** to enhance learning opportunities for the children; as well as
- **Visitors** to school.

The continued success of our school can only be achieved and sustained by the whole school family working together and relies heavily on expertise from school staff and parental support.

I would particularly like to thank all school staff; both those who have been with us for many years, and those who have joined us more recently, for their hard work, commitment, and dedication throughout the past year.

I would also like to thank our Governors, for their commitment to our school, and, our parents, as well as [FOBS](#) for their continued enthusiasm and support and, of course, our children.

Our thanks must go to our current Year 6 children for their contribution towards school life. They have been exemplary role models for our younger children.



This year, funds raised for their 'Legacy Gift' through the Gala Dinner will be used to further enhance our school including the creation of an outdoor 'Den' to support those children who struggle to regulate their emotions while at play outdoors as well as purchasing an outdoor/all weather Table Tennis table for our children to enjoy.

Well done guys and thank you to our Year 6 children for their hard work and effort this year. Good luck to all of you, as you continue your educational journey, at your Secondary School.

This year, the focus of our works has been:

1. Continue to refine and adapt the curriculum to ensure clear progression.
2. Embed and evaluate re-structured assessment opportunities.
3. Extend further partnerships across all aspects of school life. This is so that all members of the school family can continue to grow and flourish.

This work has been extensive and helped to secure the 'Outstanding' rating in OFSTED in October 2024.

This year, we have continued our strive to further enhance our school grounds. This has included:

- Completion of the installation of the Craft Shack;
- Installation of the outdoor water tap-Hydration Station;
- Completion of the works in the school car park, including the installation of the Pedestrian Path;
- Completion of the school's additional fencing and automatic school car park gates;
- Further resources purchased for use on the playground and in the Outdoor Classroom.

Next year we look to continue to move forward.

At Barrowby Church of England Primary School, we are committed to delivering a high-quality Religious Education (RE) curriculum that reflects the diverse beliefs, values, and traditions of our community and the wider world.

For the academic year **2025–2026**, RE at our school is in a **development year**. This means we are actively reviewing and updating our long-term plan and Stepping Stones Document in preparation for the full implementation of the **new Locally Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education (2025–2030)**.

What does this mean?

- Our RE subject leader is working closely with local partners and other GRACE schools to ensure our curriculum is fully aligned with the new syllabus.
- Staff are receiving training and support to confidently deliver the updated curriculum.
- Pupils will continue to receive regular RE lessons that reflect the key themes and values of the new syllabus, while we refine our planning and resources.

We look forward to launching our fully updated RE curriculum in **September 2026**. In the meantime, we will continue to provide meaningful and inclusive RE experiences that promote respect, reflection, and understanding. If you have any questions about RE at our school, please contact our RE Lead via the school office.

From September, we welcome 35 Reception pupils and their families.

All school children will return to school on Thursday 4th September. When arriving in September, please ensure that children have the appropriate uniform:

Uniform

- Royal blue sweatshirt (round neck) or cardigan with logo
- White polo shirt
- Plain mid-grey, straight-legged, tailored trousers with no external pockets i.e. not 'Cargo style' with grey/black socks
- Mid-grey skirt or Pinafore dress with medium grey tights or white knee-length socks

In the event of unseasonable weather conditions e.g. hotter weather expected when returning to school in September, the Headteacher will inform parents of an extension to the optional summer uniform should it be necessary, for an agreed fixed period.



P.E. and Games Kit

- Royal blue Tee Shirt with logo
- Navy blue shorts
- Pair of plimsolls
- P.E. bag (drawstring) with logo
- Swimming costume or trunks (not bikini or long shorts) and swimming cap - From Year 3 onwards

Outdoor PE Kit for Reception, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2

- Pair of suitable trainers (preferably black)
- Navy Track suit or navy hooded top with logo and plain navy tracksuit bottoms

Please ensure all items of clothing and equipment are permanently marked with your child's name.

Footwear

The children require a pair of sensible black shoes which can be worn to and from school and throughout the school day, both inside the building and while children are at play, **boots are not permitted**. Children will also require a pair of trainers (preferably black) for PE lessons outside and a pair of plimsolls for PE lessons in the hall.

Jewellery

Jewellery is not permitted in school. **Earrings are not permitted**, and children will be requested to remove them if they wear them to school. Pupils are responsible for the security of their own possessions (including watches and money).

Please be reminded any type of **earrings are not permitted** and children will be requested to remove them if they wear them to school.

Hair

All shoulder length or longer hair should be tied back behind the head with a plain royal blue band. Short hair should be smartly trimmed (i.e. no 'extreme hairstyles,' shaved patterns, spiking etc.). The definition of what constitutes an 'extreme hairstyle' is at the discretion of the headteacher.

In September, we will continue to encourage parents to queue down either the Church Path or School Path when dropping off or picking up their children, in order to reduce congestion at the front of the school:

- **Reception/Key Stage 1 entrance/exit** parents line-up on the Church Path and exit through the car park; and
- **Key Stage 2 entrance/exit** parents line-up on the pedestrian path and exit through the car park. Please do not walk over the grass/lawned areas when leaving the school.

Please wait in these designated areas and not at the front of the school. If you have both younger and older children we would suggest that the older children should be taken with you to the Church Path so that you can supervise the children, as you wait to take your children in. Once the younger children have been dropped off you can then walk through the car park and drop the older children off. **No children should be left unsupervised at the beginning of the school day.**

We continue to be guided by our school's vision and are working hard to refine our practice so that all feel 'happy, valued and loved' and are well supported to be ready for school, each day.

At Barrowby CE Primary School, we will continue to 'strive for excellence' in everything that we do, and, with your support, trust and understanding continue to provide the very best education for all our children.

Enjoy your summer holidays and I look forward to working with you, next year.

Yours sincerely



Mr L Batey-Headteacher

