

DIARY DATES

Dates for the School Year can be found on our website.

[CLICK HERE](#) to go to the calendar.

Thursday 24 March

School closes for Easter Holidays



Tuesday 12 April

School re-opens.

Monday 2 May

School closed—Bank Holiday

Wednesday 4 May

Year 3 visit to Yorkshire Wildlife Park

Year 4 visit to Stibbington

Friday 27 May

Year 5 Class Assembly

Friday 27 May

School closes for half term

Monday 6 June

School re-opens.

Thursday 9– Friday 10 June

London residential



Friday 15th April

FoBS meeting in school at 2.00 pm

Friday 13th May 7.30 pm

Quiz Night

Teams of up to 6 people. Tickets priced at £3 each are on sale from the school.



Barrowby Church of England Primary School

Newsletter

24 March 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

It's been another very busy week, here at Barrowby CE Primary School. As I write this, I have just finished our Easter Service where we continue to celebrate our pupils and school's successes e.g. county swimming finals; Netball; Football; Table Tennis etc. I continue to be grateful for the support of our parents and our school community; as can be seen from attendance at our recent Reception and Year 1 class assembly as well as Parent's Evening; where it was lovely to see so many of you. As we get ever closer to the Easter holidays, I am delighted to announce that our new library will be installed, early in the Summer term. To find out more about our library, please [CLICK HERE](#). I hope you enjoy reading about life at Barrowby CE Primary School.

Mr L Batey Headteacher

School Events



Sainsbury's Winter Games

On Wednesday 9th March, twelve children from across years 5 and 6 competed in the Sainsbury's Winter Games, at the Mere Leisure Centre. The children competed in a full day of swimming races and relays having been selected following their magnificent win in the Grantham Schools Swimming Gala, last month.

Throughout the day, schools from across Lincolnshire competed in a wide range of sports and over 600 children were involved. At the start of the day, the children were greeted by Commonwealth Badminton medallist Liz Cann, who encouraged the children to never give up on their dreams.

This time in the swimming, they faced even stiffer competition, competing against the other top 7 schools from right across the county. We are delighted to announce that we achieved an overall position of fourth, with every child giving their absolute best and showing great team spirit. Well done to all of the children who swam and a very big thank you to the many parents who came along to support, their children and our school.

Sponsored Read Event

Thank you for your fantastic efforts with the Sponsored Read Event, on Thursday 3rd March. We have so far raised £812.50. This money is going towards soft furnishings in the new [school library](#).

If you have not yet sent your sponsor money into school, please could you do so as soon as possible. Thank you.

Barrowby Under Nines Football

Congratulations to one of our Barrowby pupils and the 'Barrowby under 9's Football Team,' who won the Futsal Football Championship in Sleaford!

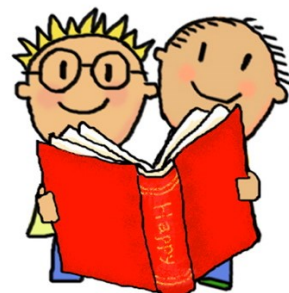


Table Tennis Competition

Two of our Barrowby boys, also competed in the Cliffedale Chandlers Primary and Secondary Schools' Easter Table Tennis Competition.

Well done boys, you played brilliantly and were a credit to our school.



Legacy Tour

Our young Bronze Sport Ambassadors took the Inspire + Legacy Tour torch to Harlaxton CE Primary School, as the next school on the tour, on Tuesday 8th March. They took part in Harlaxton's assembly and read the pledge declaration to ensure Harlaxton children had a great day and remembered to follow the Olympic and Paralympic values. The children spoke with confidence and were a real credit to our school. Well done to our Bronze Ambassadors!

Reception/Year 1 Class Assembly

On Friday 11th March, the ground shook as the Reception and Year 1 children stomped into the hall, dancing to 'walk the dinosaur' for an enthusiastic crowd of parents and carers, as part of their class assembly.



The children's enthusiasm for this term's topic was clear to see and we were all delighted to share in the facts they had learnt and the creative learning they had encountered. A giant egg cracked open and out roared a baby dinosaur who grew and grew before our very eyes! The children had learnt a poem that they performed together as a group and also shared their own original acrostic poetry; also providing entertainment for the crowd with dinosaur jokes! It was a shame that their creative assembly had to meet its conclusion due to an unexpected volcano eruption that proved to be the end-of-saurus! Well done to everyone!



Bikeability

All of our Year 5 children have now taken part in Bikeability, which is today's cycle training programme. It's like cycling proficiency, but better! It's about gaining practical skills and understanding how to cycle on today's roads. Bikeability gives everyone the skills and confidence for all kinds of cycling, as well as being lots of fun! Well done!

Netball

On Thursday 17th March, spirits were high as the Barrowby Netball Team left to compete against 14 other schools in the annual High 5 Netball Festival; with the whole school routing for them! They played fantastically well, supporting one another and scoring over 20 goals in the various games played! When the points were calculated the team came a brilliant 5th overall! Well done! A wonderful achievement! We are all very proud of you!

At the festival the results from this year's High 5 Netball league were also announced. The team played matches in Autumn Term as well as the Spring Term and made it into League 2. After winning all of their League 2 matches, they were announced as the league winners!



They were awarded with a medal and a shield which we look forward to proudly displaying on the trophy cabinet for all to see! What a year we are having. Huge congratulations to all members of the team!

Website Updates

We are constantly striving to improve our website to give as much information and help to parents and children as we can. Recently, we have added a couple of new sections to the ['Parents' tab on the website](#). These are:

- ['School to Home Communication'](#) and
- ['Voluntary Contributions and Chargeable Activities'](#)

We are also in the process of adding a new section on [Curriculum Support](#). We hope that parents will use this information to further enhance their children's learning at home. Each section will contain supportive information, for parents, relevant to all year groups, in the following areas:

- English:
[Grammar and Punctuation](#),
[Handwriting](#),
[Reading](#),
[Spelling and Writing](#).
- Maths:
Algebra,
Geometry,
Measurement,
[Number](#),
Ratio and Proportion and
Statistics.



Year 3

Year 3 have had a busy end to the term and have been extremely lucky to have a visit from Mrs Ochala-Greenough. The children learnt some activities to warm up their voice and vocal chords before singing. Then they clapped an Ostinato rhythm and performed this with percussion instruments. Next, they accompanied a piece from Monsters Inc and finally, danced to the rhythm of the song, listening to the beat.

On Friday 18th March, Year 3 also had their very own 'Myths and Legends Day.' The children came dressed for the occasion and had a truly wonderful experience. They were fortunate to have a visit from Mr Gadd, who made Monster biscuits with the children. In the morning, they decorated the boxes for the biscuits and carried out various activities in the classroom. In groups, they made the biscuits with Mr Gadd and Mrs Bird. They weighed out the ingredients and prepared the biscuits for the oven. Then, in the afternoon, the children covered the biscuits with icing/marzipan and decorated them with icing and sweets.

Thank you very much to Mrs Ochala-Greenough and Mr Gadd for sparing the time to come into school. The children thoroughly enjoyed it.



Staffing

Mrs Goodband will be returning from her Maternity Leave after the Easter Holidays. She will be supporting our Key Stage 2 classes for two and a half days each week. Mrs Pacey will also be returning from Maternity leave. We would like to thank Mrs Stanley for her hard work and commitment whilst covering Mrs Pacey's leave.

Due to internal reorganisation, after Easter, Mr Farley will be teaching Year 3 full time, and Mrs Lucas will be teaching Year 1/2, with Mrs Tinkley. Mrs Wright will continue to work with Year 5 and 6, two and a half days a week, prior to moving into Year 6 when Mrs Silby begins her Maternity Leave, after May half term. As we reach the end of another term, I would like to thank all school staff for their ongoing hard work and dedication.

Church/School Links

As many of you will know, Mrs Waghorn is a Minister at Barrowby Church, as well as our School Senior Administrator. She writes:

'This year, I have been working with several Year Groups, giving them the opportunity to discuss and ask questions about various aspects of the R.E. curriculum. This has included talking with Year 1/2 classes about Christian symbols, with Year 4 about the Bible, and with Year 6 about religion and science. I always enjoy these sessions very much, and come away extremely impressed by the children's interest, knowledge, and, above all, intelligent and searching questions. They certainly keep me on my toes! One of our roles as a Church School is to ensure that children have the knowledge and opportunities to explore their spirituality, and that they are able to ask the questions that are important to them. I hope that I am able to help them to do that.'

This week is 'Holy Week' – the final week of Lent, which is the time in the Christian year when we try to get ourselves ready for Easter by giving up something, or taking on something new (Mr Batey has given up snacks – he says he's doing really well!). Holy Week began on Palm Sunday, when we remember Jesus arriving in Jerusalem, hailed as a king, and leads up to his death on Good Friday, followed by the joy and excitement of Easter Sunday and the empty tomb. We thought about the events of that momentous week during our School Easter Service on Wednesday, sharing some of the excitement, sadness, and celebration that are all part of Easter time.

Our reception joined us in church for the Easter bonnet parade. The bonnets were very colourful and I'm sure lots of fun was had in creating them!

Thank you to the members of our school community for attending this very special event.

Contact Information

Just a reminder to parents that if you change your address, email address or telephone/mobile details you will need to:

- Update changes to email addresses and mobile numbers to ParentmailPMX and also inform the school office of the new mobile number.
- Update changes of address or landline telephone number to the school office.

Please contact the school office if you are unsure of the information we currently hold and we will gladly assist.





Urban Hotel, Swingbridge Road

Friday 13th May 2016

@ 7.30pm

£3 per person

*Doors open at 7pm. Raffle on the night. Teams of up to 6 people.
Entry tickets can be purchased at Barrowby School, Yorkshire Bank or
on the night at the Urban Hotel.*

All entry and raffle ticket proceeds go to

Friends of Barrowby School (FOBS)

Reg. charity no: 508516

Raising funds for the school

