



DIARY DATES

Dates for the School Year 2014-2015 can be found on the school website. [CLICK HERE](#) or on any of the links below to go to the calendar.

Please check regularly for new dates. You will receive further information about forthcoming events nearer the time,

Tuesday 2 December 2014

Reception Christmas Celebration
Assembly 9.30am



Wednesday 3 December

Mass Choir Event at Priory Ruskin Academy for Year 5 & 6 Choir



Thursday 4 December 2014

Key Stage 1
Nativity Performance
2.00pm



Friday 5 December 2014

Key Stage 1
Nativity Performance 9.30am



Walton Girls' High School
Choir Festival 5.00pm

Thursday 11 December 2014

Key Stage 2 Christmas Concert
1.45 & 6.00pm in
Barrowby Church



Monday 15 December

1.30pm Carol Singing at
The George Centre
—Key Stage 2 Choir.



Wednesday 17 December 2014

Christmas Party and Panto Day



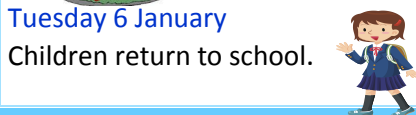
Thursday 18 December 2014

School Christmas Service
Christmas Lunch
Term ends.



Tuesday 6 January

Children return to school.



Dear Parents/Carers

What a wonderful couple of weeks, we've all enjoyed on our build up to Christmas. All our children and staff are busily preparing for what is set to be a Christmas to remember at Barrowby! My personal thanks go to all members of our school community who have given their time freely in supporting our wide range of school activities: from baking cakes to wrapping shoe boxes; dehydrating foods, preparing sandwiches and serving refreshments...the list goes on. From everyone at school, we thank you for your continued support and look forward to sharing Christmas 2014 with you all.

Mr L Batey -Headteacher

Events in School



Operation Christmas Child

Our school Shout! Group, together with our friends at Barrowby Church, collected 128 shoeboxes filled with gifts for children in the Crimea. The boxes have now begun their journey to transform Christmas for children who would probably not otherwise receive a gift. Thank you for your support.

Children in Need

Thank you for your support of our Children in Need activities in school last week. The children had a lot of fun. Thank you to our Fundraising Committee for organising the day. The total amount raised was just under £450—thank you for your generosity.



Year 4 Class Assembly



Last Friday Year 4 entertained the school and their parents with anecdotes about their visit to PGL in October. The assembly featured everything from rock climbing to worm eating and was lots of fun! On the Year 4 class page there are lots of photographs from their time at PGL and you can read more about it by visiting their class blog.

Key Stage 2 Disco

Our Christmas Events got off to a very enjoyable start on 26 November, at our Key Stage 2 Disco. Many thanks to FOBS for arranging refreshments, and to Morrisons, and FOBS members who donated towards them. As you can see, everyone had a great time.



Recording School Christmas Performances

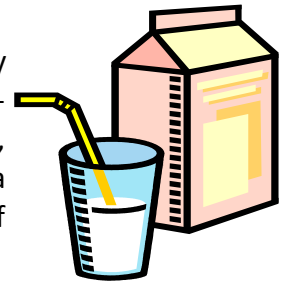
We would prefer parents not to film the performances as this almost inevitably results in an obstructed view for other parents. However, if you do wish to film **you must complete a request for authorisation, and send it to school before the day of the performance** – This is to comply with safeguarding requirements. You can find the form [here](#). *You may not film without authorisation and may be asked to stop filming if you can not produce an authorised permit when asked. We would also ask anyone who is filming to sit at the back, to ensure that other parents are not inconvenienced.* Please be aware that our performing licences do not permit the filming of a whole performance, and we ask that you only film short extracts which include your child. As you know, you can purchase a DVD or CD of your child's Christmas performance.



Admission to all our Christmas performances is **by ticket only**. This is to comply with Fire Regulations, and safety. Everyone attending needs a ticket, and will **not be admitted** without one. If you have mislaid your ticket/s please contact the school office.

Milk in School

As you will know from our [October 2nd Edition Newsletter](#), there is an opportunity for children to have milk in school each day, starting in January. This is free for children under 5. We will be introducing this new scheme to children, next week, with a focus on the health benefits of drinking milk. I hope that we will have a good level of support for the scheme, which will further enhance our promotion of healthy lifestyles in school.



Admission to Reception September 2015



The Lincolnshire County Council Admissions website is now open for application to Reception in September 2015. **All parents who would like a school place for their child MUST apply through the Local Authority, even if you have already made school aware that you have a younger child due to start school next September.** Failure to apply by the deadline of 12 noon on 15 January 2015 may mean that we cannot offer your child a place.

To apply, or find more information, please go to the [Admissions](#) part of the Lincolnshire County Council website or ask at the school office if you would like an information pack. Although it is still early in the process, it looks as though we will have a high number of applications this year for children who already have a sibling in school (across a range of year groups in school).

Winter is Coming! Are your ParentMail2 contact details up to date?

Although we hope that we won't have too much wintry weather—at least before Christmas—we would like to remind you that school will remain open unless conditions are extremely severe. **However, please make sure that your Parentmail2 contact details are up to date, so that you receive any messages promptly if we do have severe weather.**



Morrison's Let's Grow Vouchers

Thank you to everyone who contributed vouchers. This year we have been able to order a wide range of gardening equipment, including a polytunnel, heated propagator, and seeds to create a wildflower meadow, as well as additional cooking equipment. The equipment will arrive in school next April.





Friends of Barrowby School at Christmas

Once again, FOBS are supporting our Christmas Events in school, and need your help:

RAFFLE PRIZES

for

Reception and
Key stage 1
Christmas
performances



MINCE PIES etc.

for refreshments after each of the
above performances

Please send these to school
as soon as possible.
Thank you for your support.

Community Events

Representing our school in the community

Three children from Barrowby School recently took part in the 'Grantham Remembers' WW1 Commemorative Concert at St Johns Church. The girls performed the tongue twister 'Sister Susie's Sewing Shirts for Soldiers' in front of a large audience. Well done, girls for your commitment, and being a credit to our school.



Community Support

Morrison's Supermarket in Grantham very kindly donated sets of scales to school recently. We thank them for their support.

South Kesteven 'Great Cake Off'

If you enjoy baking and cake decorating, here is a [link](#) to a fun Christmas baking activity that you, or your children might enjoy.

merry christmas!



Our School 100 Years Ago November–December 2014



November 16

Barrowby Feast—a day's holiday was granted.

November 20

During the week the first class has been examined in most of the subjects and the results are very satisfactory.

November 23

Whooping cough and colds have kept attendance very low this week.

December 3

Mr Purser visited by request of the managers to give consent to a stove being placed in the infants' room.

December 10

Dr Lowe—School Medical Officer....recommended that the school be closed until January 4th owing to the prevalence of whooping cough.



CHRISTMAS IS THE CELEBRATION OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS, THE SAVIOUR OF MANKIND

At Barrowby Church.

We look forward to welcoming you at Christmas and throughout the year. If you're new & or need help getting to services, please get in touch –we're happy to help. www.barrowbychurch.org.uk



Sunday 14 December

4.30pm Families Carols & Christingle
A relaxed 'hands free' service for all ages. Followed by refreshments.



Sunday 21 December

6.00pm Carols by Candlelight

Our traditional service of carols old and new, & bible readings telling of God's love in sending His son to us. Followed by coffee and mince pies.

Christmas Eve

10.30am A Birthday Party for Jesus!

A short, fun and informal time of worship for children, but grown-ups can come too! Balloons, Birthday Cake, Puppets, and more.



11.30pm Midnight Communion



Christmas Day

8.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Family Worship

Pop the turkey in the oven and bring the family to celebrate the birth of Jesus!

Sunday 28 December

10.30am Morning Worship

After all the excitement – a time of peaceful music and reflection on God's wonderful gift.

GRANTHAM & DISTRICT SCOUTS CHRISTMAS POST 2014

HAVE YOUR CARDS DELIVERED BY GRANTHAM SCOUTS

Still only 20p each! (40p for Large Cards & Calendars).
ONLY DELIVERED to all NG31 areas of Grantham and Great Gonerby, plus Barrowby, Harlaxton, Ancaster, Colsterworth and Bottesford

STAMPS ON SALE FROM 17TH NOVEMBER

Stamps may be purchased and cards posted on the following shops:

Coversure Insurance, Conduit Lane (opp. Cafe)
Grantham Library, Isaac Newton Centre
The Melton Building Society, 43 High Street
G Skinner & Sons Butchers, Barrowby
McColl's, 173-175 New Beacon Road
Day-Today News, Rushcliffe Road
Barrowbygate Pharmacy, 176 Winchester Road
Gonerby Groceries
Cards for Good Causes, George Centre
John Beatty Motors, Castlegate
Pizzini, 5 High Street, Bottesford

First Collection: Wednesday 3 December
Last Collection: Wednesday 17 December

