



DIARY DATES

Dates for the School Year can be found on our website. [CLICK HERE](#) to go to the calendar. Please check regularly for new dates. You will receive further information about forthcoming events as appropriate. Dates in red are events to which some, or all parents are invited, as appropriate. Community events are in green.



Tuesday 1 December

Reception Christmas Assembly 9.30am

Village Advent Calendar begins.

Thursday 3 December

KS1 Nativity Performance 1.45pm



Friday 4 December

KS1 Nativity Performance 9.30am

Thursday 10 December

Key Stage 2 Carol Service
Barrowby Church
2.00pm and 6.00pm



Friday 11 December

Our Traditional Christmas Fair
5.00pm—7.00pm



Sunday 13 December

[Barrowby Church Families Carols 10.30am](#)

Monday 14 December

Christmas Potted Sports

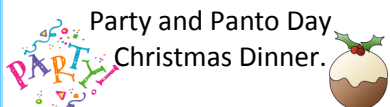
Tuesday 15 December

School Christmas Service

Our 'Village Advent Calendar' Window is revealed.

Wednesday 16 December

Party and Panto Day
Christmas Dinner.



Thursday 17 December

School closes.

Tuesday 5 January

School-re-opens

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to another week, at Barrowby CE Primary School, where I can honestly say the countdown to Christmas has begun! The children and staff continue to work extremely hard, in all that they do, at school. I hope you enjoy 'catching up' with many aspects of school life, this week. Happy reading.

Mr L Batey Headteacher

**Events in School
Key Stage 2 Disco**

Last week, our Key Stage 2 children enjoyed the annual Key Stage 2 disco which was filled with dancing, music, food and fun. The Friends Of Barrowby School kindly arranged refreshments for the children and served all classes with squash and snacks throughout. The DJ had a large influx of songs requested and did his very best to ensure the children were satisfied with the music provided! All children danced and had fun, ending the evening with a whole Key Stage dance to the 'YMCA', including staff, led of course by Mr Batey! The raffle was drawn and all prizes were gone within minutes. A very exciting and enjoyable evening had by all. Our thanks to school staff, Mr Poole, our 'Disco Man,' FOBs for their on-going support and to Home Bargains for the donated raffle prizes.



St Wulfram's Christmas Tree Festival

[St Wulfram's Church](#) in Grantham is holding a Christmas Tree Festival, with an 'ice' skating rink during this week, and over the weekend. We have a Barrowby School Tree in the church, as part of the Festival—it is near the coffee area, if you are able to go along and have a look.



Advent

The season of Advent begins on Sunday, and we will light the first candle on our school Advent Ring in Assembly this Friday. Advent is the four weeks in the Christian year which precede Christmas.



This year, for the first time, Barrowby Church has organised a **'Village Advent Calendar'**, where a house or business in the village will reveal a new decorated window each evening from 1st December. The windows will be lit from 4.00pm—8.00pm. Our School Advent Window opens on 15th December—this will be the window in Year 5's classroom. Our Key Stage 1 Craft Club are also preparing a window to be displayed at Skinner's Butchers on 19 December. On Christmas Eve, all 24 windows will be lit from 4.00pm –8.00pm, and there will be refreshments in church from 6.00pm.



PCSO Visit

Our Police Community Support Officer visited school today to speak to children in Year 3 about, 'How to keep themselves Safe.' We continue to liaise closely with our PCSOs to promote safety for our children, especially on the way to and from school.

Year 1 and 2 Flu Vaccination

If you have a child in Year 1 or 2, Lincolnshire Community Health Services are offering them the opportunity to have a flu vaccination (via a nasal spray). This will be administered in school. **A letter and consent form is in your child's book bag tonight**—please return the form as soon as possible. The vaccinations will take place on 10 December.

Christmas Events in School

The next few weeks are going to be very busy, with many exciting opportunities for our children to celebrate and share Christmas with you, and with our communities. Please look out for Parentmail messages, or check the website regularly.



Our celebrations begin next week, with our Reception Christmas Assembly on Tuesday 1 December, and our Key Stage 1 Nativity performances on Thursday 3 and Friday 4 December. A big 'thank you' to parents in Key Stage 1 who have been able to 'swap' their Friday 4 December ticket requests for Thursday 3 December. We now have a more even distribution of ticket requests, and hope to be able to give each family their requested tickets for the performances. If you have requested extra tickets for Thursday's performance, we hope to be able to supply these too—however, there are no additional tickets available for Friday 4 December.

Tickets for the Key Stage 1 Nativity and the Reception Christmas Assembly are in children's book bags tonight—please look out for them!

Please bring your tickets with you to the performances. Everyone (including young children) must have a ticket, to comply with Fire Regulations.

Reminders

- ◆ All school clubs finish for the term next Friday, 4 December.
- ◆ If you would like your child to have Christmas Dinner in school on 16 December, you need to book it online through [Ideal](#) by Tuesday 8 December



Scout Christmas Post

Barrowby Scouts are providing a Christmas postal service again this year—you can find details [here](#).

First Admission to Primary School—September 2016

The process for applying for places in Reception for September 2016 begins this month. You must apply through Lincolnshire County Council, who co-ordinate all applications. Full information can be found on their [website](#), or you can collect an information pack from school (available from 16 November).

All parents who have a child due to start school next September (date of birth 1 September 2011 to 31 August 2012) must apply—even if an older sibling is already at school.

The key dates for the application process are:

15 January 2016, 12 noon: closing date for parents to apply to Lincolnshire County Council. If you do not apply by this date, it may affect your offer of a place.

18 April 2016: parents can view their offered school place online.

Signposting

We are happy to signpost events and organisations which may be of interest to our school community. You can find information about activities for children [here](#), and support services for families [here](#). New opportunities are added frequently, so please check regularly. However, we cannot recommend or endorse any activity or organisation outside of school, and parents/carers must satisfy themselves of their suitability.