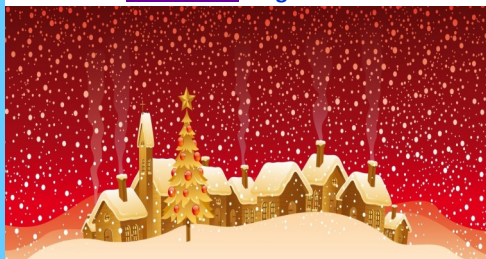


## DIARY DATES

Dates for the School Year can be found on our website. [CLICK HERE](#) to go to the calendar.



# Barrowby Church of England Primary School



*Merry Christmas*  
& HAPPY NEW YEAR

**Wednesday 4 January**  
Terms starts for children.



**Thursday 5 January**  
Year 3 PGL meeting 5.00pm



**Monday 16 January**  
Miss Sugden's Class  
Open Library  
3.30—4.00pm

**Tuesday 24 January**  
Parents' Curriculum Workshop  
3.30-5.15pm



**Monday 30 January**  
Year 3 Open Library 3.30-4.00pm

**Tuesday 31 January**  
House Tournament—Paralympic  
Challenge

**Wednesday 8 February**  
Polymer Artist working with Year 3

**Friday 10 February**  
School closes for half term



**FoBS Meeting**

Friday 13th January 2017 at 2.00 pm in  
Old School Room  
All Welcome

## Newsletter 20 Decem-



The angel said,  
"Don't be afraid! I have good news for you,  
which will make everyone happy.  
This very day in King David's hometown  
a Saviour was born for you. He is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:10



*Dear Parents/Carers*

*Well here we are the last day of the term. As I write this, we are preparing for our Christmas service, at Barrowby All Saints' Church and for saying our goodbyes, to Mrs Waghorn who retires after 20 years service, at this school.*

*At Barrowby CE Primary School we have lots to be thankful for: our pupils come to school each day, supported by their parents-ready to learn; our staff, each and everyone of them give their time so freely so all our pupils may enjoy the wealth of opportunities available to them; our Governors who support the school and its development, working together for the benefit of all and of course, our parents and wider school community who continue to support us in all that we do.*

*Christmas is a time for thanks, a time to recognise and celebrate all that we have and all that we are. I wish each and everyone of you a restful and very Happy Christmas and look forward to working with you in 2017! Merry Christmas!*

*Len Batey Headteacher*

### Party and Panto Day

On Monday 19th January, the whole school enjoyed their 'Party Day!' The children played Christmas Games, in the hall and even our younger children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 enjoyed a special visitor-Father Christmas as he made his way from the North Pole to be with the children. Each class prepared a song which they sang for him and all children received their very own gift, from Father Christmas who was ably supported by his elves.



Our thanks to Santa's little helpers-the elves-for ensuring all the Reception and Key Stage 1 children received a gift this year!



Lunchtime was very festive-complete with Christmas dinner-served by our Dinner Supervisors, supported by various other members of staff, including Miss Welton, Mrs Selby and Mr Batey so that all members of staff could enjoy their Christmas dinner, with the children-complete with crackers and music. Thanks go to Reverend Peter Hopkins, Mrs Sarah Cooley and Mrs Pam Bosworth, school Governors, for making time in their busy day to join us for Christmas dinner. All our staff joined together, so that our Christmas Dinner was an absolute joy. My thanks to each and everyone of them for lending 'helping hands' proving once more how great our school is.

After lunch, the whole school enjoyed the pantomime-Pinocchio! A huge thank you also to the Friends Of Barrowby School for their continued support, of our school.

## Christmas Sevice

On Tuesday 20th December, the whole school congregated in Barrowby All Saints Church for our annual Christmas service. The service was led by Mrs Waghorn and explored the themes of the Nativity, through song, readings and worship. It was lovely for our whole school to come together, at this special time of year, to celebrate Christmas together. Reverend Peter Hopkins concluded the service with closing prayers.

## Happy Retirement-a personal message

Today, Mrs Kate Waghorn retires as Senior Administrator of Barrowby Church of England Primary School where she has worked for over 20 years. On behalf of all members of our school community we would like to express our sincere thanks for her unwavering support, over the years: for guiding and supporting Mrs West, through her headship as well as Mr Batey, in his first years as Headteacher; for being a proactive member of the Governing Body-helping to shape the direction of the school; for supporting colleagues through difficult times, through quiet reflection and prayer; for working with the children in many different ways, leading clubs such as handbells as well as delivering workshops as part of lessons; for leading Collective Worshp, both in school and at Church and supporting Mrs West with the creation of the Year 4 Church School's Festival. As varied her role was, Mrs Waghorn has been centrally involved with the 'evolution' of our school and shall be greatly missed. A Lay Reader, a colleague, a friend-our thanks go to you Mrs Waghorn. You will be missed-enjoy your retirement.

Make your light shine, so that others will see the good that you do and  
will praise your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5: 16

## Community Christmas Events

### Barrowby Church

On Christmas Eve Morning there is a 'Birthday Party for Jesus' - aimed at very young children, but enjoyed by all ages! This is a very relaxed and informal time of worship, songs, balloons and birthday cake (and animal noises!).

On Christmas Morning, there is a service at 10.30am, suitable for all the family.

You can find out about all Christmas events and services at Barrowby Church [here](#).



Friday 23rd December 10am-12pm . Suitable for ages 5years and up. Booking is essential as places are limited. Book by emailing Emily at [emilysargeant@granthammuseum.org.uk](mailto:emilysargeant@granthammuseum.org.uk) or by calling 07741 461455. £3 per child.

### It's the Christmas holidays – time for a new challenge!

Don't wait until summer for your next challenge!

If you loved the Summer Reading Challenge, why not do a mini-challenge this Christmas?

Sign up at this website for the details of a new challenge running between

12 December 2016 and 6 January 2017

[summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](http://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk)

All you have to do is read three books and you'll qualify for a virtual badge - and a secret video reward!



SUMMER READING CHALLENGE THE READING AGENCY



...to each and every member of our school community.