

DIARY DATES

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

Thursday 8th October

Year 5 & Year 6 Mixed Football Tournament



Monday 12th October - Thursday

15th October

Year 5 Bikeability Cycle Training



Wednesday 14th October

KS2 Girls Football Tournament



Thursday 15th October

Parent Workshop - Year 5 11+ Information Evening



Friday 16th October

FOBs Family Games Night



Thursday 22nd October

SEND Review Meetings



Friday 23rd October

Last day of term



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 2nd October 2026

Trust in the LORD with all your heart

Proverbs 3:5

Dear Parents/Carers,

What another fabulous week at Barrowby CE Primary School. I am so grateful to be the Headteacher of this school. A school which continues to strive for excellence where everyone tries their best. It doesn't mean we're perfect, but we can be proud of all that we achieve together.

This week has seen our new All-Weather Track installed on our school field and ready for use next week. Meaning that each playtime and lunchtime our children can enjoy 'Track Walks' as well as using the Trim Trail right throughout the winter period.

I can't wait for the children to be able to access our field all year round. Our thanks must go to the Friend's of Barrowby School, who through their fundraising efforts and support of our parents along with the Rotary Club of Grantham have helped with this development. On behalf of the children, thank you.

It was also lovely to see so many parents at today's Harvest Festival. To be honest, we weren't expecting so many with only standing room left at the end but hoped you were all able to enjoy our Harvest festival this year. Thank you to all those parents that have donated, via our Harvest festival to the Grantham Foodbank. Next week, our Fundraising Committee will help us to transport the food to the Foodbank.

At this Harvest time, we should all be thankful for all that we have-I know that I am. Thank you for your continued support, trust and understanding.

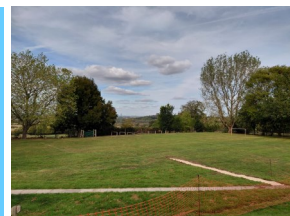
I hope you enjoy reading this week's Newsletter and learning a little bit more about school life.

Len Batey Headteacher

Day 1



Day 2



Day 3



Day 4



Day 5



CREATIVITY



RESPECT



INDEPENDENCE



Visit our school's page by
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Happy

Valued

Loved

E-Safety Newsletter

The E-safety Newsletter October 26 edition focuses AI Companions, what they are and why children are using them. Discord, a new social networking app designed for gamers and how it can be made safer. It also lists 5 fun online activities to do with your children.

Please click [here](#) to read the Newsletter.



Year 4 Residential Visit

An excited Year 4 cohort embarked on their residential to PGL at Caythorpe Court on Monday 28th September. Basking in glorious sunshine, they rotated in groups with their supervising adults around 5 diverse and physically demanding team building activities: the Tunnel and Sensory Trails, the Climbing Wall, the Giant Swing and the Zip Line.

It was amazing to watch these children overcome fears, go out of their comfort zone and support one another throughout. Manners were impeccable and they represented the school fantastically. A particular highlight was the campfire singing, complete with marshmallow toasting and a torchlit walk back to the accommodation block. After an engrossing Mr Caton story and some hot chocolate, the children settled down to bed. Everyone was asleep by 10:30!



We completed our timetable the following morning, visited the gift shop and then made our way back to school via coach.

There were some weary children and adults on the return journey! An incredible time was had by all who attended with memories made to last a lifetime. Bravo Year 4, we're so proud of you.

Year 3 Explore Hindu Worship and Places of Faith

On Wednesday, Year 3 enjoyed an exciting visit to the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in Leicester as part of our Religious Education learning.

During our visit, we were given a fascinating tour of the beautiful mandir. We were amazed by the detailed carvings and impressive architecture. The children learned about the Hindu faith, listened to important Hindu stories, and discovered how Hindus worship in the mandir. We explored the prayer hall and found out about the different deities that are important to Hindus. The children asked thoughtful questions and showed great respect throughout the visit.

After our time at the mandir, we travelled to St Philip's Church, where we continued our learning through a variety of engaging activities. We reflected on what we had learned about Hindu worship. The activities helped us deepen our understanding of different faiths.

The visit was a wonderful opportunity for Year 3 to learn a little bit more about religion and culture through first-hand experiences.



The children represented the school brilliantly with their excellent behaviour, curiosity, and enthusiasm.

We are very proud of how respectfully they engaged with the places of worship and the valuable learning they gained from the day. Well done, Year 3! What a fantastic day of discovery and learning, we're so proud of you.



Harvest Festival

This week, our school family came together to celebrate our annual Harvest Festival, held at Barrowby All Saints Church.

The event was a heartwarming moment of togetherness. Each year group contributed in their own special way, through singing, drama, readings, poetry, and prayers, making it a truly memorable occasion.



A special highlight was our Reception children, who stole the show in their adorable farmer costumes. They performed *Big Red Combine Harvester* with confidence and enthusiasm, marking their very first performance. We are incredibly proud of them!

We would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the parents and families who generously donated food items for the Grantham Food Bank. Your kindness will make a real difference to those in need in our local community.

Thank you to everyone who attended and supported the event. Your presence helped make it a celebration to remember.

With the crisp air and golden leaves, it's officially Autumn, a season of reflection, gratitude, and giving. We're so proud of our pupils and thankful for our wonderful school community.



Parental Reminders

Year 5 & Year 6 Mixed Football - Selected Children

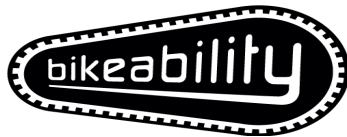
The Mixed Football Tournament takes place on Thursday 8th October 2026 at Barrowby Football Club.

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.

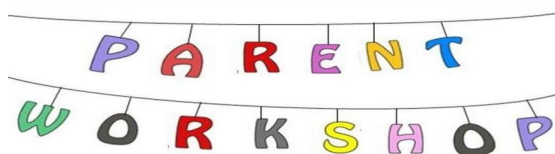
Suitable clothing – For wet and cold conditions, we recommend: A waterproof coat, outdoor jogging bottoms, full finger gloves and spare pair of socks.



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!



SEND Review Meetings

Our SEND Review meetings will take place on **Thursday 22nd October 2026**. The appointments will run from 3.45pm. These will be available on first come first served basis. Appointment bookings are now open and will close on **Monday 12th October 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

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. It is important that we continue to support all our children and especially those with identified SEND needs. By attending these meetings, our parents can 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.

Should you require your assistance booking your appointment, please contact the school office on 01476 566121.



Last day of term

Out last day of term for the October half term is Friday 23rd October 2026. All children return to school on Monday 2nd November 2026.

Individual Photographs

On Thursday 5th November 2026, your child will be having their individual school photograph taken, please remind your child/ren to bring a comb/hairbrush, and make sure they are wearing their smartest uniform, including a sweatshirt or cardigan, so that they look their very best for their school photographs.



Year 5 Swimming Lessons

Pupils in Year 5, Mr French class, will take part in swimming lessons, from **Thursday 5th November 2026** until **Thursday 3rd December 2026**.

The Meres Leisure Centre requires boys to wear appropriate trunks (not shorts) and all children, (boys and girls) to wear a swimming cap for lessons. Please ensure that your child has appropriate swim wear in time for their next lesson. The school will be providing their swim hats for the duration of their swim.

As you are aware earrings are not permitted in school and therefore should not be worn for swimming. We understand that even earrings covered with plasters are not acceptable at the swimming pool.

Weekly House Point Totals

ARMSTRONG

367

CHICHESTER

291

SCOTT

254