



**DIARY DATES**

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

[CLICK HERE](#) to go to the calendar. Please check regularly for new dates. You will receive further information about forthcoming events nearer the time, as appropriate.

Dates in red are events to which some, or all parents are invited, as appropriate.

**Wednesday 14 October**

Parent-Teacher Consultation  
3.30-6.30pm

**Monday 19 October**

Parent Teacher Consultation  
3.30-6.30pm

**Thursday 22 October**

Y4 Class Assembly  
9.15am



School closes to children for half term.

**Monday 2 November**

School re-opens

**Wednesday 4 November**

Year 3  
Visit to Flag Fen



**Tuesday 10 November**

Reception Parents' Curriculum Meeting  
2.00pm



**Thursday 12 November**

Y6 London Information Evening  
5.00pm –6.00pm



**Tuesday 1 December**

Reception Christmas Assembly  
9.30am

**Thursday 3 December**

KS1 Nativity Performance  
1.45pm



**Friday 4 December**

KS1 Nativity Performance  
9.30am



Dear Parents/Carers

Well here we all are, the countdown to our autumn half-term-hooray! I have to say, that being a part of Barrowby CE Primary School is a real privilege. It is wonderful to watch our pupils continue to shine in all that they do as our dedicated and highly skilled school staff guide them on their journey. The continued support from all our parents and school community enables our school to inspire and continually improve, moving forwards. My sincerest thanks to you all. I hope you enjoy your half-term break and enjoy reading this week's newsletter.

Mr L Batey Headteacher

**Events in School Bookfair**

Thank you for supporting our Bookfair, which was a great success once again. We raised over £800 in commission, which has been spent on books for your children's class libraries. Thank you especially to those of you who very kindly sponsored a book for your child's class, and also to FOBS, who once again supported this event as Bookfair helpers and cashiers.



**Uniform**

Thank you for your support for the minor modifications we introduced to our uniform at the beginning of this term. Our children are looking very smart.

Could I just remind you that when we return from half term, children must be in winter uniform—no shorts, summer dresses or ankle socks please. Please also make sure that your child has suitable outdoor wear with them every day—a shower proof coat, and hat and gloves, if they need them as the weather gets colder. Children go outside unless the weather is very poor.

**'Spelling' in Key Stage 2**

As some of you will know from our conversations during the recent Parent/Teacher Consultations, we have been looking at ways to make learning to spell more exciting for our children, and as a result we will be making some changes for Key Stage 2 both in class, and for homework. I will write to you later on this week with more details about these changes.



**Harvest**

Here are our Harvest Gifts on their way to the Food Bank—thank you, once again, for your generosity.

## Keeping children safe at the school gate

In recent weeks, we have written to you about the dangers of traffic in Church Street, and also the need to keep dogs away from small children at the school gate, as they are causing anxiety.

Our request that you do not bring your cars into Church Street is a very long standing one, and we hope that all parents will co-operate with this request, which is in the interests of safety for both children and adults. Please also ensure that all children are under supervision, and stay on the pavement.

If you have your dog with you at the school gate, please stand away from the gate and ensure that your dog is kept on a short leash. At the moment, some dogs are being brought very close to the pedestrian gate, which alarms some of the smaller children, even if the dogs are friendly.

We have also received complaints from members of our school community regarding parents smoking near the school gate. We are proud of our status as a smoke free school, and although the waiting area is outside of school premises, it is traditionally a part of the school environment, where many parents and children gather. We would therefore ask all parents not to smoke whilst near the school gate, or where children will be exposed to second hand smoke whilst entering or leaving the school, or waiting for siblings.



The area outside school is inevitably busy, but if we are all thoughtful towards one another, any potential difficulties can be minimised. Thank you for your continued support.

## Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal—on sale now

Content	Suggested Donation Prices
Friendship Bracelet	£ 1.00
Slap Rulers	£ 1.00
Wristbands	£ 0.50
Reflectors	£ 0.50
Pencils	£ 0.50

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## 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 therefore satisfy themselves of their suitability.