



Barrowby Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

As another successful school year draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you once again for your continued support, trust and understanding. Working together enables us to provide the very best opportunities for our children and helps our school family continue to thrive. I would also like to share some of the many successes we have celebrated this year, reflect on the progress we have made and outline some of our priorities as we look ahead to the next academic year.

I am immensely proud of all that has been achieved this year. Our children have continued to demonstrate enthusiasm, resilience and a commitment to learning, with **pupils from Reception through to Year 6 once again achieving outcomes above both local and national averages**. They continue to make us proud and truly 'shine' in all that they do.

The children and staff have continued to excel across all aspects of school life. We continue to expand our programme of **Extra-Curricular Activities and External Sporting Competitions**, ensuring that even more children have had opportunities to develop new skills, represent the school and experience success beyond the classroom. The enthusiasm, determination and sportsmanship demonstrated by our pupils throughout the year have been exceptional, and we are incredibly proud of their achievements.

As a result of all this hard work, we have enjoyed much success this year:

- Further increase of competitions and sporting opportunities for all
- Increase of pupils acting as Pupil Leaders
- 1st Place – Boy's Football Tournament
- 1st Place – Swim Gala Relay Winners (individual medals: 5 Gold, 5 Silver & 5 Bronze)
- 1st Place – U7's Boy's Individual Gymnast
- 1st Place – U9's Girl's Gymnastic Team
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- 1st Place – Cross Country (individual medals-2 Golds, 2 Silvers and 1 Bronze)
- 2nd Place – U11's Girl's Gymnastic Team
- 2nd Place – U7's Mixed Gymnastic Team
- 2nd Place – U7's Boy's Individual Gymnast
- 2nd Place – Netball Tournament
- 2nd Place – Netball League
- 3rd Place – Large School's Athletics Tournament (individuals: 6 Gold, 1 Silver and 7 Bronze)
- 3rd Place – Y5 & 6 Girl's Dynamo Cricket Festival
- 3rd Place – Y5 & 6 Sportshall Athletics
- 3rd Place – U11's Girl's Individual Gymnast
- 4th Place – County Finalists Boy's Football Tournament
- 8th Place – Boccia
- Y5 & 6 FA Girl's Breaking Barriers Festival
- 65 swimmers, 1092 lengths: Swimathon
- Key Stage 1 House Tournament – 1st Place Scott
- Key Stage 2 House Tournament – 1st Place Armstrong

In addition, we have continued to enjoy:

- **Visits** to enhance learning opportunities for the children; as well as
- **Visitors** to school.



Throughout the year, these opportunities have **helped to broaden children's understanding of the world around them** whilst **deepening their knowledge and understanding of the curriculum**. Our programme of educational visits has included residential experiences for Year 4 at PGL, Year 5 at the Adventure Experience, and Year 6's visit to London, all of which provided valuable opportunities for children to develop independence, resilience, teamwork and confidence.

Children have also participated in a range of curriculum-linked visits, including Year 3's visit to a Mandir, Year 5's visits to a Mosque and Jain Centre, and Year 6's visit to Lincoln Cathedral. These experiences have enhanced pupils' understanding of different faiths, cultures and communities whilst bringing their classroom learning to life.

We have also welcomed a number of visitors into school. **Darren Tinkler from Roots to Food** delivered engaging workshops for Years 2 and 3 and Years 4 and 5, as well as supporting our Year 6 Gala Dinner, helping children to develop their understanding of food, nutrition and healthy lifestyles through hands-on experiences. In addition, Sunita Patel delivered an exciting **Indian Experience Day**, providing children with a valuable insight into Indian culture, traditions and ways of life.

Experiences such as these play an important role **in developing our children's cultural capital and ensuring they are well prepared for life in modern Britain and beyond**. We remain committed to providing a rich range of experiences both within and beyond the classroom, enabling all children to develop curiosity, confidence and a lifelong love of learning.

The continued success of our school is built upon the strength of our whole school family working together. I would like to thank our dedicated staff, governors, parents, volunteers and FOBS for their continued support, commitment and contribution to school life throughout the year.

A special thank you must also go to our Year 6 pupils, who have been exemplary role models for the younger children and have made a significant contribution to our school family this year. Funds raised through their Year 6 **'Legacy Gift'** and Gala Dinner will be used to purchase our very own Vault and springboard, creating further opportunities for Gymnastics and leaving a lasting legacy for future generations of Barrowby pupils.

Well done, Year 6, and thank you for all of your hard work, enthusiasm and achievements during your time at Barrowby CE Primary School. We wish you every success and happiness as you begin the next stage of your educational journey at secondary school.

This year, the focus of our works has been:

- Continue to refine and adapt the curriculum to ensure clear progression.
- Review, refine and implement re-structured assessment opportunities.
- Review, evaluate and enhance systems and processes to ensure inclusivity for all.

During the summer holidays, a number of significant improvement projects will be undertaken across the school site. These developments are designed to enhance our learning environment, improve sustainability and ensure that our facilities continue to meet the needs of our children both now and in the future. Planned works include:

- installation of:
 1. new, more energy-efficient school boilers;
- Replacement of:
 1. fire doors within the Year 3 & 4 Corridor and the external Fire Door serving Classroom 1, further enhancing site safety;
 2. the carpet and lino flooring within the Year 5 and Year 6 classrooms; and
 3. flooring throughout The Snug, helping to create a refreshed and welcoming environment for the children who access this provision.

We are delighted that these improvements will further enhance our school buildings and facilities and help ensure that our children continue to learn in a safe, comfortable and inspiring environment. Next year we look to continue to move forward as we strive to further enhance our school grounds.

We are pleased to announce the following exciting developments:

- installation of:
 1. an all-weather running track around the school playing field-in September;
 2. new Sensory Pod, providing an additional space to support pupils' wellbeing and personal development when at play outdoors;
- re-modelling of the Outdoor Classroom, including the removal of the existing sensory garden and the creation of a play-based outdoor area for Reception children, complete with a mud kitchen, seating area and babbling brook.
- creation of two outdoor blanket boxes, fully resourced with rugs and blankets, enabling children to relax, read and socialise in the shade of the trees during playtimes and outdoor learning sessions.

These projects represent a significant investment in our school environment and will further enhance opportunities for learning, play, wellbeing and physical development. We are delighted to confirm that all works are scheduled for completion during the early part of September, ready for pupils to enjoy in the new academic year.

As we prepare to welcome the children back for another exciting year, please ensure that your child arrives in the correct school uniform and with all items of clothing and equipment clearly named. **All children will return to school on Thursday 3rd September.**

[CLICK HERE](#) for full details of our school uniform expectations, including PE kit requirements. We would encourage all parents to check these requirements before the start of term to ensure that children are ready for a positive and successful return to school.

Thank you for your support in maintaining our high standards and helping children to take pride in being part of our school family. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Thursday 3rd September** for the start of another successful year at Barrowby CE Primary School.

To support the safe arrival and collection of children and to help reduce congestion at the front of the school, we kindly ask parents to continue using our designated drop-off and collection routes from September.

- Parents of children in **Reception and Key Stage 1** should queue along the **Church Path** and exit via the school car park.
- Parents of children in **Key Stage 2** should queue along the **pedestrian path** and exit via the school car park.

We would respectfully ask parents to remain within these designated areas and avoid waiting at the front of the school. When leaving the site, please use the pathways provided and avoid walking across the grassed areas.

Families with children in both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 may find it helpful for the older sibling to accompany the younger sibling, before walking through the car park to the Key Stage 2 entrance. This helps ensure that all children remain appropriately supervised. **Please note that children should not be left unsupervised at any time before the start of the school day.** Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain a safe, orderly and welcoming environment for all members of our school family.

Our school vision remains at the heart of everything we do. We are committed to continually strengthening our provision so that every child feels 'happy, valued and loved,' enabling them to flourish both academically and personally. Together, as a school family, we will continue to strive for excellence and provide the very best opportunities for all children to learn, grow and succeed.

Thank you for your ongoing support, trust and understanding. I hope you enjoy a wonderful summer holiday, and I look forward to all that we will achieve together in the year ahead.

Yours sincerely

Mr L Batey-Headteacher