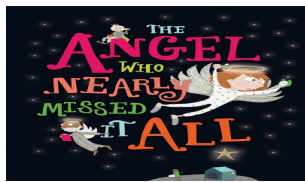


DIARY DATES

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

Friday 28th November

Reception Christmas Assembly



Thursday 4th December & Friday 5th December

KSI Nativity Performance



Monday 8th December

Year 6 visit to National Holocaust Centre



Tuesday 9th December

Rocksteady Music Christmas Concert



Wednesday 10th December

Christmas Fair



Friday 12th December

Mop Up Flu Vaccinations



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 21st November 2025

Be kind to one another.

Ephesians 4:32

Dear Parents/Carers

As we approach the festive season, we want to take a moment to celebrate everything that makes Barrowby Primary School such a special place. Every day, we see the dedication of our staff, the enthusiasm of our pupils, and the incredible support from parents and carers. Thank you for the time and energy you invest in your children's learning—it truly makes a difference.

One of the most powerful ways you can continue to support your child's development is through reading at home.

Reading is not just about decoding words; it opens doors to imagination, creativity, and knowledge. Research consistently shows that children who read regularly develop stronger language skills, better concentration, and greater confidence. These skills are the foundation for success—not only in school but in life. Whether it's sharing a bedtime story, exploring a new book together, or encouraging independent reading, every moment spent reading helps shape a lifelong learner.

Tomorrow, we have something very special planned to bring our community together: Carol Singing!

We are thrilled to invite you to join us for this festive celebration. We'll begin at 2:00pm in the Reading Room, followed by singing in the Church from 2:30pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to share the joy of music, connect with friends, and even join in for a singalong! Your presence will make the event even more memorable for the children, and we would love to see as many families as possible.

As we look forward to this joyful occasion, we want to express our heartfelt thanks for your continued support. Whether it's helping at home, attending school events, or simply encouraging your child every day, your involvement is invaluable. Together, we are building a school where every child feels supported, inspired, and ready to achieve their best.

Let's keep nurturing a love of learning—starting with the magic of reading—and celebrate the successes that lie ahead.

We can't wait to see you tomorrow for an afternoon of festive cheer! See you then.

Len Batey-Headteacher

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Reception Curriculum Meeting

On Monday 17th November 2025, we were delighted to host our Reception Curriculum Meeting, and we would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents who were able to attend.

Reception

During the session, we explored the Reception Curriculum, the different Areas of Learning, and how we assess progress in the Early Years Foundation Stage. We also shared how we teach early reading, writing, and maths in school.

Mr Batey and Mrs Selby emphasised the importance of reading and the crucial role parents and carers play in fostering a love of reading at home. Research shows that children who read regularly are better able to access the curriculum and develop a rich vocabulary—skills that will support them throughout their education.

For those who were unable to join us, the PowerPoint presentation from the meeting is now available on the [school website](#). We encourage you to take a look, as it contains key information about the Reception curriculum and practical ways to support learning at home.

Top Tips for Encouraging Reading at Home

- Read together daily – even a few minutes makes a big difference.
- Make it fun – use voices for characters or talk about the pictures.
- Create a reading routine – bedtime stories are a great way to end the day.
- Visit the library – let your child choose books that interest them.

Model reading – show your child that you enjoy reading too.

If you have any questions after viewing the presentation, please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher—we're always happy to help. Thank you once again for your continued support in making this a successful start to the year.

1st School's Exchanging and Sharing Good Practice



Recognised for
**Professional
Generosity**
2025/26

This week marked an exciting milestone for our school as we hosted the very first of our *School's Sharing Best Practice* sessions. Following our recent Outstanding OFSTED recognition, we have been commended for our spirit of *Professional Generosity* - and we are proud to extend this by working alongside local schools to share our approaches and support their development.

Our inaugural session focused on reading beyond phonics, showcasing how we deliver engaging and effective reading lessons that build on early phonics foundations. We were delighted to welcome colleagues from a neighbouring school, who joined us to observe and discuss the strategies we use to foster confident, fluent readers.

The morning was filled with lively discussion, practical demonstrations, and a shared commitment to ensuring every child develops a lifelong love of reading. We look forward to hosting many more sessions in the months ahead, continuing to strengthen collaboration and celebrate the power of shared practice across our community.

Parent - Teacher Consultation

On Thursday 20th November, we hosted our second 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. Thank you for your continued support.



St Wulfram's Christmas Tree Festival

We are very excited to be once again taking part in the St Wulfram's Church Christmas Tree Festival. The festival will take place from Wednesday 26th November 2025 until Sunday 30th November 2025.

Every year, local businesses, schools and individuals decorate trees, which are then displayed lovingly for all the visitors who come to see them.

We do hope you are able to visit this event and find our magical tree, as this year, we are running a special competition! Not only will our tree display all our wonderful aspects of school life, can you find how many Christmas baubles there are?

Wednesday: procession at 6:00pm from the Market Place, Grantham for the official switch-on of the lights. The festival will close at 8:30pm. Public skating is available from 7:00pm to 8:30pm.

Thursday and Friday: The festival will be open from 10:00am to 8:00pm. Public skating is available Thursday from 4:00pm to 8:00pm, Friday 4:00pm to 7:30pm.

Saturday: The festival will be open from 10:00am to 8:00pm. Public skating is available from 10:00am to 8:00pm.

Sunday: The festival will be open from 12:00noon to 4:00pm. Public skating is available from 12:30pm to 4:00pm

Entry on the door to the festival is: adults £3.00 each (free if you have bought yourself a ticket to skate). Children (must be accompanied by an adult), those in care and those who have bought a ticket to skate get in for free.

Today, Friday 21st November, your child will be provided with a competition entry sheet, for every child that participates in the competition with the correct number of baubles, will receive a certificate and will be entered into a prize draw, please check your child's book bag.







Please ensure your child's name and class are provided on the entry form and all entries are to be brought to the school office.

We do hope you will be able to visit this special event and we look forward to receiving your entries. Good luck everyone.



Barrowby Church of England Primary School St Wulfram's Church Christmas Tree Competition

How many of these baubles can you find on the Barrowby CE Primary School Christmas Tree? Write your number below each one.

					
Stocking	Reindeer	Snowman	Christmas Pudding	Christmas Tree	Star
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Child's Name: _____
Class: _____

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!



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.**

Mop up Flu Vaccinations

The nurse team will be in school on Friday 12th November 2025 to administer flu vaccination to the children with provided consent that were not able to receive the vaccination due to illness or absence.

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

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



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

St Wulfram's, Grantham

Christmas Tree Festival with Skating Rink



26 to 30 November 2025

Festival opening times:

Wednesday: procession 6:00pm—Market Place, Grantham for the official switch-on of the lights. Festival closes: 8:30pm. **Public skating: 7:00pm to 8:30pm.**

Thursday and Friday: Festival open: 10:00am to 8:00pm.
Public skating: 4:00pm to 8:00pm.

Saturday: Festival open and skating: 10:00am to 8:00pm.

Sunday: Festival open: 12:00noon to 4:00pm.
Public skating 12:30pm to 4:00pm.

Entry on the door: Adults £3.00 each (free if you have bought yourself a ticket to skate). Children (must be accompanied by an adult), those in care and those who have bought a ticket to skate get in for free.

For more information and to book your skate tickets please see our website or scan the QR code



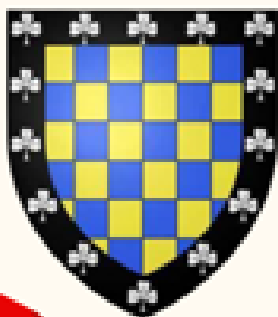
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GRANTHAM TOWN COUNCIL'S
CHILDRENS COLOURING COMPETITION

YOUR CHANCE TO WIN CHRISTMAS
TREATS FOR YOU & YOUR FAMILY!



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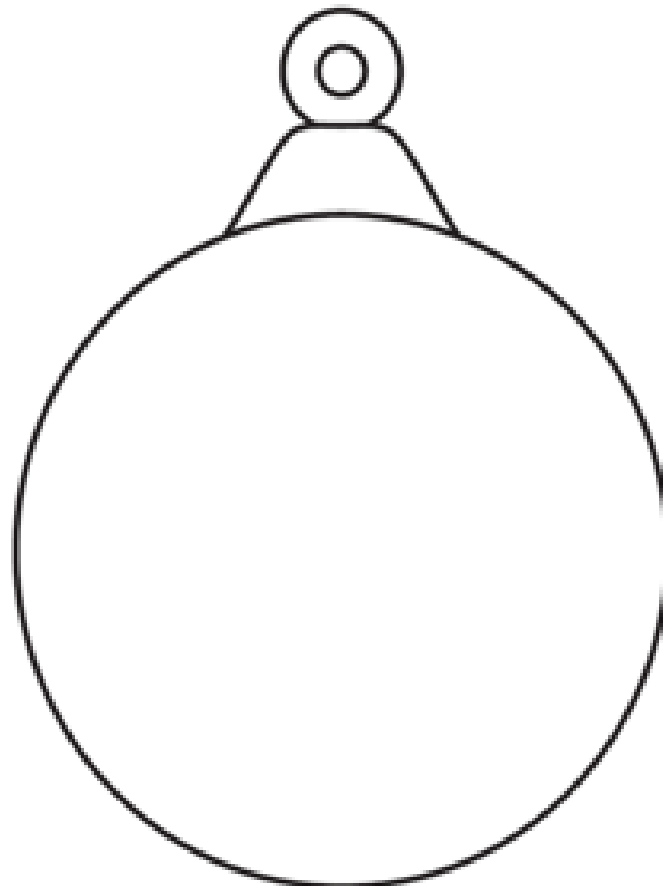
RETURN IT TO THE PARLOUR IN
THE GUILDHALL ARTS CENTRE

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GRANTHAM TOWN COUNCIL'S

★ CHILDRENS COLOURING COMPETITION ★



NAME:.....AGE:.....

PARENT/GUARDIAN EMAIL:

PLEASE RETURN YOUR DECORATED
BAUBLE TO THE PARLOUR IN THE
GUILDHALL ARTS CENTRE BY 13/12/25

THE COMPETITION WILL BE JUDGED BY
GRANTHAM'S AMBASSADOR & THE WINNER
WILL BE CONTACTED VIA EMAIL