

## 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 30th January 2026

*Jesus said, Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.*

Luke 18:16

Dear Parents/Carers,  
What a busy week we have all enjoyed at Barrowby CE Primary School. Can you believe all that the children have done since Christmas?

There's been learning explored in classrooms, visits, visitors in school, attendance at various sporting competitions and the start of our extra-curricular clubs for the children to enjoy. WoW! It's not only the children that have been busy. I wanted to update you on some recent work taking place to improve traffic and safety around the school at the start and end of the day.

This week, I met with a representative from Lincolnshire County Council Highways to review the ongoing issues caused by congestion, parking and pedestrian movement on Church Street. Following their visit, Highways have agreed that traffic-calming measures should be introduced in this area. These proposed measures may include:

- Enforceable parking zones
- Double yellow lines in key locations
- Other adjustments designed to improve visibility and keep both drivers and pedestrians safe e.g. a crossing point from the Reading Rooms and then over to the Swan

These changes will be subject to formal consultation with the school, the Parish Council, and members of the public before any decisions are finalised.

I would also like to remind families about the importance of using public footpaths only when travelling to and from school. A local resident has again raised concerns about children cutting across their private driveway, which runs alongside The Posts. The Posts is the walkway connecting Church Street to Casthorpe Road and is easily identifiable from Church Street. Please ensure that children remain on the designated footpath and do not use private driveways or gardens as cut-throughs.

Thank you for your support, trust and understanding at this time.

Len Batey-Headteacher

## Governor Meetings

Tuesday 3rd February 2026



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

### CREATIVITY



### RESPECT



### INDEPENDENCE

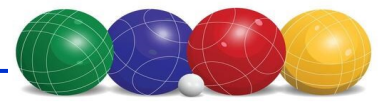


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## Boccia Tournament

Five of our Year 5 & Year 6 children represented Barrowby Primary School at this week's Boccia tournament, showing fantastic teamwork, determination and sportsmanship. They competed confidently against other schools and demonstrated great skill throughout the event. We are incredibly proud of how well they supported one another and represented our school-coming 8th position overall. Well done to all involved!

## Year 5 & Year 6 Movie Night



Year 5 and 6 had a brilliant time at our recent Movie Night, where they gathered together to watch Zootropolis 2. From the moment the lights dimmed, the children were fully immersed in the adventure, enjoying every laugh, twist, and exciting moment the film had to offer.

To make the evening even more special, pupils were treated to a selection of snacks, which added to the cosy cinema atmosphere. It was wonderful to see everyone relaxed, happy, and enjoying the experience with their friends. A huge thank you to all the FOBs member and school staff who helped organise and run the event.

## Parent Reminders

### Sportshall Athletics - Selected Children

The indoor Sportshall Athletics competition will take place on Tuesday 3rd February from 9.45am - 12.00 at The Grantham Meres. The competition will feature a variety of events including running, jumping, and throwing. This is a great opportunity for your child to showcase their athletic abilities and to compete against other students from the area.



All children are required to have their full PE kit and a water bottle in school for this visit. The children will be transported to Grantham Meres Sports Stadium and returned to school by coach where they can have their lunch at the usual time in school. Please ensure your child arrives at school promptly. We advise you to ensure your child has a good breakfast before the day of the competition! We look forward to an exciting morning of competition and are excited to see our pupils representing the school with pride.

### 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 5th February 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.

## 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!

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!





## The Rotary Club of Grantham Swimarathon

Come along and join in with the fun. On **Saturday 7th February 2026**, Barrowby CE Primary School will be entering eight teams into the Swimarathon; consisting of 60 swimmers. Wow!

The children will swim in teams, with each person swimming a length at a time as a continuous relay. It is hoped that in an hour each team should complete a combined distance of around ninety lengths. The last time we did this event, in February 2025, we entered eight teams who all completed 1205 lengths and raised over £1300 for local charities.

Children and adults taking part will need to arrive at the Meres Leisure Centre at **11am** and should be collected at **12:30pm**. Parents who are not swimming are required to stay to watch the event and cheer us on! We are very much looking forward to this event, please do come along and join us if you are able to do so, thank you for your continued support.

## House Tournament Paralympic Challenge



Our House Tournament Paralympic Challenge will take place on Tuesday 10th February, please could you kindly ensure your child has their PE kit in school for this event.

## 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



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.



### Last day of term

Our last day in school for February Half Term will be Friday 13th February. All children return to school on Monday 23rd February.

### Weekly House Point Totals

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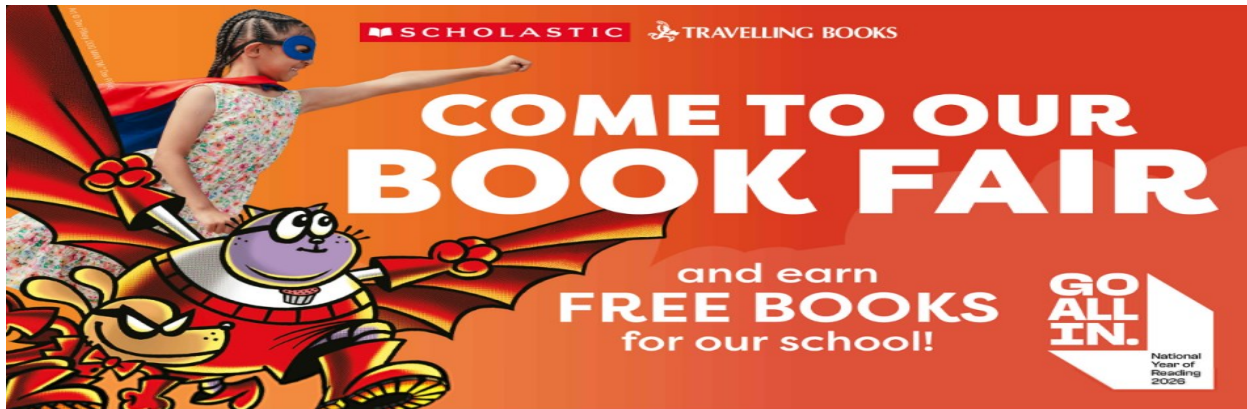
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### Book Fair In School

We would like to invite you to join us for our annual Book Fair, this will be taking place in the school hall on the following dates from 3.15pm - 4.00pm in the school hall.

- Tuesday 3rd March 2026
- Thursday 5th March 2026
- Friday 6th March 2026
- Monday 9th March 2026

World Book Day tokens will be sent home with all children on Friday 27th February and they will be able to use these at the Fair as part payment towards a book of their choice.

As well as providing an opportunity for your child to spend their World Book Day token, and take home a new book to enjoy, every book bought will help us to get NEW BOOKS for our school library for free!

We look forward to seeing your child during our Scholastic Book Fair and thank you, in advance, for supporting this great literary event and helping us to raise funds to obtain new books and resources for our Library. This is a great opportunity to further encourage and reinvigorate children's love of books and reading. We hope to see you there.



### Parent - Teacher Consultations

Our 'face to face' Parent/Teacher Consultations on **Wednesday 4th March 2026** and **Wednesday 18th March 2026** between 3.45pm and 6.45pm.

Our Parent/Teacher consultations provide a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress as well as to exchange information. We wish to maintain close links between school and home and therefore hope that you will be able to attend.

To book your appointment -

- Open your Arbor App & Sign In
- From the Main Menu - Select Parent-Teacher Consultation - March 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. This facility enables you to book one 10 minute consultation per child. If booking for more than one child we ask that you leave time in between them.

Once your appointment is booked our school administrative team will use the functions of Arbor to track parental uptake. Booking for appointments will open on **Friday 6th February 2026 at 4.00pm** and bookings will close on **Friday 27th February at 10.00am**. Thank you. We look forward to sharing with you updates regarding your child/ren.

# FREE INDOOR TENNIS TASTER FOR 3-10 YEAR OLDS



**SATURDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

**10.30 – 11.30AM**

Are you tired of this cold wet weather?

Is your child interested in giving tennis a go? Book them a place on our taster session and whilst they're playing, enjoy a hot drink in our café overlooking the courts

- All equipment provided
- Qualified DBS checked coaches
- Age specific fun tennis activities
- Welcoming family friendly club



Scan the QR code to book a place for FREE or email or call reception



This taster session is for children who do not already attend lessons or drop ins at the club.



Grantham Tennis Club, Gonerby Road, NG31 8HU



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