



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.

Now until Monday

19 October

Bookfair



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 Decembe

KS1 Nativity Performance
1.45pm



Friday 4 December

KS1 Nativity Performance
9.30am

Dear Parents/Carers

I can't quite believe that we are almost at the end of our first half-term. It was lovely to see many of you at our Parent/Teacher Consultation and Book Fair, last night. The school staff continue to work extremely hard so that all our pupils can maximise their learning opportunities. As always, thank you to all members of our school community for their on-going commitment and support.

Events in School

Mr L Batey Headteacher



Bookfair

Our Book Fair has arrived and will be in school until **Monday 19 October**. Classes are visiting the Book Fair during school time; if you would like your child to be able to buy a book on a class visit, please send the exact money to school in a sealed envelope, marked with your child's name, the amount, and the name of the book they would like to buy. There is also an opportunity for parents to donate a book to our school or class libraries. If a particular title has sold out, it can be ordered – payment with order please. The **Book Fair** is open to parents/carers from **3.00pm to 3.45pm** each day, if you would like to have a quiet browse before school ends, or visit with your child/ren at 3.15pm.

Harvest



Thank you for your generous gifts to Grantham Foodbank, collected at our Harvest Festival last week. The service was a lovely celebration of God's goodness, and a very special first school event for our Reception children.

Year 1/2 Visits to Pizza Express

Mrs Tinkley's/Mr Farley's class visited Pizza Express, last Thursday as part of their Design & Technology work. A professional chef showed them how to make pizza. They enjoyed tasting ingredients, then made their own pizza to eat! Miss Sugden's class are visiting today!





Craft Club

Mrs Banfield's craft club have been busy making their very own hedgehog pencil holders! They used clay to model the body remembering to make the holes for the pencils and once dry, they painted them with beautiful metallic paints.

The pencils create the 'hedgehog' spikes and voila! What a wonderful piece of craft; useful and creative! Well done children!



High 5 Netball



The High 5 team have made a great start to this year's High 5 Netball league! Over two evenings the children have played 5 matches. The children were a credit to our school. Well done team! We are very proud of you and good luck with your practises before your next matches in the new year!

Barrowby : Allington 5: 5

Barrowby : Long Bennington 0:4

Barrowby :Belmont 2:0

Barrowby :Corby Glen 2:2

Barrowby : St Mary's 3:0

Parent/Teacher Consultations

Thank you for booking your appointments through ParentMail PMX. Online booking has saved a considerable amount of staff time, and provides a clearer overview of the bookings, which enables us to assist you if you have any queries about your appointments. I hope that you have found this new system helpful, and easy to use—please let us have your feedback.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

This year, as well as the traditional poppies (for which we ask a minimum donation of 10p each) there are a range of other items, as you can see below, with a suggested donation of 50p or £1 (although you can, of course, give more if you wish). These will be available for children from Monday 19th October 2015.

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

WARNING: 0-3 not suitable

Lost Property

A bracelet has been handed in to the school office. If you have lost a bracelet, please contact the office with a description.

Traffic Congestion and parking in Church Street



Once again, we appeal to all parents to park at the British Legion and walk the short distance to school with their child. Every car that is brought into Church Street, or is parked on the surrounding roads, obscuring the view for pedestrians and other road users increases the risk of an accident to a child or adult. Is it really worth taking that risk, for the sake of avoiding a few minutes' walk?

Thank you to all those parents who are concerned for the safety of our children, and who are supporting our efforts. This is part of an email sent to our Police Community Support Officer by a concerned parent:

'I am emailing you following a number of near misses on Church Street during the school run for Barrowby Primary School. Having walked my children to school for a number of years I have to say that the situation on Church Street is so much worse than in previous years.'

Many more parents are using the top of the street as a 'drop-off' zone and then proceeding to do a three point turn - reversing into oncoming pedestrians who do not have a pavement as safety at the t-junction end of the street. The problems at the top of the street are also being exacerbated by the narrowing of the main part of Church Street... The new kerb stone on the left-hand side of the street has only added to the problems, narrowing the street making it impossible for two cars to pass side by side - with no spaces to pull in to because of the parked cars parents are now attempting 3-point turns on the street - this morning one parent with a very long car reversed back with her car boot overhanging the pavement almost knocking into my children and halting the progress of everyone on the pavement. This is not the first time I have witnessed this manoeuvre since the introduction of the new kerbstones.'

We are hoping for a PCSO presence to monitor driving and parking in Church Street. Please support us, and safeguard our children, by ensuring that your car is kept out of Church Street, and that you do not create additional hazards at the top of Church Street. We have no jurisdiction over the public highways, so the solution to this long running problem lies entirely with parents.



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.