



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, as appropriate.

Wed 17 Sep 2014
[PGL Residential Visit Information evening](#)



Thu 25 Sep 2014
[School Photos](#)

Fri 26 Sep 2014
[Friends of Barrowby School Macmillan Coffee Morning](#)



Thu 02 Oct 2014
[Harvest Festival](#)

Wed 08 Oct 2014
[Parent Teacher Consultation](#)

Wed 08 Oct 2014
[Book Fair Week](#)



Tue 14 Oct 2014
[Parent Teacher Consultation](#)

Wed 15 Oct 2014
[Friends of Barrowby School AGM](#)

Wed 22 Oct 2014
[London Residential Visit Information Meeting](#)

Thu 23 Oct 2014 - Term ends for children

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back—and welcome, to our new families—as we begin another exciting school year at Barrowby.

We are all looking forward to working together throughout the year, to ensure the very best opportunities for all our children.



Mr L Batey Headteacher

Introduction of hot school meals

We are all starting to get used to the new lunchtime arrangements, and the children have responded very positively to the meals provided. This is still very new to us, and we will continue to review and refine the lunchtime experience during the term. All children will have lunch together, in the hall, whether they are having a hot meal, or a packed lunch. Key Stage 1 children will sit in class groups, and Key Stage 2 children will have free choice of where to sit; whether packed lunch or hot meal.

There have been a few minor issues regarding ordering and serving of meals, but we are confident that these will diminish as time goes on. Please refer to the ordering guide sent to you last term, which you can find [here](#). The most important thing to remember is that **meals must be ordered by Tuesday midnight for the following school week**. Food4Thought provide us with a list for the beginning of each week, showing which children are having meals, and their menu choices. There are four choices of main course, and a choice of dessert, yogurt or fruit each day.

As I am sure you will appreciate, we do not have the resources to make alterations to the menu choices, as supplied.

In a few weeks time we will be giving the children the opportunity to let us know what they think about the hot meals, and the dining experience, and we will share the results with you.



School Uniform

Here are a few reminders about school uniform, at the beginning of the new school year:

Earrings

Children are not permitted to wear jewellery, and this includes earrings, which are not safe for school. If children have been permitted to have their ears pierced at the beginning of the holidays, they should now be able to remove them for school. Children coming to school in earrings will be asked to cover them with plasters for that day, and remove them for the following day. The policy regarding earrings has been in place for very many years, and is in the interests of the health and safety of our children.

Outdoor Shoes

As we move into Autumn, please could I remind you of the need for a second pair of shoes or trainers, for your child to wear in the playground. Changing shoes makes a huge difference to the school environment, especially by keeping the carpeted areas, where children often sit, clean.

Outdoor shoes should be suitable for play, and appropriate in style and colour—no brightly coloured laces or fluorescent (brightly coloured) shoes or trainers, please.



P.E. Kit

Please make sure that your child's P.E. kit (navy shorts and royal blue T shirt) is in school every day.

Term Time Absence

As you know, schools are not now permitted to authorise term time leave other than in exceptional circumstances. Holidays are very unlikely to be considered exceptional, so please do not book holidays during term time, as any such absence is likely to be unauthorised.

If you need to take your child out of school for any reason, including a medical appointment, please complete the Request for Absence form which you can find [here](#).

Whilst we would always emphasise the importance of regular school attendance, we do understand that there are sometimes unavoidable circumstances, such as a family emergency, or bereavement, where it may be necessary to request an absence, and we will do our best to support our families, within the limits of government regulations.

Could I also ask you to ensure that children arrive on time each morning—between 8.45am and 8.55am and that they should be in the playground by 8.55am. Please avoid arriving at school before 8.45am and waiting.

We are obliged to record a late arrival after the registers have closed as an unauthorised absence for that session. If you are unavoidably delayed (by a road closure, or car breakdown, for example) please notify us as soon as possible, as we can authorise the late arrival in exceptional circumstances.

Thank you for your continuing support.