

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.

Wednesday 21st January
Year 5 visit to Mosque & The Jain Centre



Monday 26th January
Extra-Curricular Activities Commence



Wednesday 28th January
Year 5 & Year 6 Movie Night



Thursday 29th January
Boccia Tournament - Selected Children



Tuesday 3rd February
Sportshall Athletics



Tuesday 10th February
House Tournament Paralympic Challenge



Friday 13th February
Last day of term



Governor Meetings

Tuesday 3rd February 2026



Year 5 & Year 6 Movie Night
Wednesday 28th January 2026



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Newsletter 16th January 2025

Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Matthew 2:11

Dear Parents/Carers

Can you believe that our 2nd week has now finished? The time at this school seems to go very quickly. I suppose it's because of the amount of opportunities our children can enjoy.

This week alone we have opened up and accepted more children to join us for the Swimathon event in February. This year we have 58 swimmers, comprising of pupils, ex-pupils and parents. Our biggest team since COVID times, well done everyone and thankyou. Please collect sponsors, as this event supports the Rotary Club of Grantham. Last year the team swam 1205 lengths and raised over £1200 for this very worthwhile charity. Good luck everyone. We have also trialled children in Year 5 and Year 6 for the Indoor Athletics team and they have enjoyed their first practice, this week. In addition to this, we have confirmed the pupils selected for the Gymnastic team and at this stage looks like double the competitors compared to last year: pending confirmation and approval from parents.

We have also started the extensive trials for this year's Swimming team for the Large School Swimming Gala. This is our most successful team event as we have won this event for the last 10+ consecutive years. The trials are open to all children in Key Stage 2. Remember, we are looking for children that can swim one length of the pool confidently. I wonder who will be in this year's team?

Today we awarded our very first 'Reading Star.' The very first award was given to one of Year 6 children along with other recipients from all classes, recognising their commitment to reading at home.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents for their continued support and understanding with regards to some of the letters I've sent out since we have come back after Christmas regarding traffic, parking and more recently horses. By working together we are stronger and all our school family are much safer. Thank you.

So we look to next week and to the challenges that lie ahead. Before we know it, we'll be at the half-term and these weeks will have flown by. Let's try and enjoy each and every moment together.

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

Len Batey-Headteacher

CREATIVITY



RESPECT



INDEPENDENCE



Happy

Valued

Loved



Staffing Updates

Today, we say goodbye to Mrs Rafferty as she leaves Barrowby CE Primary School after 11 years service. Mrs Rafferty has worked as a Breakfast and After-School Supervisor since the provision's inception, along with Mrs Hands supported Mr Batey in developing the provision. Mrs Rafferty will be missed and we would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all that she has done for the school. I am sure you will join with us in wishing her all the very best for the future in all her endeavours.

Yesterday, Mrs Rafferty was presented with a 'Family Tree' where all children in the school had added their finger print as a leaf, carefully crafted by Mrs Walton. Today, children from the various classes gave her cards in which all children from across the school have added to. Her impact on the school goes beyond Wrap Around Care and extends to the whole school. Thank you Mrs Rafferty for all that you have done for us.

As one door closes, another one opens. We are happy to announce that Mrs Sarah Spencer will be joining our school team as a Breakfast/After-School Club Supervisor on Monday 19th January 2026, working alongside Mrs Hands in Breakfast Club and Miss Reed, Miss Burley and Mrs Walton in After-School Club. I am sure you will join with me in welcoming her to the school team.

Young Ambassador Training

Three of our Young Ambassadors took an exciting step forward in their leadership journey on Monday evening as they attended a special twilight training session with Mrs Banfield. The event brought together Young Ambassadors from a range of local schools, creating a brilliant atmosphere of shared ideas and inspiration.

During the session, the children heard from a representative of the Royal Ballet and Opera House, who spoke about the discipline, teamwork, and creativity involved in dance. This sparked thoughtful discussions about how dance and sport share many similarities, from resilience and focus to the joy of being active.



Our Ambassadors contributed confidently, sharing their own reflections and later feeding back to the wider group of Young Ambassadors in the hall. They also began exploring ideas for a pledge they will make as part of this year's Legacy Tour, organised by the charity Inspire+. This pledge will help them champion physical activity and positive wellbeing across our school community. A fantastic start to their year of leadership, well done to all involved!

Key Stage 2 Disco

The annual New Year's Disco was held this week, on Tuesday 13th January, was a great success, with children from Years 3, 4, 5, and 6 coming together for an evening full of fun, laughter, and plenty of dancing! It was wonderful to see so many happy faces and to watch the children enjoying themselves. The night ended on a high with a true Barrowby favourite, YMCA! with everyone joining in for the final big number of the evening. A huge thank you to FOBs for their support in organising this event. Their hard work in preparing the food and raffle prizes made the evening even more special. The children loved the tasty treats and the chance to win something extra to take home. Thank you to everyone who helped make the Disco such a memorable event!



Year 2 and Year 3 Cooking Workshop

On Thursday 15th January, Roots to Food came into school to cook with our Year 2 and Year 3 children. Chef Darren helped Year 2 to make delicious 'dinosaur egg' meatballs in a sauce on a nest of rice, which they all thoroughly enjoyed tasting at the end.

Year 3 made Greek Koftas with Tzatziki and a Greek Salad, which they all loved making. It is always a great opportunity for the children to use the skills learnt in DT lessons to make something tasty that they all love eating! Thank you to Darren from Roots to Food for what is always a brilliant experience for the children. Why not visit our school's Facebook page: Barrowby Church of England Primary School to look at some picture. [CLICK HERE.](#)

Swim Team Trials Started

We are pleased to inform you that the swim team trials for our year 6 students have begun this week and the children have made a great start. We have successfully trialled and picked the beginning of what looks like a strong team, and we are excited to see them compete in the upcoming Swim Gala.

Next week, we will be holding trials for our year 5 students. We encourage all interested children to participate and showcase their skills. Our goal is to build a strong and competitive swim team, and we are confident that we will be able to do so with the talent and dedication of our students. We look forward to another successful round of trials.



Greek Kofta, Tzatziki, Greek Salad

400g Fresh Minced Lamb

½ tsp Dried Oregano

½ tsp Cinnamon

1 tsp Cumin Powder

1 tsp Smoked Paprika

4 Skewers

8 Mint Leaves (finely chopped)

1 Garlic Clove (crushed and peeled)

1 Small Red Onion (finely sliced)

1 Small Red Pepper (sliced)

1 x 200g Chopped Tinned Tomatoes

2 Spring Onion (sliced)

2 Fresh Tomatoes (diced)

½ Small Cucumber (diced)

1 x 250g Feta Cheese (diced)

1 tbs Olive Oil

1 x 200g Greek Yoghurt

Method

1. In a large bowl mix the minced lamb with the dried oregano, cinnamon, cumin and smoked paprika. Mix, stir and fold to make the Kofta mix. This mix is best left to marinade for 1 hour.
2. Roll the mixture into four or eight equal size balls, press the skewer into the centre of each ball and wrap the meat around the skewers and roll out evenly across the skewer between the palm of your hands.
3. In a wok or shallow frying pan add the garlic clove and the Koftas to the hot pan and keep turning until lightly brown. Add 2 tbs water, place the lid on and steam for 2 minutes to thoroughly cook the Koftas. Once cooked remove from the pan and leave to rest.
4. In the same pan add the red onion, peppers and spring onion stew for 1 minute on a low heat.
5. Add the chopped tinned tomatoes and simmer for 1 minute and serve the sauce over the Koftas
6. For the Greek salad mix the half the cucumber, tomatoes, feta cheese and the olive oil in a small bowl.
7. For the Tzatziki grate half the other half of cucumber and mix with the Greek yoghurt.
8. Enjoy

Wild West

'Dinosaur Egg' Meatballs in a Tomato and Red Pepper Sauce Served With Rice

400g Fresh Minced Beef

½ tsp Dried Oregano

½ tsp Smoked Paprika

½ tsp Ground Cumin

1 Lemon (cut into wedges)

1 Clove Garlic (crushed and peeled)

1 Small Red Onion (thinly sliced)

2 Spring Onions (thinly sliced)

1 Small Red Pepper (thinly Sliced)

1 Fresh Tomato (small diced)

1 x 200g Chopped Tinned Tomatoes

1 tbsp Worcester Sauce

250g Cooked Hot Rice

Method

1. In a large bowl mix the minced beef with the dried oregano, smoked paprika, ground cumin. This mix is best left to marinade for 1 hour.
2. Roll the mixture into equal size balls the size of a large marble.
3. In a wok or shallow frying pan add the garlic clove and the meat balls to the hot pan and keep turning until lightly brown. Add 2 tblsp water, place the lid on and steam for 2 minutes.
4. Add the red onion, peppers, spring onion and fresh tomato, stew for 1 minute on a low heat.
5. Add the chopped tinned tomatoes, Worcester sauce and simmer for 1 minute
6. Serve with the hot rice and squeeze a lemon wedge over the dish.
7. Enjoy

Weekly House Point Totals

ARMSTRONG

591

CHICHESTER

585

SCOTT

522

Extra-Curricular Activities -

Please find below the extra-curricular activities for Spring term 2026. Bookings for all activities will open at **8.00pm today, Friday 16th January 2026**. Bookings can be made via your Arbor app: - Activities - Clubs on a first come, first served basis.

Please ensure that all selections have been made by **Wednesday 21st January 2026 at 10.00am** when bookings for our Spring term extra-curricular activities will close.



Barrowby Church of England Primary School

Dear Parents/Carers, the following extended school clubs will take place this term:

Day	Session	Club	Time	For	Run by:
Monday	Playtime	Ball Catch Games	10.45 -11.00am	Year 1	Pupil Led
	Lunch	Trim Trail	12.45 -1.00pm	Year 2	Pupil Led Mr Leach Mrs Banfield Mrs Selby
		Board Games	12.05 -12.35pm	Year 3	
		Art In Nature	12.05 -12.35pm	Year 4	
Mindful Colouring		12.05 -12.35pm	Year 5 & Year 6		
Tuesday	Playtime	Skipping	10.45 -11.00am	Year 3	Pupil Led
	Lunch	Mindful Colouring	12.35 -1.00pm	Year 1 & 2	Mrs Watson Pupil Led Mr Batey Miss Lees
		Running Challenge	12.05 -12.30pm	Year 4	
		11+ Club	12.05 -12.35pm	Year 5	
		Year 6 Catch Up Club	12.05 -12.35pm	Invited Children - Year 6	
Gym Team	1.30 – 2.30pm	Invited Children – KS2	Mr Batey		
Wednesday	Playtime	Story Time	10.45 -11.00am	Reception	Pupil Led
	Lunch	GeoArt	12.45 – 1.15pm	Year 1 & Year 2	Mr Liversidge Pupil Led Mrs Banfield
		Playground Games	12.05 -12.30pm	Year 3	
Sportshall Athletics		1.30 -2.30p	Invited Children - Year 5 & Year 6		
Thursday	Playtime	Dance	10.45 -11.00am	Year 4	Pupil Led
	Lunch	Obstacle Course	12.45 -1.00pm	Year 2	Pupil Led Mrs Goodband
		Beginners Recorders	12.05 -12.35pm	Invited Children - Year 3	
Netball	12.05 -12.35pm	Year 5 and Year 6	Mr Caton		
Friday	Playtime				
	Lunch	Parachute Games	10.45 -11.00am	Year 1	Pupil Led Pupil Led Mr Olalere
		Musical Theatre	1.00 -1.15pm	Year 2	
Football (Boys and Girls)		12.05 -12.35pm	Year 5 & Year 6		

Clubs/extra-curricular activities will begin in the week beginning Monday 26th January 2026 (**unless otherwise stated**), and end for the term week ending Friday 20th March 2026 (**unless otherwise stated**) Please keep this information in a safe place.



Parent Reminders

Year 5 visit to Mosque and The Jain Centre

As part of our ongoing work to broaden our pupil's experiences, on Wednesday 21st January 2026 our Year 5 children will be visiting the St. Philip's Centre, as part of their RE studies, in Leicester.



The children will visit The Jain Centre, Whilst there they will have the opportunity to speak to a Hindu faith practitioner. They will learn about the history and development of Hinduism as well as Hindu ways of worship and living. They will also gain a deeper understanding of the purpose and features of a Mandir.

The children will also visit a mosque. Whilst there they will have the opportunity to speak to a Muslim faith practitioner. They will learn about the history and development of Islam as well as Muslim ways of worship and living. They will also gain a deeper understanding of the purpose and features of a mosque.

Children will need to arrive at school at the earlier time of 8.15am for a prompt departure at 8.30am.

Children will need to be in their full school uniform and girls should also take a scarf to cover their head. All children will also need to take a packed lunch and their water bottles.

Year 5 Large Schools' Swimming Gala Trials



This year, we are taking each of the Year 5 and 6 classes to the swimming pool to trial children for membership to our swimming team. Our Year 5 class will be going swimming on **Thursday 22nd January 2026.**

Your child will therefore need to bring their swimming kit to school on this day. The Meres Leisure Centre requires boys to wear appropriate trunks (not shorts) and all children, (boys and girls) to wear a swimming cap.

The Gala takes place on **Friday 7th March 2025** – you will receive further information about this if your child is selected, to represent Barrowby CE primary School, at this event. Thank you for your continued support.

Year 5 and Year 6 Movie Night

Our FOBs are inviting our Year 5 & Year 6 children to a film night on Wednesday 28th January 2026 to watch Zootropolis 2 from 3.15pm - 5.15pm.

In Walt Disney Animation Studios' "Zootropolis 2," detectives Judy Hopps and Nick Wilde find themselves on the twisting trail of a mysterious reptile who arrives in Zootropolis and turns the mammal metropolis upside down. To crack the case, Judy and Nick must go undercover to unexpected new parts of town, where their growing partnership is tested like never before!



If you would like your child to attend, tickets cost £5.00 per child. The cost includes the film and snacks (provide by FoBS). Tickets are now on sale until Friday 23rd January 2026.

Simply log in to your Arbor App for each child and scroll to the bottom of the screen where you will see **School Shop**, select the arrow. Once in the **School Shop** you will see the products available for your child. Select Year 5 & Year 6 Movie Night and pay.



The cost includes the film and snacks (provide by FoBS). Please can you kindly ensure your child's water bottle is in school, for this event. We look forward to seeing the children enjoying themselves at this very popular event in our calendar.



FOBs Family Quiz Night

We are delighted to invite you to our upcoming Family Quiz Night, an evening designed to bring our school family together for fun, laughter and a little friendly competition.

The event will take place on Friday **6th February 2026**.

This will be held in the school hall and doors will open at 4.45pm, when there will be an opportunity to come along, enjoy some refreshments and meet some of the other families before the proceedings commence.

The quiz will begin at 5.00pm and the event is expected to finish at approximately 7:00pm.

Entry is £2.00 per person (including children). If you wish to form a team, this can be a maximum of six people. Entry will be payable on the evening. Our quiz will include a variety of rounds suitable for all ages, and additional games the whole family can enjoy with some great prizes on offer!

This event is open to everyone, the more the merrier. This is a great way to support FOBS in raising money for the school whilst having fun and possibly winning a few prizes.

To help us plan seating and refreshments, please could you kindly complete the following form -

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/ZwBikugm6D> All funds raised from the event will go towards future school projects that benefit all children in the school. We look forward to seeing you there!

SEND Review Meetings

Our SEND Review meetings will take place on **Thursday 12th February 2026**. The appointments will run from 3.45pm - 4.30pm, these will be available on first come first served basis.

All appointments will be held face to face. It is important that parents ensure they attend these meetings, at their reserved times so you and the teacher can review your child's SEND Support Plan. At the meeting parents will receive a copy of their child's Support Plan and the proposed plan, alongside a de-escalation plan if appropriate.



Appointments can be made on Arbor from today, **Friday 16th January at 4.00pm** and booking will close on **Monday 2nd February 2026 at 10.00am**.

To book your appointment -

- Open your Arbor App & Sign In
- From the Main Menu - Select SEND Review Meetings - February 2026 under the heading 'Guardian Consultations'
- Then from the heading 'Meetings' - **Select your child's teacher**
- Select your preferred time slot
- Press book time slot and select confirm

You will then receive an email confirming your appointment. You will also be able to view the appointment in your child's calendar as well.

It is important that we continue to support all our children and especially those with identified SEND needs. By attending these meetings, our parents have the opportunity to discuss their child/ren(s) progress against their last SEND plan, review the new proposed targets as well as discuss how they are managing now they are back at school. A truly valuable opportunity.

Please contact the school office on 01476 566121 if you have any difficulties making your appointments.

**Barrowby Church
invites you to our**

**Families
Christingle
Service**

**Sunday
18 January
4.00pm**

No 10am service

