

## 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 13th February 2026**

*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.*

Matthew 5:6

Dear Parents/Carers,  
What a week! The fun and games continue.

Firstly, thank you to all those families that joined us last Friday for our Family Quiz Night, it was so much fun. The teams enjoyed a picture round then 6 rounds covering all sorts of topics, refreshments were provided half-way through with plenty of fun games to get involved with throughout the night.; raising over £200 for the school. Thank you. A big thank you to FoBs for helping to organise the events and to Miss Lees for staying to support myself.

Then onto Saturday, 11.00am at the Meres. Thank you to the 65 strong swim team that turned out to support the Rotary Club's Swimarathon event. What a magnificent effort! 8 teams, in 8 lanes, swimming for an hour managed to swim 1092 lengths in total!

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Wow, what a result for our largest swim team, since the COVID times. Go team Barrowby! Thank you again to all the parents that stayed to support their children and to Miss Lees for supporting myself. We've raised £998 so far, wow. Please don't forget to submit your sponsorship money via the Just Giving Page. Thank you.

This week I have been reviewing some of the Surveys that we have asked parents to complete. Click on the headings to read the results: [Reception 2025 Questionnaire Summary](#) and [Out of School Clubs](#). It is really pleasing to note the very positive comments made about our school and the support on offer to the pupils and their families. As always we will continue to review and refine the provision in school for the benefit of all.

It was lovely to see some of our parents at this week's SEND Consultation Meeting and a lovely chance to catch up with their child's teacher to review individual progress. I look forward to seeing you all after the holiday where we will continue to work together to make our school family even stronger. Dough-nut forget FoBs are selling tasty treats for £1 this evening at the school gate. Enjoy!

Len Batey-Headteacher



**Happy Valued Loved**

## Monday 23rd February

Return to school



## Tuesday 3rd March

Book Fair in school commences



## Wednesday 4th March

Parent-Teacher Consultations



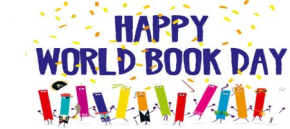
## Thursday 5th March

Football County Finals



## Thursday 5th March

World Book Day



## Friday 6th March

Large Schools' Swimming Gala



## Thursday 12th March

Year 4 Swimming Lessons commence



## Governor Meetings

Tuesday 24th March 2026  
FGB



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



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

## FOBs Family Games Night

Thank you to all the families who joined Mr Batey and Miss Lees for the FOBS Quiz Night! It was a brilliant evening filled with games, prizes, and plenty of friendly competition. Families teamed up to tackle quiz questions, take part in fun activities, and enjoy a lively atmosphere.



Thanks to everyone's enthusiasm and generosity, we raised over £200, wow, to support our school. We are so grateful to FOBS for organising such an enjoyable night and to all the families who helped make it a great success!

## Winter Paralympic House Competition Brings Teamwork, Trust and Determination to Our School

This week, our Sports Committee proudly hosted a whole-school Winter Paralympic-themed House competition, and what a fantastic celebration of teamwork and resilience it turned out to be. Every child, from our youngest pupils in Reception, to our confident Year 6 leaders, took part and tried their best to earn valuable points for their House while embracing the Paralympic values of courage, determination, equality and inspiration.

They had two activities, one named the **Frozen Trust Trail**, where pupils worked in pairs to navigate a tricky obstacle course. One partner was blindfolded while the other took on the role of guide, carefully leading them over and under obstacles using clear communication and trust. Halfway through, roles were swapped so everyone experienced both perspectives. To earn points, children carried a beanbag through the course and dropped it into a hoop at the end, every successful drop added to their House total.

The second was named the **Frosty Hoop Challenge**, the playground was buzzing with excitement during the *Frosty Hoop Challenge*. Using only hula hoops as stepping stones, teams had to work together to cross the playground without touching the ground. Strategy and cooperation were essential. The fastest teams earned top points for their Houses.

The atmosphere throughout the event was brilliant, with children showing real determination, supporting one another and celebrating every success. A huge well done to all pupils for their enthusiasm and teamwork, and a special thank-you to our Sports Committee for organising such an inclusive and inspiring competition.



The Results are in: Third Place with 180 points:  
Chichester Second Place with 230 points: Scott  
First Place with 320 points: Armstrong

## SEND Meetings

Thank you to all the families who joined us for our recent SEND Review Nights. This provided a valuable opportunity for parents, carers, and teachers to come together and celebrate the progress our children are making. Teachers shared updates on individual targets, highlighted successes, and discussed next steps to continue supporting each child's learning and wellbeing.



We are grateful to all who attended for your engagement, questions, and ongoing partnership. Together, we can continue to build a supportive and inclusive environment where all children feel confident, understood, and encouraged to achieve their best.

## Parent Reminders

**FEBRUARY  
HALF TERM**

### Last day of term

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



### 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. Should you wish to confirm your appointment time, please contact the school office on 01476 566121.

Our Parent/Teacher consultations provide a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress as well as to exchange information. We look forward to seeing you there.

### Football County Finals - Selected Children

The Football County Finals will take place on Thursday 5th March 2026 at Boston United 4G Pitch.

The competition is scheduled to start at 1.00pm and finish at 3.00pm. Children will be transported to Boston United by bus at 11.30am for a prompt start at 1.00pm. Approximate time for the return to school will be 4.00pm.



Children will need a packed lunch and their water bottle with them on the day of the visit. Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school and a suitable pair of trainers (preferably black). Spectators are welcome for this event.

### Large Schools' Swimming Gala - Selected Children



**SWIM TEAM** days.

This year's Swim Gala Competition will take place on Friday 6th March 2026. Training sessions will take place on the following dates, the children selected for the swim team will therefore need to bring their swimming kit to school on these

- **Thursday 26th February**
- **Thursday 5th March**

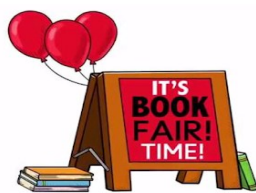
On the Gala day, your child will need to be taken to Grantham Meres Leisure Centre to meet Mrs Banfield and myself at **8:20am**. Your child should arrive 'beach ready' to enable us to be pool side by **8:30am**. The Gala will start at 08.45am and will be finished by 12 noon. The children will be returned to school by coach where they can have their lunch at their usual time in school.

Your child will be able to have a **water bottle pool side but no snacks** (unless there is a medical need). Please ensure your child has their usual school belongings with them e.g. their lunch, as they will return to school during lunch time. Each child will wear a Barrowby School swim cap (provided and loaned by the school for the competition) but should **bring their own goggles**.

### 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



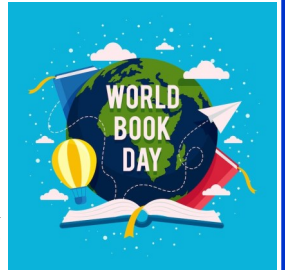
World Book Day tokens will be sent home with all children on Friday 27th February and they will be able to use these at the Fair as part payment towards a book of their choice.

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.

## World Book Day

This year we will be celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 5th March 2026** and we would like to invite you to join us in helping your child to make the most of this special occasion.



We are inviting the children to come to school in non-uniform on **Thursday 5th March**. This year, we are encouraging the children to come dressed as their favourite book character. World Book Day celebrates the joy and value of books and reading, especially for children.

In addition, we're also delighted to launch our **Potato Book Character Competition!** Children are invited to decorate a potato to resemble a character from a book they love. We have attached some photos for reference. Please ensure that potatoes are **decorated at home** and **brought into school on World Book Day, clearly named and alongside a £1 donation**. These will be displayed, judged and the winner will be announced on Friday. This is a great opportunity to further encourage and reinvigorate children's love of books and reading.



# Competition Time

SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS

# COME TO OUR BOOK FAIR

and earn **FREE BOOKS** for our school!

**GO ALL IN.**  
National Year of Reading 2026

### Weekly House Point Totals

**ARMSTRONG**  
**767**

**CHICHESTER**  
**764**

**SCOTT**  
**534**

# AI and Online Safety

## What is AI?

AI refers to computer systems that can learn, problem-solve, create text or images, and interact in a human-like way. Children may come across AI in voice assistants, chatbots (e.g., homework helpers), image- or video-creating apps, social media filters or games, and in online recommendation systems (YouTube, TikTok, Netflix)



## Benefits of AI for children:

AI can support children in positive ways, such as:

- Helping with homework research
- Supporting creativity (art, music, writing ideas)
- Assisting with communication for children with additional needs
- Providing personalised learning activities or revision tools
- Encouraging exploration and problem-solving

With guidance, AI can be a powerful tool for learning.

## AI risks parents should be aware of:

- Inaccurate and misleading information
- The overuse of chatbots which could impact on wellbeing
- Over reliance on AI for schoolwork could impact on learning and development
- Deepfakes - realistic fake images, voices and videos

## Practical Tips for Parents.

- Take time to understanding the tools and their safety features.
- Set rules on personal information.
- Check and install robust parental controls.
- Encourage children to check AI information is accurate.
- Supervise use where possible.
- Talk about emotions and encourage open conversations!

## Where to go for support

<https://www.internetmatters.org/tech-and-kids-digital-futures/using-artificial-intelligence-safely/>

internet  
matters.org

Social  
Media



Safer  
Lincolnshire



Stay Safe  
Partnership



@StaySafe  
Partner

Contact for info:  [SSP@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:SSP@lincolnshire.gov.uk)  <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/staysafepartnership>



## 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 the return to school after February half term, week commencing Monday 2nd March, is Tuesday 24th February 2026 by 3.00pm.

### BARROWBY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

Mon 2 March - Fri 6 March



	Monday 2 March	Tuesday 3 March	Wednesday 4 March	Thursday 5 March	Friday 6 March
Main Course 1	Margherita Pizza, Sweetcorn and Cucumber Slices	Mexican Beef served in a Soft White Taco with Vegetable Rice and Peas	Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes, Green Beans, Carrots, Sweetcorn and Gravy	The Gruffalo's Lincolnshire Sausage Roll, Diced Potato, Peas and Tomato Ketchup	Breaded Fish Fillet, Mashed Potato and Baked Beans
 Main Course 2	Chicken and Sweetcorn Mayonnaise Submarine Roll with Cucumber Slices	Jacket Potato, Baked Beans, Cheese and Vegetable Sticks	Cheese Sandwiches with Vegetable Sticks	Matilda's Marvellous Jacket Potato, Veggie Bolognese and Peas	Jacket Potato, Mild Chickpea and Vegetable Curry and Vegetable Sticks
 Vegetarian Option	Jacket Potato, Baked Beans and Cucumber Slices	Mild Mexican Veggie Chilli in a Soft White Taco, Vegetable Rice and Peas	Cheese and Vegetable Crumble, Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Sweetcorn, Green Beans and Gravy	The BFG's Friendly Veggie Lasagne, Garlic Bread and Peas	Vegan Nuggets, Mashed Potato and Baked Beans
Pudding 1	Individual Yeo Valley Mango and Vanilla Yoghurt	Pineapple Sponge Cake served with Custard	Apple Flapjack	Alice's Wibbly-Wobbly Wonderland Strawberry Jelly (contains gelatine)	Peach Slices and Custard
 Fruit	Satsuma - individual	Apples - individual	Satsuma - individual	The Very Hungry Caterpillar's Juicy Watermelon Slice	Apples - individual



# THEME DAYS



## WORLD BOOK DAY THURSDAY 5TH MARCH



## MOTHER'S DAY LUNCH FRIDAY 13TH MARCH



## EASTER LUNCH THURSDAY 2ND APRIL

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# Donut

forget your cash!

£1 a donut, on sale at the school gates to  
mark the end of term on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February





Our Crash Courses are for new or existing swimmers.  
 Looking to start your swimming journey or enhance those skills?  
 Our crash courses are great for everyone!

February Half Term Crash Course			
Date	Time	Stage	Price
Monday 16th-Wednesday 18th	9am-9.30am	Stage 1 + Stage 4	£25.50
Monday 16th-Wednesday 18th	9.30am-10am	Stage 2	£25.50
Monday 16th-Wednesday 18th	10am-10.30am	Stage 3	£25.50
Monday 16th-Wednesday 18th	9.30am-10am	Stroke Improvement Stage 5+6	£25.50
Monday 16th-Wednesday 18th	10am-10.30am	Stroke Improvement Stage 7+	£25.50
February Half Term Aqua Splash Stage 5+			
Date	Time	Stage	Price
Thursday 19th	9am-9.45am	Turns and Relays Stage 6+	FREE!!
Thursday 19th	9am-9.45am	Rookie Lifeguard	FREE!!
Thursday 19th	9.45am-10.30am	Diving Flip and Fun!	FREE!!
Thursday 19th	9.45am-10.30am	Mini Water Polo	FREE!!