

DIARY DATES

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

Monday 17th November

Parent Workshop - Reception

Curriculum Meeting



Thursday 20th November

Parent - Teacher Consultations



Friday 28th November

Reception Christmas Assembly



Thursday 4th December & Friday

5th December

KS1 Nativity Performance



Monday 8th December

Year 6 visit to National Holocaust Centre



Tuesday 9th December

Rocksteady Music Christmas Concert



Governor Meetings

Tuesday 9th December 2025
FGB



KS2 New Year Disco
Tuesday 13th January 2026



Barrowby Church of England Primary School

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Newsletter 14th November 2025

Serve one another through love.

Galatians 5:13

Dear Parents/Carers

What a week, this week has been. At the beginning of the week, I attended Saltby Airfield with representatives from Year 6 and Miss Lees for the reveal of the Poppies on Pebbles project that we have taken part in. At this time, what a lovely way to learn about actual men and women who have served to protect us.

The pebbles were placed on the Airfield with others from other local schools to commemorate Remembrance Day, a poignant moment. This was followed by the whole school observing the 2 minute silence on Tuesday the 11th November at 11.00am, when the whole school: Reception to Year 6, including two new prospective parents as we paused our tour of the school, congregated in the hall for this.

Wednesday saw me meeting with the Choir as we prepare for singing at the Barrowby Christmas Fair next week, Saturday 22nd November; performing at the Church at 2pm and then the Reading Rooms at 2.30pm. If you would like to join in with the Carol Singing please feel free to come down and join in with the fun.

Thursday we conducted our Attendance Check of the first half of the Autumn term and sent a letter to parents. Today, those parents that have children with below 95% attendance are being sent another letter, exploring whether or not parents would like support from the school to help improve attendance. Please be reminded that as a school, we have a statutory duty to inform parents of their child's attendance. Unplanned absences of illnesses of a couple of days that do not present a pattern are of no concern to the school and require no action, as we would expect attendance to improve in the warmer months. However, those children with below 90% attendance may require support from the school for this to improve.

Also on Thursday, we hosted our first Parent/Teacher Consultation of the year (not counting the SEND Meetings held before half-term). It was lovely to see so many of you there, catching up and chatting about your child's progress so far this term. How well they all seem to be doing.

And then today, Friday. I was joined by our Fundraising Committee today, in Collective Worship as they presented information about Children In Need to the whole school. They did ever so well. So far we have raised: £258, thank you to those that have donated. If you'd still like to please [CLICK HERE](#). What a week, I do hope you enjoy this week's Newsletter.

Len Batey-Headteacher

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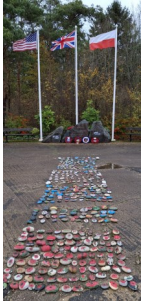


Visit our school's page by [CLICKING HERE.](#)

Happy

Valued

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Poppies On Pebbles Commemorative Event

On Monday 10th November, representatives from our Year 6 class, Miss Lees and Mr Batey attended Saltby Airfield, to unveil this year's dedication to remembrance; Poppies on Pebbles. This art workshop was enjoyed by our Year 6 children earlier this term. During the project, they spoke about men and women who had served and dedicated a pebble to them. These were displayed at the airfield and have been brought back to school. What a beautiful way to remember those that have served. [CLICK HERE](#) to view this week's post on our school's Facebook page.

Year 5 Swimming Lessons

Pupils in Year 5, Mr Olalere's class, will take part in swimming lessons, from Thursday 13th November until Thursday 18th December 2025.

Parent/Teacher Consultations

On Thursday 14th November, we hosted our first Parent-Teacher Consultation in school, we have thoroughly enjoyed welcoming all parents to meet with their child's class teacher. Thank you for supporting us with our Parent-Teacher Consultation event and we hope you found it informative.



Children In Need

On Friday 14th November Barrowby Primary School came together to celebrate and support Children in Need, a fantastic charity that helps improve the lives of children and young people across the UK.

Our pupils and staff showed incredible enthusiasm and generosity throughout the day. The school was filled with bright colours and big smiles as everyone joined in the fun activities. From spotty outfits and Pudsey ears, we all did our bit! Our incredible fundraising committee started off the day with a presentation all about the history of Children in Need and why we support this charity.

We are proud to announce that, thanks to your amazing support, we raised £231 at the time of publishing. Every penny will go towards helping children who need it most, making a real difference in their lives. A huge thank you to all the families who have contributed. There's still time, please [CLICK HERE](#) if you'd like to donate.

FOBs Meeting

Today, Friday 14th November 2025, we held our monthly Friend's Of Barrowby School Meeting. It was lovely to see you. The Committee discussed the upcoming fundraising projects that they are supporting with. We are very much looking forward to all the exciting upcoming events. If you feel you could spare a few hours of your valuable time, please come along to one of our meetings for a chat and a 'cuppa.'

Attendance

This week we have completed our Attendance Trawl analysing absences for first part of Autumn term. Personalised Attendance Letters will be issued to all those that have fallen below 95% attendance.



You may find it useful to know the following descriptions for attendance:

Excellent Attendance	98% and above	no concern-no action
Good Attendance	95% to 97.9%	no concern-no action
Cause for Concern	90% to 94.9%	concern -deemed at risk of persistent absentee
Persistent Absence	below 90%	greater concern -categorised as a persistent absentee

As a school we endeavour to work with our parents to support where we can, responding to individual need. Please remember we do understand reasons why children need to be absent from school and in some cases this is beyond the control of parents e.g. recommendation to remain at home for 48 hours.



St Wulfram's Christmas Tree Festival

We are once again looking forward to participating at the Christmas Tree Festival at St Wulfram's Church this year, the festival will take place from Wednesday 26th November - Sunday 30th November 2025. More details to follow.

Grantham Foodbank - Christmas Appeal - Reverse Advent Calendar

Grantham Foodbank is a community-based project, and our pledge is to provide food to people in crisis free of charge and we are extremely grateful to all those who donate the food that enables us to do this.



The Foodbank helps local individuals and families in crisis through the provision of emergency food supplies donated by churches, schools, businesses, and the general public. Last year the Grantham Foodbank distributed over **79 tonnes** of food to **8,216** local people in crisis, of whom **2,646** were children. An increase of 10% from the previous year. Your support with food and monetary donations helps us to keep pace with the additional demand that we are experiencing.

As Christmas fast approaches we are asking if you would be willing to help us in taking part in their **'Reverse Advent Calendar'** appeal.

How does it work?

Traditionally Advent Calendars are used in the run up to Christmas and generally provide chocolate or a small treat behind a window for each day during Advent. A popular treat mainly, but not exclusively, for children!! By reversing the calendar, we are asking that instead of taking from the calendar, you put in, (a box or bag), the suggested items listed on the attached 'Reverse Advent Calendar' and bring it to school.

Christmas is always a busy time of year for everyone and probably the most worrying for those who are struggling to put food on the table especially with the added expense of gifts for the children! Of course, we would be love you to fill the box with everything on the list but any donation whether it is all, or part, would be gratefully accepted.

What to collect - Items have been chosen according to the needs of the Foodbank with a couple of Christmas themed treats. Grantham Foodbank works with non-perishable food items (tinned and dried goods). items should be unopened, in date and in good condition. **Please can all donations be brought to the school office by Tuesday 9th December. Thank you for your support.**

Day 1  Baked Beans / Spaghetti	Day 2  Tinned Soup	Day 3  Toilet Rolls	Day 4  Tinned Tomatoes	Day 5  Rice 500g Packets	Day 6  Mince Pies
Day 7  Packet Biscuits	Day 8  Shower Gel Shampoo	Day 9  Tinned Fish	Day 10  Coffee 100g Jars	Day 11  Jam	Day 12  Breakfast Cereal
Day 13  Toothpaste	Day 14  Selection Boxes	Day 15  Bottles Squash	Day 16  Pasta 500g packets	Day 17  Tinned Peas or Sweetcorn	Day 18  Pasta Sauces
Day 19  Tomato Ketchup	Day 20  Tinned Custard	Day 21  Christmas Pudding (non-alcoholic)	Day 22  Rice Pudding	Day 23  500g bags Sugar	Day 24  Tinned Fruit



Bi - Annual Christmas Fair

We are delighted to invite you and your family to our Bi-Annual Christmas Fair, on Wednesday 10th December from 5.00pm - 7.00pm, a joyful celebration filled with festive cheer, community spirit, and holiday magic! This year promises to be brighter than ever with lots of craft and gift stalls, perfect for your festive shopping, delicious seasonal treat and refreshments and raffle prizes!

All proceeds will go towards helping us making a meaningful difference for our children. We are very much looking forward to seeing you there!

A decorative border featuring various Christmas ornaments (gold, red, purple, green) and pine branches with holly leaves and berries. The background is a light blue and white pattern of snowflakes and stars.


Barrowby CE Primary School
Christmas Fair
Wednesday 10th December 2025
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 to speak to
Mrs Holmes or Mrs Duller
to secure your place.**

Dates for your diary

Friday 28th November

Reception Christmas Assembly - 9.30am

Thursday 4th December

KS1 Nativity - 2.00pm

Friday 5th December

KS1 Nativity - 9.30am

Tuesday 9th December

Rocksteady Music Christmas Concert

Wednesday 10th December

Christmas Fair - 5.00pm - 7.00pm

Tuesday 16th December

Christmas House Tournament

Wednesday 17th December

Christmas Lunch & Christmas Party Day

Wednesday 17th December

*Pantomime in school - All Children
Dick Whittington*

Friday 19th December

Christmas Church Service

Friday 19th December

Last day of term

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





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

The Farm Kitchen

The deadline to order your child's Christmas lunch is Tuesday 9th December 2025. Just log in to your Farm Kitchen account www.parents.thefarmkitchen.com to place your order, or email enquiries@thefarmkitchen.com if you need any help.



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 week commencing Monday 24th November 2025 is Tuesday 18th November 2025 by 3.00pm.

BARROWBY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Farm Kitchen - Hot School Meals - Menu Sheet

Mon 24 November - Fri 28 November



	Monday 24 November	Tuesday 25 November	Wednesday 26 November	Thursday 27 November	Friday 28 November
Main Course 1	Margherita Pizza, Sweetcorn and Cucumber Slices	Lincolnshire Sausage Roll, Diced Potato, Peas and Tomato Ketchup	Roast Pork, Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Sweetcorn, Green Beans and Gravy	Very Mild Beef Chilli Con Carne, Vegetable Rice and a Salad Platter	Breaded Fish Fillet, Mashed Potato and Baked Beans
Main Course 2	Jacket Potato, Baked Beans and Cucumber Slices	Jacket Potato with Cheese and Pineapple Filling and Cucumber Slices	Ham and Cucumber Sandwich with Vegetable Sticks	Soft Cheese and Cucumber Bagel with Vegetable Sticks	Cheese-topped Veggie Cottage Pie and Baked Beans
Vegetarian Option	Quorn Sausage Hotdog, New Potatoes, Cucumber Slices and Mayonnaise	Puff Pastry Veggie Sausage Roll, Diced Potatoes, Peas and Tomato Ketchup	Cheese and Vegetable Crumble served with Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Sweetcorn and Green Beans	Veggie Bolognese, Vegetable Rice and a Salad Platter	Vegan Nuggets, Mashed Potato and Baked Beans
Pudding 1	Apple Flapjack	Strawberry Jelly (contains gelatine)	Ginger Cake	Orange Wedge and Mini Shortbread	Jam Doughnut
Fruit	Satsuma - individual	Slice of Honeydew Melon	Apples - individual	Apples - individual	Satsuma - individual

Weekly House Point Totals

ARMSTRONG

655

CHICHESTER

569

SCOTT

497