

DIARY DATES

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

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



Thursday 8th October

Year 5 & Year 6 Mixed Football Tournament



Monday 12th October - Thursday

15th October

Year 5 Bikeability Cycle Training



Thursday 15th October

Parent Workshop - Year 5 11+ Information Evening



Friday 16th October

FOBs Family Games Night



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 25th September 2026

*Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find;
knock, and it will be opened to you*

Matthew 7:7

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a great week we have all enjoyed. Today, I was talking to the school in Collective Worship and asked how long has it been since the Summer Holidays? It's been 3 weeks and 2 days or 17 days. Wow, already!

So this week's been a busy week with regards to the Outdoor Classroom Development. I can't believe that it's finished. 5 days, and now it's finished. I have been so impressed with the contractors who have brought the vision to life and will be able to be used from next week. How lucky are our Reception children?

Next week, we start the installation of our All-Weather Track. Follow us on Facebook if you'd like to track the progress daily.

For now I would like to thank you for your ongoing support and understanding and hope you enjoy reading this week's Newsletter.

Len Batey Headteacher

Staffing Update

As Miss Lees begins her maternity leave, we would like to send her our very best wishes as she prepares to welcome her new babies. We are so excited for her and can't wait to meet the newest additions to her family!

While Miss Lees is away, Mrs Selby, Assistant Headteacher for EYFS and Personal Development, will take on the role of Acting SENDCo until the end of this term. We are also delighted to confirm that Mrs Ward will be returning from maternity leave at the end of the term and will assume the SENDCo role, until Miss Lees returns, after her maternity.

On behalf of our whole school family, we would like to thank Miss Lees for everything she does for our school family. We wish her lots of happiness, special memories and precious time together with the newest members of her family.

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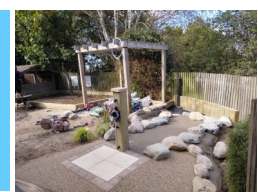
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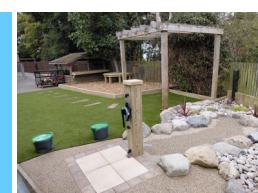
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Day 5



CREATIVITY



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Happy

Valued

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British Values - Year 5 Sport's Ambassador Elections

On Tuesday 22nd September, our Year 5 children had the exciting opportunity to take part in Sports Ambassador Elections, where they stood as candidates to represent and promote sport within our school.

Embracing British Values and the principles of democracy, all Year 5 pupils cast their votes to elect their Sports Ambassadors. The election process encouraged our children to develop important qualities such as leadership, responsibility, teamwork and confidence, while also providing a meaningful opportunity to explore and celebrate British values such as mutual respect, individual liberty and the rule of law.

Our new Sports Ambassadors will play an important role in encouraging participation in sport, supporting sporting events and inspiring others to stay active and enjoy physical activity.

We are incredibly proud of all the children who put themselves forward and demonstrated courage and enthusiasm throughout the election. Congratulations to our newly elected Sports Ambassadors!



Year 3 & Year 4 Netball Development

A group of Year 3 children had a fantastic time taking part in a Bee Netball Festival! They had the opportunity to practise their passing, catching, footwork and shooting skills while playing fun games and challenges.

The children also worked hard on their **teamwork and communication**, encouraging one another and supporting their teammates. It was wonderful to see everyone showing enthusiasm, determination and great sportsmanship throughout the festival.

Parent Workshop - Year 6 Residential Visit to London

On Thursday 25th September, we welcomed parents and carers to join us for the London Residential Workshop, to provide information and excitement ahead of this year's residential trip. The event gave families an opportunity to learn more about the upcoming experience and helped pupils build confidence before their adventure begins. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to view the presentation.



During the workshop, staff shared important details about accommodation, activities, safety procedures and what children should expect during their time away from home. Parents were able to ask questions and gain a clear understanding of how the residential will support pupils' personal development, independence and teamwork skills.

We would like to thank all the parents and carers who attended and contributed to the success of the workshop. Your support plays a vital role in ensuring that our Year 6 pupils feel prepared and excited for this important milestone in their primary school journey. We are looking forward to an unforgettable residential experience.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

A huge thank you to all the parents, grandparents and family members who supported our Macmillan Cancer Support fundraising today.

It was wonderful to see so many people visit our Pop-Up Café and join us for our Grab and Go service. Your generosity and support will help make a real difference to those affected by cancer.

Today was also the first opportunity for our newly formed Fundraising Committee to be involved in a school fundraising event. We are incredibly proud of their enthusiasm and contribution to making the event such a success. Thank you for helping us demonstrate the caring and supportive spirit of our school family. Together, we are making a difference.

*Thank You
So Much*

Parent Reminders

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.

Reminders for parents:

- 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.

FOBS AGM

As a parent of a child at Barrowby School you are invited to attend the Friends of Barrowby School AGM which takes place in school on **Friday 2nd October 2026** from 2.00pm – 3.00pm.

This is an opportunity for you to learn more about the ways that the Friends of Barrowby School have supported our school, as well as how they will continue to support our school this year, through a program of fundraising events. All are very welcome to attend. Perhaps, you may like to get involved as a committee member or as a volunteer, supporting events, on a more casual basis.

We very much look forward to seeing you there.





Year 5 & Year 6 Mixed Football - Selected Children

The Mixed Football Tournament takes place on Thursday 8th October 2026 at Barrowby Football Club.

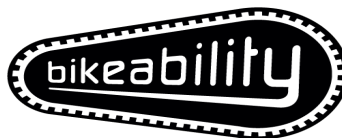
Children will need to arrive at Barrowby Football Club to meet Mr Olalere for a prompt start at 8.45am.

The expected finishing time is 12.15pm. The children will then be escorted by members of staff from Barrowby Football Club back to school. Children will be able to have their lunch upon their return.

Children will be provided with football kit. Trainers (not football boots) and shin pads are required. Children will need to bring an extra drink as well as a waterproof coat, with them.

Year 5 Bikeability Cycle Training

Our Year 5 Bikeability Cycle training will take place on: **Monday 12th October – Thursday 15th October 2026 – 4 days.**



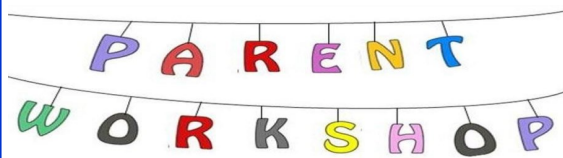
The Bikeability award scheme is the National Standard for cycling which aims to encourage more children to cycle. The course is designed to equip cyclists with the knowledge, skill, and on-road experience to make a journey safely and confidently by bike on local roads.

Your child will need to bring with them for all their course sessions:

Bike - Children must bring a roadworthy bike to school; and

Helmet - All children must have their own helmet for the duration of the course.

Suitable clothing – For wet and cold conditions, we recommend: A waterproof coat, outdoor jogging bottoms, full finger gloves and spare pair of socks.



Parent Workshop - Year 5 11+ Information Evening

Our 11+ Information Evening is on Thursday 15th October 2026 and will commence at 5.00pm, in the school hall and aims to cover the following areas:

- 11+ Information Dates and Timeline
- Understanding of 11+ process
- Support from school
- Support at home

As a school we continually strive to communicate with our parents the many opportunities available to them and our pupils, either within our school or wider afield, enhancing school provision and ensuring that all pupils achieve their potential.

The 11+ Information Presentation was introduced as a support for our Year 5 pupils and parents, during this time.

Afterwards, you may find it useful to visit our [11+ section of our school website](#). There you will find:

Further information on [How to support my child at home](#); Answers to a series of Frequently Asked Questions.

Alternatively, I am always on hand to answer any questions and offer support where I can.

Please feel free to contact myself at school.

We do hope you and your Year 5 child will be able to join us at the 11+ Information Evening.

FOBs Family Games Night

On Friday 16th October 2026 we will be hosting our annual 'Family bingo and games night' in school.

This will be held in the school hall, and the doors will be open at 5.30pm when there will be an opportunity to come along, enjoy some refreshments and meet some of the other parents before the proceedings commence.

First game will begin at 6:00pm and the event is expected to finish at approximately 7:00pm. Tickets will be priced at £1.50 each, payable on the evening and this includes one FREE bingo game.

There will be a total of 4 games on the evening including a mystery picture round. Additional game entries will be available to purchase on the evening at 50p along with a selection of refreshments including hotdogs! There will be some great prizes on offer.

This event is open to young and old, the more the merrier. Eyes down for a full house!! This is a great way to support FOBS in raising money for the school whilst having fun and possibly winning a few prizes.

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!



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see you
there

Weekly House Point Totals

ARMSTRONG

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Coming Soon