

DIARY DATES

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

Thursday 17th September

Roots to Food workshop -
Year 4 and Year 5



Friday 18th September

School Nurse Team - Flu Vaccinations



Thursday 24th September

Parent Workshop - Year 6
Residential Visit



Friday 25th September

Macmillan Coffee Morning



Monday 28th September -

Tuesday 29th September

Year 4 Residential Visit to PGL



Wednesday 30th September

Year 3 Visit to St Philip's Centre



Friday 2nd October

Harvest Festival



Governor Meetings

Tuesday 13th October 2026
FGB



Wednesday 13th May 2026
Year 3 & Year 4 Movie Night



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 11th September 2026

*From the lips of children and infants you, Lord,
have called forth your praise'*

Matthew 21: 16

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well what another very busy week we have all enjoyed at Barrowby CE Primary School-the first full week back. Can you believe that our Reception children have now been in school-7 days. Wow, they are doing ever so well. We're so proud of how they have joined our school family, very well done.

The rest of the school is now in full swing with staff and pupils considering which extra-curricular clubs they would like to run this term. Watch this space for more details. As well as organising elections for pivotal pupil leadership roles in school. Since returning to school, it is lovely to see the many smiling faces of the children knowing that we do an excellent job nurturing these individuals and supporting them on their journey.

Over the next couple of weeks we have some exciting developments to look forward to, namely the installation of the all-weather track on the school playing field, along with the re-development of the outdoor classroom for Reception children and the installation of a new sensory Pod adjacent to the school playground. I can't wait to share with you these new and exciting development.

I have been work on evaluating the school standards for our new Self Evaluation Summary and I am delighted with the school's work around attendance where we are significantly better than the national average for overall absence, Persistent Absence, Severe Persistent Absence and unauthorised absences. What an achievement, well done everyone.

In addition the school's Reception outcomes, last year are also significantly better than the national outcomes with our Phonics results being higher than National. Results in Key Stage 2 continue to be excellent: RWM higher standard-20% significantly better than national. Writing Progress places the school in quintile 1 (top 20% of schools nationally) with Greater Depth-40% is significantly better than the national. Expected standards: W-91%, M-88.6% and GPS-88.6% are significantly better than the national. Higher Standards in W-42.9%, GPS-42.9% are also significantly better than the National. We await the results of a small number of Reading SATs papers (re-marking due to errors) and are optimistic of what that may mean for the school. All in all, we are in an excellent position at the start of this year.

I hope you enjoy reading this week's Newsletter and learning a little bit more about school life. By working together we can make a real difference.

Len Batey Headteacher

CREATIVITY



RESPECT



INDEPENDENCE



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Happy

Valued

Loved

British Values - Democracy - House Captain Elections

Next week, our Year 6 pupils will have the exciting opportunity to experience one of the fundamental British Values, Democracy, through our annual House Captain Elections, taking place on Wednesday 16th September.



Democracy is about ensuring that everyone has a voice and the chance to make decisions fairly. Our House Captain Elections give children a meaningful opportunity to take part in a democratic process and understand how voting helps communities make important choices.

Children who wish to become House Captains will present speeches to their peers, sharing why they would be suitable representatives for their house and how they would contribute positively to school life. These presentations will showcase leadership, responsibility and confidence, while encouraging pupils to listen thoughtfully to different viewpoints.

Following the speeches, pupils in KS2 will cast their votes in a secret ballot. Every child will have an equal opportunity to participate, learning first-hand about fairness, respect and the importance of making informed choices. As a school, we believe these experiences help children develop a strong understanding of their role as active citizens, while reinforcing the message that every vote matters.

We are looking forward to seeing our pupils engage enthusiastically in the election process and congratulate all candidates who choose to put themselves forward. We wish all of our House Captain candidates the very best of luck and look forward to announcing the successful House Captains following the election.

Every voice counts, every vote matters!



Whole Class Music Lessons

We are excited to inform you that from Thursday 10th September, our Year 4 children will begin learning the chalumeau (a smaller version of the clarinet) in a sequence of 12 lessons provided during the Autumn Term by a Lincolnshire Music Service teacher.

We look forward to learning how to pack and unpack these instruments safely and to build our performance skills over the coming months in readiness for delivering a short concert during the Christmas Service in church towards the end of term. The children are very excited to embrace this challenge!

Parent Reminders

Roots To Food Workshop - Year 4 & Year 5

On Thursday 17th September 2026, we are extremely excited to be welcoming Darren Tinkler of Roots to Food back into school.

Darren Tinkler is the founder of Roots to Food, he is a fully qualified and experienced Chef who has decades of experience in education, hospitality and nutritional management.



During the day, each class of children will visit the hall and enter our 'pop-up kitchen.' They will have the opportunity to participate in preparing and cooking 'Chicken and Vegetable Schezwan' as well as learn a little bit more about the principles of food safety and hygiene and develop further their understanding of diet and healthy eating, from a qualified and experienced chef.

At the end of their 'pop-up kitchen experience,' the children will have the opportunity to taste the food that they have prepared. Washable aprons and chef hats will be provided by the school.

We are very much looking forward to the delicious aromas and seeing the wonderful dishes the children will prepare, at this term's 'pop-up kitchen.'

Flu Vaccinations

The school nurse team will be in school on Friday 18th September to administer flu vaccinations to all consented children. From August, our local NHS school age immunisation service have contacted parents and guardians directly to ask for consent. If you have questions about vaccinations or the consent form, please contact the immunisation team at 01522 572950.



Parent Workshop - Year 6 London Residential Visit



On Thursday 24th September 2026, from 5.00pm-6.00pm, there will be a short information meeting, for our parents and pupils of Year 6, about the annual Residential Visit to London-in the school hall.

Should you not be able to attend the meeting, all the information provided on the evening will be available for parents after the workshop, via the school's website linked to the Newsletter. I look forward to seeing you there.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

We are delighted to let you know that our school will be taking part in the Macmillan Coffee Morning to help raise funds for people living with cancer. For the 2nd year, we'll have our mobile drinks station at the front of the school, where we're inviting you to **"Grab a cuppa on the go"** and support this worthwhile cause.



Whether you're dropping off your child or just passing by, we'll have tea, coffee, and a selection of sweet treats available for a small donation from our 'hot drink station' at the front of the school. You'll even receive a refill or top-up in your own travel mug if you'd prefer. The 'hot drink station' will be open: 8.30am to 9.00am and again at 3.00 to 3.30pm on Friday 25th September 2026.

We would be very grateful for any donations of cakes, biscuits, traybake or other sweet treats for our sale. If you are able to donate, please bring your contribution to the school office on Thursday 24th September 2026. All proceeds will go directly to Macmillan Cancer Support, and every cuppa counts! We hope you'll join us in making a difference, one sip at a time. As always, thank you for your continued support.

PGL Residential Visit

As you will be aware, our Residential Visit to PGL is now very close and I am sure that the children are all very excited. Please could you kindly complete the form provided in your letter communication by **Friday 18th September 2026**.



If your child requires medication, please bring it into school between 3.15pm and 3.45pm on Friday 25th September 2026. This will allow us to ensure that all medication is correct; permission forms are signed by parents; medication is given to the adult responsible for your child at PGL and that parents have the opportunity to discuss any medical concerns, in person. **If your child has medication in school there is no need to provide a further supply of this, this will be taken on the visit with the adults attending.**

Reminders for parents:

- All medication should be clearly labelled with your child's name and dosage instructions.
- Please arrive promptly at school, on Monday 28th September at 8.45 am.
- Please do not send your child with jeans, as they become very uncomfortable if they become wet.
- Please ensure your children have appropriate footwear such as wellies/ trainers and a warm waterproof coat.
- Children may bring spending money, but no more than £5 please.
- Children will be arriving back to school within the school day on Tuesday and should be collected as normal at 3.15 pm.

All kit should be clearly labelled with your child's name, and should be packed into a rucksack or holdall which they are able to carry themselves.

Essential Items

- A sleeping bag and pillow
- Warm Jumper
- Trousers
- T-shirts/shirts

- Barrowby School Navy blue Outdoor PE Top
- School hats will be given to children for the duration of the visit.



Appropriate comfortable footwear (Wellington boots may be brought, please ensure they are packed into your child's rucksack or holdall) along with a Waterproof coat.

Other Items

- Washing gear (in a bag): deodorant (roll-on); Tooth brush etc.; Towel; Brush/comb
- Underwear and socks
- Appropriate Night Wear; dressing gown; slippers; 'Teddy' (small)
- Handkerchiefs/tissues
- Lip salve

Optional Items (These items are brought entirely at your own risk)

- Up to £5 pocket money (optional) in a named purse/wallet
- Camera
- Books
- Comics
- Watch

Banned equipment

- Any electrical equipment eg MP3/ipod
- Make-up
- Jewellery e.g. ear rings
- Mobile phones
- Sweets or extra food
- Aerosols e.g. deodorant

I am sure the children will have an amazing time, and we are all looking forward to sharing our adventures, at PGL with you.





Year 3 visit to St Philip's Centre and Mandir

As part of our ongoing work to broaden our pupil's experiences, on Wednesday 30th September 2026 our Year 3 children will be visiting the St. Philip's Centre as part of their RE studies, in Leicester.

Whilst there, the children will visit a Mandir to develop their learning of Hinduism for the children to further explore and embrace cultural diversity, they will then complete their visit taking part in faith-related activities back at the St Philip's Centre. The children will return to school for the end of the school day at 3.15pm.

Children will need to be in their full school uniform and will also need to take a packed lunch. If you have ordered a hot school meal for your child, The Farm Kitchen will replace this with a packed lunch. If you wish to provide your own packed lunch, please contact The Farm Kitchen to cancel your order and arrange a refund.

Harvest Festival

Our School Harvest Festival will take place on **Friday 2nd October 2026, 9.15am at All Saints Church Barrowby.**

If you have a child in **Reception or Year 6** we would like to invite you to join us for our Harvest Festival Service on Friday 2nd October 2026, 9.15am at All Saint's Church, Barrowby.



As always, we would like to ask our school family to support people in need as part of our harvest thanksgiving. We are once again supporting Grantham Foodbank with our Harvest Festival donations.

We understand that times are difficult at the moment for families. Any donations will be gratefully received. This year we are asking for items from the following:

Tinned meat, casserole sauces, cereals, soup, steamed puddings or custard, tinned fruit, coffee, tea, cordials, children's treats, biscuits, jams, spreads, deodorant, toilet paper, but donations of any kind are gratefully accepted.

Please could all donations be in school by **Thursday 1st October 2026.**

Grantham Foodbank are a local charity that distribute this food to the most in need in our community. This year the 'cost of living crisis' and the soaring energy bills are causing great concern for many families and our community putting additional strain on the Foodbank.

Over 90% of the food distributed by foodbanks is donated by the public – that's why your food donations are vital to our ability to give everyone referred to us a balanced and nutritious three-day supply of food.

As always, thank you for supporting our harvest giving.



Weekly House Point Totals

ARMSTRONG

CHICHESTER

SCOTT

Coming Soon



THEME DAYS



ROALD DAHL DAY
FRIDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER



**BRITISH FOOD
FORTNIGHT**
FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER



COMPETITION DAY
FRIDAY 1ST OCTOBER



WORLD FOOD DAY
FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER

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AUTUMN COMPETITION DAY THURSDAY 1ST OCTOBER

**ORDER A MEAL ON THIS DAY AND BE IN WITH A CHANCE OF
WINNING. FIND THE LUCKY STICKER TO WIN A PRIZE!**

Order deadline: Tuesday 22nd September by 3pm

**If you require any assistance ordering the meal, please do
not hesitate to contact us at enquiries@thefarmkitchen.com
before the order deadline.**

Lincolnshire Day 2026





St Wulfram's
CHURCH CHOIR
GRANTHAM



SATURDAY 26 SEPTEMBER COME AND BE A CHORISTER

Does your child love to sing?

St Wulfram's Church Choir invites children in school years 2-8 to experience being a chorister.

Join us for a fun singing afternoon with the choristers of St Wulfram's Church Choir.

- ✓ **Make new friends and enjoy singing at St Wulfram's Church**
- 📅 **Registration 1:30pm**
- 🎵 **Short performance at 4:00pm for family and friends**

Sign up or enquire:



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