

## DIARY DATES

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



# Barrowby Church of England Primary School

**Our School's Vision:** 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 19th September 2025

*Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find;  
knock, and it will be opened to you* Matthew 7:7

Dear Parents/Carers

What a wonderful 2nd week we have all enjoyed here at Barrowby CE Primary School. I can't believe the days seem to be flying by.

How are we getting on with the new Arbor App? We've started using it to communicate with parents. Last week, we sent out the extra-curricular club list for parents and opened it on Friday evening at about 8.00pm. All parents were informed that the clubs are allocated on a first come first served basis.

So if you've left it a couple of days and tried to register for a club and are getting a blank white screen this means there are no more spaces in that club. This term we are offering 25 extra-curricular clubs-wow, what choice our children have. If you've missed the club, because it is full, perhaps contact us and we'll add your child onto the waiting list. If a space becomes available we'll notify you and add them to the register.

Please make sure you continue to check emails and in app messages for communication from the school. In that way you won't miss anything in school.

I am pleased to note that we have rectified the issues with WRAC bookings and this seems now to be working far more effectively so parents can see, in their child's calendar when they are registered for WRAC, clubs and visits that are scheduled along with school events that are applicable to your child. Please do have a good look at your child's calendar, scroll through the weeks to see this.

Parents can also track their child's attendance through the app, so you can see at a glance your child's attendance and absences. Very transparent.

I appreciate that any change can be a little difficult to manage however, we are on hand to support you with any queries or help you to navigate through the app to find things. Just pop in and ask a member of the Administrative team and they'll gladly help you to solve your query.

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

Len Batey-Headteacher

### CREATIVITY

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

### RESPECT

Valuing others  
Caring  
Maturity  
Team-work  
Empathy  
Consequences  
Thoughtfulness  
Communication  
Manners  
Relationships  
Understanding  
RESPECT  
Courtesy

### INDEPENDENCE

Initiative  
INDEPENDENCE  
Leadership  
Organisation  
Motivation  
Diligence  
Confidence  
Accountability  
Reflective  
Assertiveness

Happy

Valued

Loved

### Thursday 25th September

Parent Workshop - Year 6  
London Residential Visit



### Friday 26th September

Macmillan Coffee Morning



### Monday 29th September -

### Tuesday 30th September

Year 4 PGL Residential Visit



### Friday 3rd October

Harvest Festival - Reception & Year 6  
Parents



### Wednesday 8th October

Year 3 visit to St Philip's Centre &  
Mandir



### Thursday 16th October

Flu Vaccinations



### Governor Meetings

Tuesday 14th October 2025  
FGB



Friday 17th October 2025  
Family Games Night



Visit our school's page by  
[CLICKING HERE.](#)

## Roots To Food Workshop

On Thursday 18th September, our Year 4 and 5 children took part in an exciting Roots to Food Workshop with Darren, the founder of Roots to Food. The children visited our 'pop up kitchen' in the school hall where they had the opportunity to learn about various food groups, the origins of different devious and popular meals, and learn some important cooking techniques such as the bridge and claw for chopping.

The Year 4 children cooked a delicious chicken and vegetable Szechuan dish and the Year 5 children cooked a Cantonese dish - everyone then enjoyed tasting their delicious meals (including the adults!)



## Szechuan Chicken

4 Small Chicken Breast diced (or :  
1 x 200g bag Frozen Diced Quorn)  
½ tsp Smoked Paprika  
8tbs Light Soy Sauce  
2tbs Clear Honey  
1 Red Onion thinly sliced  
4 Spring Onion thinly sliced  
50g Mangetout chopped in half  
1 Whole Carrot peeled and sliced thinly  
1 Yellow Pepper sliced  
1 Red Pepper sliced  
200g Cooked Easy Cook Long Grain Rice  
30g Fresh Ginger finely chopped  
2 Garlic Clove crushed and peeled  
30g Fresh Coriander chopped  
Water for steaming

### Method

1. To make the Szechwan sauce place the smoked paprika, 6 tbs soy sauce and honey into bowl and whisk together to combine.
2. Place the chicken or Quorn into a bowl and add the ginger and 2 tbs soy sauce and stir, mix, fold to marinade.
3. Heat a non-stick frying pan or saucepan or wok (with lid) add two tablespoons water and the fresh crushed garlic
4. Sear the chicken in the hot pan for two minutes on each side, add the red onion and carrots then place the lid on the pan and steam for 90 seconds. Remove the lid carefully.
5. Add the mangetout, carrots, peppers, spring onion and stir for one minute.
7. Now add the Szechwan sauce and stir for one minute, then add the fresh coriander.
8. Add the cooked rice and stir until all of the ingredients are combined
9. Serve in to the centre of four plates.
10. Enjoy.

# ROOTS TO FOOD

*Active Education in Health & Wellbeing*

## **Cantonese Chicken and Vegetables with a Five Spice Rice (serves 4)**

4 Small Chicken Breast diced  
4tbs Light Soy Sauce  
1tbs Clear Honey  
1 Small Red Onion thinly sliced  
4 Spring Onion thinly sliced  
50g Sugar Snap Peas chopped in half  
1 Whole Carrot peeled and sliced thinly  
½ tsp Chinese Five Spice  
1 Small Red Pepper sliced  
1 Small Yellow Pepper sliced  
200g East Cook Long Grain Rice  
50g Beansprouts  
30g Fresh Ginger finely chopped  
2 Garlic Cloves  
Water for steaming

### **Method**

1. Cook the rice in a saucepan with the Chinese Five Spice
2. Place the chicken into a clean bowl and add the ginger, soy sauce and stir, mix and fold together to marinade.
3. Heat a non-stick frying pan or saucepan or wok (with lid) until hot with a little oil
4. Sear the chicken in the hot pan for two minutes on each side, add 2 tbs water place the lid on the pan and steam for 90 seconds. Remove the lid carefully
5. Add the red onion and sliced carrots to the chicken and steam for a further 1 minute with the lid on.
6. Now remove the lid carefully again and add the sugar snaps, peppers, spring onion, beansprouts, soy sauce and honey
7. Steam with the lid on gently for 1 minute, remove the lid, keep simmering to reduce the liquid
9. Serve in to the centre of four plates with the cooked rice
10. Enjoy

### **Sports Ambassadors**



A huge well done to our Year 5 pupils for their fantastic effort and enthusiasm in applying for the Sports Ambassador role at Barrowby Primary School. Their creativity and dedication shone through in the PowerPoint presentations and letters they produced, showcasing not only their passion for sport but also their growing confidence and communication skills.

We're incredibly proud of the time and thought they put into their work - what a brilliant example of leadership in action! Good luck to all that were involved!

## Parent Reminders



### Year 6 Residential Meeting

On Thursday 25th September 2025, from 5.00pm-6.00pm, there will be a short information meeting, for our parents and pupils of Year 6, about the annual Residential Visit to London-in the school hall. Children are able to accompany their parents. Should you not be able to attend the meeting, all the information provided on the evening will be available for parents after the workshop, via the school's website linked to the Newsletter.

### Year 4 Residential Visit

As you will be aware, our Residential Visit to PGL is now very close and I am sure that the children are all very excited. We are pleased to confirm that the activities your children will be participating in are: Climbing, Sensory Trail, Archery, Zip Wire, The Giant Swing and an evening spent singing songs and star gazing around the 'Campfire.'



- **If your child requires medication, please bring it into school between 3.15pm and 3.45pm on Friday 26th September 2025.** This will allow us to ensure that all medication is correct; permission forms are signed by parents; medication is given to the adult responsible for your child at PGL and that parents have the opportunity to discuss any medical concerns, in person. **If your child has medication in school there is no need to provide a further supply of this, this will be taken on the visit with the adults attending.**
- All medication should be clearly labelled with your child's name and dosage instructions.

All kit should be clearly labelled with your child's name, and should be packed into a rucksack or holdall which they are able to carry themselves.

#### Essential Items



- A sleeping bag and pillow
- Warm Jumper
- Trousers
- T-shirts/shirts
- Barrowby School Navy blue Outdoor PE Top
- School hats will be given to children for the duration of the visit.

Appropriate comfortable footwear (Wellington boots may be brought, please ensure they are packed into your child's rucksack or holdall)

#### Waterproof coat

#### Other Items

- Washing gear (in a bag): deodorant (roll-on); Tooth brush etc.; Towel; Brush/comb
- Underwear and socks
- Appropriate Night Wear; dressing gown; slippers; 'Teddy' (small)
- Handkerchiefs/tissues
- Lip salve

#### Optional Items (These items are brought entirely at your own risk)

- Up to £5 pocket money (optional) in a named purse/wallet
- Camera
- Books
- Comics
- Watch

#### Banned equipment

- Any electrical equipment eg MP3/ipod
- Make-up
- Jewellery e.g. ear rings
- Mobile phones
- Sweets or extra food
- Aerosols e.g. deodorant

## Harvest Festival

Our School Harvest Festival will take place on **Friday 3rd October 2025, 9.15am** at **All Saints Church Barrowby**.



If you have a child in **Reception or Year 6** we would like to invite you to join us for our Harvest Festival Service on Friday 3rd October 2025, 9.15am at All Saint's Church, Barrowby.

**For those parents of a Reception and/or Reception child** please complete the form provided <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/zCWjdSpMwq> to indicate your attendance by: **Friday 26th September 2025**.

As always, we would like to ask our school family to support people in need as part of our harvest thanksgiving. We are once again supporting Grantham Foodbank with our Harvest Festival donations.

We understand that times are difficult at the moment for families. Any donations will be gratefully received. This year we are asking for items from the following:

*Tinned meat, casserole sauces, cereals, soup, steamed puddings or custard, tinned fruit, coffee, tea, cordials, children's treats, biscuits, jams, spreads, deodorant, toilet paper, but donations of any kind are gratefully accepted.*

Please could all donations be in school by **Thursday 2nd October 2025**.



Grantham Foodbank are a local charity that distribute this food to the most in need in our community. This year the 'cost of living crisis' and the soaring energy bills are causing great concern for many families and our community putting additional strain on the Foodbank.

Care professionals such as doctors, health visitors, social workers, CAB and police identify people in crisis and issue them with a foodbank voucher. Over 90% of the food distributed by foodbanks is donated by the public – that's why your food donations are absolutely vital to our ability to give everyone referred to us a balanced and nutritious three day supply of food. As always, thank you for supporting our harvest giving.



## Friends of Barrowby School AGM

As a parent of a child at Barrowby School you are invited to attend the Friends of Barrowby School AGM which takes place in school on **Friday 3rd October 2025** from 2.00pm – 3.00pm.



This is an opportunity for you to learn more about the ways that the Friends of Barrowby School have supported our school, as well as how they will continue to support our school this year, through a program of fundraising events.

All are very welcome to attend. Perhaps, you may like to get involved as a committee member or as a volunteer, supporting events, on a more casual basis.

Please could you kindly complete the form <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/VKpVjRBbQz> to advise your attendance. We very much look forward to seeing you there.



### Year 3 visit to St Philip's Centre and Mandir

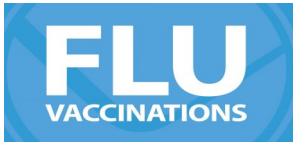
As part of our ongoing work to broaden our pupil's experiences, on Wednesday 8th October 2025, our Year 3 children will be visiting the St Philip's Centre as part of their RE studies, in Leicester.



Whilst there, the children will visit a Mandir to develop their learning of Hinduism for the children to further explore and embrace cultural diversity, they will then complete their visit taking part in faith-related activities back at the St Philip's Centre.

The children will return to school for the end of the school day at 3.15pm. Children will need to be in their full school uniform and will also need to be provided with a packed lunch and a water bottle.

### Flu Vaccinations



The nurse team will be in school on Thursday 16th October 2025 to administer flu vaccinations.

This vaccination is recommended to help protect your child against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and sometimes causes serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family and friends by preventing the spread of flu.

Please [CLICK HERE](#) on the following link to complete a consent or decline for your child(ren):

Please complete at your earliest convenience as the online system for your school will be closed prior to our visit to allow for essential administration to take place. You will need to enter the following code to ensure the completed form can be correctly allocated to your child's school (BARROWBY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL): **EEI20513**.

The vaccination is free and is a quick and simple spray up the nose. This is a yearly vaccine.

For further information please follow this link to the School Aged Immunisation Service Flu page; <https://www.lincolnshirecommunityhealthservices.nhs.uk/our-services/childrenservices/immunisations/seasonal-flu-vaccination-programme> If you have any queries, or you choose to take your child elsewhere for their flu vaccination after you have completed a consent form, please contact the School Aged Immunisation Service on 01522 572950 (8.30am – 4.30pm Mon – Fri)

### Parent Workshop - Year 5 11+

Our 11+ Information Evening is on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2025 and will commence at 5.00pm, in the school hall and aims to cover the following areas:

- 11+ Information Dates and Timeline
- Understanding of 11+ process
- Support from school
- Support at home



The 11+ Information Presentation was introduced as a support for our Year 5 pupils and parents, during this time. Afterwards, you may find it useful to visit our [11+ section of our school website](#). There you will find: Further information on [How to support my child at home](#); Answers to a series of Frequently Asked Questions.

Alternatively, I am always on hand to answer any questions and offer support where I can. Please feel free to contact myself at school. We do hope you and your Year 5 child will be able to join us at the 11+ Information Evening.

Weekly House Point Totals

<b>ARMSTRONG</b>	<b>CHICHESTER</b>	<b>SCOTT</b>
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Awaiting House Captain Results

## The Farm Kitchen

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 week commencing **Monday 29th September 2025** is **Tuesday 23rd September 2025 at 3.00pm.**

### BARROWBY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

#### The Farm Kitchen - Hot School Meals - Menu Sheet

Mon 29 September - Fri 3 October



	Monday 29 September	Tuesday 30 September	Wednesday 1 October	Thursday 2 October	Friday 3 October	
Main Course 1	Mild Chicken Curry, Rice, Green Beans and Peas	Macaroni Cheese, Crusty Bread and Peas	Roast Gammon, Roast Potatoes, Green Beans, Carrots, Sweetcorn and Gravy	All Day Breakfast - Pork Chipolatas, Hash Brown, Baked Beans and a Mini Bread Roll	Jumbo Fishfinger, Mashed Potatoes and Baked Beans	
						
Main Course 2	Ham and Cucumber Roll and Vegetable Sticks	Slice of Ham, New Potatoes, Peas and Mayonnaise	Cheese and Sweetcorn Mayo Sub Roll with a Salad Platter	Cheese and Cucumber Sandwiches and Cucumber Slices	Jacket Potato, Grated Cheese and Vegetable Sticks	
						
Vegetarian Option	Jacket Potato, Baked Beans, Cheese and Vegetable Sticks	Jacket Potato, Veggie Bolognese and Peas	Cheese and Potato Bake, Green Beans, Carrots, Sweetcorn	All Day Breakfast - Veggie Sausage, Hash Browns and Baked Beans	Crumbed Veggie Burger, Mashed Potato and Baked Beans	
<td>           Pudding 1   </td> <td>Frozen Raspberry Ripple Mousse (contains gelatine)</td> <td>Individual Yeo Valley Strawberry Yoghurt</td> <td>Peach Slices in Raspberry Jelly (contains gelatine)</td> <td>Competition Day - Chocolate Iced Sponge Cake</td> <td>Apple Cake</td>	Pudding 1 	Frozen Raspberry Ripple Mousse (contains gelatine)	Individual Yeo Valley Strawberry Yoghurt	Peach Slices in Raspberry Jelly (contains gelatine)	Competition Day - Chocolate Iced Sponge Cake	Apple Cake
Fruit	Apples - individual	Slice of Honeydew Melon	Apples - individual	Satsuma - individual	Satsuma - individual	



#### Winter Coats

As we now approach the colder and wetter months, with changeable weather, please may you ensure your child/ren always has their coat with them in school. Thank you.



# AUTUMN COMPETITION DAY

## THURSDAY 2ND OCTOBER

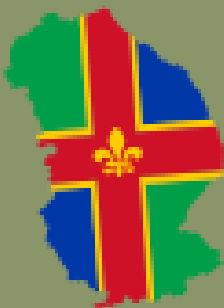
**ORDER A MEAL ON THIS DAY AND BE IN WITH  
A CHANCE OF WINNING – FIND THE LUCKY  
STICKER TO WIN A PRIZE!**

**ORDER DEADLINE:  
TUESDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER  
BY 3PM**

IF YOU REQUIRE ANY  
ASSISTANCE ORDERING  
THE MEAL, PLEASE DO  
NOT HESITATE  
TO CONTACT US AT  
[ENQUIRIES@THEFARMKITCHEN.COM](mailto:ENQUIRIES@THEFARMKITCHEN.COM)  
BEFORE THE ORDER DEADLINE.



# THEME DAYS



**LINCOLNSHIRE DAY**  
WEDNESDAY 1ST OCTOBER



**COMPETITION LUNCH**  
THURSDAY 2ND OCTOBER



**BRITISH FOOD  
FORTNIGHT**  
WEDNESDAY 8TH OCTOBER

T: 01529 460 821

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## Reception Admissions September 2026

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 2026? We have our Open Day bookings available, these take place on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

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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**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](mailto:enquiries@barrowby.lincs.sch.uk)



**All Saints' Church Barrowby**  
**We look forward to**  
**welcoming you to**  
**Families Harvest**  
**Thanksgiving**  
**in Creationtide**  
**21<sup>st</sup> September**  
**at 10.00am**

Our harvest gifts support Grantham Passage – we particularly welcome donations of baked beans, tomatoes, weetabix, small tins of meat, long life milk, biscuits and deodorant spray for men, as well as cereal bars, tinned soup, tea and coffee.



# FANCY PLAYING WATER POLO?

GWPC is running trial sessions for new junior players in 2025

We are looking for new players who are in School Years 5, 6 & 7 to join our very successful and expanding club. No prior experience is required, except for being a competent swimmer of Stage 8 in Swim School or higher.

Both King's and KGGS have outstanding water polo teams competing on a regular basis in national school competitions. Priory Ruskin is also building its own school team! GWPC also play regular matches in local leagues.

A trial is open to girls and boys and will be arranged at a convenient time.

All players must register before trialling  
Excellent coaching will be given.



Selections to join the club and regular training sessions will be made following a trial and players will be informed accordingly. Spaces to join the club are limited.

Beginners train on Fridays 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm (term time)

Register  
Interest Here



OR Email Head Coach - Gareth Chen-Rees on  
[hello@granthamwaterpoloclub.com](mailto:hello@granthamwaterpoloclub.com)

**Affiliated to:**  
Swim England  
ASA East Midlands District  
Lincolnshire County ASA  
Midland Schools Swimming Association



# WEST GRANTHAM

Church of England Secondary Academy

## OPENING EVENING

**Tuesday 23 September 2025**

**5.00pm until 7.00pm**



**We invite families of year 6 children looking at secondary options for September 2026**

**to see another dimension of our academy and come experience our enrichment offer and attend a 'Question and Answer' session with the senior leadership team**

**To book your place at the Open Evening, please book your tickets on the Open Evening page of our website**

If you have any further questions about the September 2027 intake, or midyear admissions to the Academy, please contact us at [office@wgacademy.org.uk](mailto:office@wgacademy.org.uk) or 01476 405200

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