



Our School's Theologically Rooted Christian Vision is based on Matthew 7 vs 12

'Do to others as you would want them to do to you'

Our vision is taken from Matthew 7:12 "Do to others whatever you would have them do to you", following Jesus' example. We work together to help and support each other to believe, nurture, grow and flourish together in our learning and in our relationships, exemplified in the Parable of the Sower. We do this through our six core values: love, respect, integrity, justice, thankfulness and determination. Inspired by our vision, we want our pupils to make good choices academically and socially, to become creative and independent thinkers, evidencing a love for learning and a thirst for knowledge.

We aspire to promote the skills needed to persevere with learning challenges and the curiosity to enquire further. Our Christian ethos and school values focus on developing children's moral, spiritual, social and cultural understanding. These are woven, like a golden thread, into every aspect of school life.

Dear Parents and Friends,

**Harvest Celebrations 2025**

What a fantastic event our harvest festival turned out to be this year! We were delighted to have so many parents, grandparents, relatives, governors and members of our wider community singing and celebrating harvest alongside us in the school, at the Church and the orchard - it really was a coming together of so many parts of our wonderful village and we are grateful to all of you for your support and interest in our life and activities.

This year, we incorporated our preparations for the harvest festival in to one of our Religious and Worldviews Education enrichment days, with an emphasis on welcoming the community into the school to gather alongside us and participate in our learning and worship.

On Monday, each class explored art across the ages depicting the Parable of The Sower (KS1) or the Parable of the Wheat and Weeds (KS2), asking questions about the choices the artists have made, the symbolism contained within the story and what relevance it could have for the way people in modern times live and their approach to ideas connected to creation. Each class rounded off their exploration with a piece of art, examples shown below.

Swallow Class Harvest time



Skylark Class Harvest time is done



Owl Class Harvest fruits and vegetables



Harvest Tokens



Each class tried their hand at corn token making. Year 6 kindly agreed to present their

Robin Class wheat ears



Kingfisher Class wheat fields



tokens to the members of Barton Lunch Club this coming Friday.

All classes have been learning Harvest Songs since the start of term. We began our Tuesday collective worship in the hall, where we thought about all the many, dedicated people involved in the production of food, reflecting on our good fortune in benefitting from a



reliable harvest and plentiful opportunities for obtaining the nourishment we need.

We reminded ourselves of the need to be grateful for all our many Harvest gifts and considered ways in which each one of us could contribute to making the world a better place.

We processed to the church to donate our food gifts in aid of Jimmy's night shelter <https://www.jimmyscambridge.org.uk/> and we sang Harvest songs and shared reflections in the orchard. We were lucky to have such a beautiful autumn morning which enabled us to sit on the grass and think about all the hard work involved in a successful harvest. Children were offered a grape to savour, if they chose to eat it.

All the children had a go at country dancing, including the Virginia Reel and Pat-a-cake-polka, which was terrific fun for all concerned.



It really was an enjoyable, thought-provoking, interactive event and we are very grateful to everyone who participated, helped with the organisation and planning- it was a lovely team effort. Happy harvest!



Have a lovely weekend,  
Mrs. Julie Martin



**Reception**

Mrs. Hedges thought you might enjoy this lovely picture of our reception pupils who have settled in beautifully during their first full week at school!

**Health and Safety**

<https://patient.info/>

**About Patient.info**

Patient.info is the UK's most trusted health platform, used by millions of people every month, including NHS clinicians. All content is written and reviewed by doctors, nurses, and pharmacists, and is recommended by the NHS as a reliable source of health information. Their resources cover everything from common childhood illnesses to allergies, asthma, mental health, sleep, and healthy living.

**Data Collection**

We are still missing some data collection and allergy forms which were sent home with children this week. Please do sign and return your forms as soon as possible, thank you!

**Annual Flu Vaccination**

Please could we remind all parents to give their consent for the flu vaccination by accessing the portal here: <https://eastanglia.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2023/cambridgeshire>

**WELCOME WEDNESDAYS**

Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
1 <sup>st</sup> October	7 <sup>th</sup> January	15 <sup>th</sup> April
5 <sup>th</sup> November	4 <sup>th</sup> February	6 <sup>th</sup> May
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	4 <sup>th</sup> March	3 <sup>rd</sup> June
		1 <sup>st</sup> July

**Celebration Assembly – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September, 9am**

Please note that there **will** be an assembly next Friday morning as we will be holding the Macmillan Cake Sale in the afternoon. Families are most welcome to attend.

**Safeguarding at Barton CofE (VA) Primary School**  
Mrs Julie Martin and Mrs Sandra Adderley are the designated safeguarding leads at Barton CofE Primary School.

If you have a concern about a child, please inform any member of staff. If you think a child is at immediate risk of harm you can access further advice and guidance here: <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/children-s-social-care/safeguarding-children-and-child-protection/>



**Macmillan Cake Sale –**  
**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2pm**  
 We will be holding a cake sale to support Macmillan

and all the wonderful work they do. Cakes will be served in the hall from 2pm onwards and everyone is welcome. Please can you ensure that all donations of cakes (bought or homemade) are brought to the office on Friday morning, that a list of ingredients is included and that they do not contain nuts or sesame. Any leftovers will be sold in the playground after school.

**FOBS (Friends of Barton School)**

Please come and join us for our AGM to find out more about the fundraising that we do for school, for more information please contact [friendsofbartonschool@outlook.com](mailto:friendsofbartonschool@outlook.com)

**FOBS Dates for your Diary:**  
 29<sup>th</sup> September – AGM, 6pm  
 10<sup>th</sup> October – Owl Class Cake Sale  
 7<sup>th</sup> November – Skylark Class Cake Sale (with hot choc.)  
 14<sup>th</sup> November – Movie Night  
 5<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Fayre

FOBS have a QR code for donations, just scan the code with your phone's camera and it will take you to the FOBS Just Giving Page.

**Parent Reminders**

**Parent Pay:**

- Wind Band, Boxercise and Arts and Crafts payments are due by the end of September please.
- Kingfisher Great Fire of London workshop payments are due by **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September**.
- Whole school Ocean VR Stem Workshop payments are also due by **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September**.



**Vacancy**

We currently have a vacancy for a 1:1 Teaching Assistant for a named child in our EYFS/Y1 class, Weds/Thurs/Fri, term-time only. Required for immediate start.

If you, or anyone you know, is interested in the position more information can be found here: <https://www.bartonprimary.org.uk/page/?title=Vacancies&pid=39>

For any further enquiries, or to visit the school please contact the school office on 01223 262474 or [office@barton.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@barton.cambs.sch.uk)

**Amazon Wishlists**



Garden Wishlist:

<https://amzn.eu/aeKTeng>

Robin Class wishlist: <https://amzn.eu/jeA9hhv>

Kingfisher Class wishlist: <https://amzn.eu/iVJetZK>

Swallow Class wishlist: <https://amzn.eu/2ZoaTze>

Skylark Class wishlist: <https://amzn.eu/003PcpL>

Owl Class wishlist: <https://amzn.eu/8vE1QM>

**\*NEW\*** Refugee Book List (in preparation for a whole school topic later this term)  
<https://amzn.eu/ecDD513>

Thank you for your ongoing support, we are most appreciative of your kindness and generosity.

**Dates for the Diary**



**September 2025**

22<sup>nd</sup> Year 5/6 Tag Rugby Assembly and Workshop

24<sup>th</sup> Flu vaccinations (all years)

26<sup>th</sup> Macmillan Coffee Afternoon, 2pm

29<sup>th</sup> Individual

and Sibling Photos

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**Oct 1<sup>st</sup>** Kingfisher Class Great Fire of London workshop  
**3<sup>rd</sup>** STEM VR Ocean workshop (All)  
**13<sup>th</sup>** Open Afternoon for 2026 Entry Reception, 2.30pm

Barton Church of England (VA) Primary School

## Open Afternoon

Do you have a child who is due to start school in September 2026?

**We would like to invite you to an open afternoon on**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2025  
from 2.30 pm

Come and join in some fun activities with our current Reception age children, meet the Robin Class team and get a feel for school life

For more information please ring the School Office on 01223 262474 or email: [office@barton.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@barton.cambs.sch.uk)

Believe, Nurture, Grow, Flourish Together

The playgroup runs 8.50-12, with lunch club 12-1. We accept government funded hours. Children are welcome to join from 2 years old. Contact Jodie to learn more about settling in days, we currently have spaces for every day, so can be flexible to suit your needs.

If you'd like to have a chat and visit to the playgroup please drop Jodie an email to [playgroup.barton@gmail.com](mailto:playgroup.barton@gmail.com) We have a Facebook page where you can see some of activities that Jodie and Paula will be running.

We have always had a strong link with the school, and it is a really great stepping stone for children that will be joining Barton school next September. Come and join the fun!

Many thanks, Playgroup committee

A small, friendly pre-school with excellent links to Barton school.

"It's a wonderful, supportive and welcoming place for children to play and learn."  
(Playgroup parent)

## BARTON PLAYGROUP

For children from 2-5yrs old  
 Morning session: 9-12, drop off from 8:50; Lunch club: 12-1  
 Term-time only; Government funding accepted  
 Small and friendly - maximum of 12 children per session  
 Find us on the grounds of Barton Primary School.

For more information, please do get in touch to arrange a visit.  
 Email: [playgroup.barton@gmail.com](mailto:playgroup.barton@gmail.com)

[www.bartonplaygroup.co.uk](http://www.bartonplaygroup.co.uk)  
 Ofsted rated: Good URN 2852189

Find us on Facebook

### Barton Playgroup News!

We are excited to share a little update from the playgroup to school parents as we know there are lots of little siblings that might like to come and join playgroup before they start school.

As many of you know, the playgroup was run by Carrie and Karen for many years. Following their retirement we have found a wonderful team of 2 to take the playgroup forward. Jodie and Paula have both come from another local village nursery, where they have glowing references from both management, parents and most importantly, children! They are a really positive and kind pair and we believe an excellent fit for our small, friendly pre-school.

Here's a few words from Jodie:

'We have lots of engaging play-based activities planned for this term. There will be lots of calm, re-assuring support and lots of encouragement as new children settle in and we all get to know each other. We'll be covering the topic 'All about me' and celebrating kindness, sharing and effort. Children will need warm coats, wellies and hats so that they are ready for fun whatever the weather! We'll have opportunity to explore the community on local walks and play in the garden. We're looking forward to creating sensory dens and themed trays for seasonal fun in autumn and winter.'

### Family information

#### Are you struggling with a defiant child?

#### Facing Defiance

A six part online course for parents that you can complete in your own time. A step by step guide through a specific strategy aimed to support parents of children aged between 5 to 12 who are displaying very challenging behaviour, including children with ADHD, ODD and PDA.

go to [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)  
 Book online £48  
 on the **Online Parenting Courses** page

FACE October Timetable	
All sessions delivered via online live Zoom. 90 minutes long	
<b>£24 each or FREE with School Membership</b>	
Book online at <a href="http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk">facefamilyadvice.co.uk</a>	
Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)	
Understanding The Teenage Brain	6 Oct 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	6 Oct 7pm
Supporting A Child With ADHD	13 Oct 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	13 Oct 7pm
Autism Improving Communication	14 Oct 10am
Improving Family Communication	14 Oct 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	20 Oct 10am
Facing Defiance	20 Oct 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	21 Oct 10am
Understanding Anger	21 Oct 7pm
<b>FREE - Raising Self-Esteem</b>	<b>23 Oct 7-8pm</b>
Anxiety Explained	27 Oct 10am
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	27 Oct 7pm
What is ACT?	28 Oct 10am
Introduction To OCD	28 Oct 7pm

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**Other local activities/information**

We provide this information in case any activities are of interest to families. We do not endorse or particularly recommend any of the organisations

**OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUBS**  
STUDLANDS RISE FIRST SCHOOL, ROYSTON

**MONDAY 27 OCTOBER**  
**BUSHCRAFT ADVENTURE: SURVIVAL SKILLS & CAMPFIRE TREATS**  
A bushcraft adventure all about fire - how to make it, cook on it & respect its wild power. Discover ancient fire making techniques, learn how to speak & build your own campfire, cook up tasty seasonal treats, build a shelter & take on survival challenges just like wilderness explorers. A full day of hands-on bushcraft, outdoor skills & discovery - perfect for curious kids who love nature & adventure.

**TUESDAY 28 OCTOBER**  
**WAY OF THE VIKING: VIKING CRAFT GAMES & CHALLENGES!**  
Live the Viking way for a day! Join your class, take a Viking name, create your own Viking pottery, learn how to build an effective shield wall, & then switch from craftsmen to warrior as you rise to the challenge with ancient Viking games Kub & Jomsvilling!

**WEDNESDAY 29 OCTOBER**  
**WIZARDS OF THE WILD: A HARRY POTTER ADVENTURE**  
Bringing the magic of Harry Potter to life! Join this adventure where imagination runs wild. Brew bubbling potions in Potions Class, write & enchant your very own wand & join the Quidditch tournament for the house cup. A spellbinding day of fun, creativity, & adventure.

**THURSDAY 30 OCTOBER**  
**NERF: MISSION SPOOKTACULAR**  
Are you ready? Forage for resources, defend your vault, rescue teammates, & take on the ultimate Nerf survival adventure with epic games like Swamp Rescue, Zombie Apocalypse & Hunger Games! An action-packed outdoor day full of action, fun, strategy & teamwork - with a spooky twist! (Age 6+ recommended)

**FRIDAY 31 OCTOBER**  
**ULTIMATE HALLOWEEN ADVENTURE: TRICKS, TREATS & CAMPFIRE FUN!**  
Get ready for the spookiest, silliest & scariest day of the holidays! Make spooky slime, decorate Day of the Dead sugar skulls, brew Hocusbot chocolate over the campfire & join a zombie scavenger hunt. All topped off by a visit to the Witch, Goblin, & Bog Troll to solve riddles, crack the Halloween mysteries... & earn sweet rewards. A mix of hands-on fun, laughter & imagination!

Book for 1 day or multiple days. Find out more at [www.theoutdoorsproject.co.uk](http://www.theoutdoorsproject.co.uk)

**OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUBS**

**HARRY POTTER DAY**  
WIZARDS OF THE WILD: A HARRY POTTER ADVENTURE

**NERF SPOOKTACULAR**  
CLASSIC CHILDHOOD FUN

**ROSY CHEEKS**  
MISSION SPOOKTACULAR

**NO SCREENS SUPERHERO STAFF**

**HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREAT**

**CAMPFIRE TREATS**

**CHILDHOOD AMAZING ACTIVITIES**  
TEAMWORK CREATIVE GREEN SPACES

**MEMORIES MAKING FRIENDS**

BOOK OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUBS NOW

"0% SCREEN TIME, 100% FRESH AIR, FUN, GAMES & ADVENTURING WITH NEW FRIENDS!"

The Outdoors Project

**CAMBRIDGE UNITED FC**

We are excited to announce our registrations are open for our CUFC October Half-term Soccer Schools & October Girls Football Camps. Our Soccer Schools Programmes are designed for children aged 5-12 & the Girls Football Camps are for ages 7-16, 9am-4pm, Comberton Village College. Cost: £20/£25 per day

Secure your spot via our website:

Soccer Schools

<https://www.cambridgeunited.com/soccer-schools>

Girls Football Camps -

<https://cufcdirect.com/cambridgeunited/asp/bookTickets.asp?dept=Special+Events&specialEventType=Cam&specialEventCategoryID=%7BC08EBC14%2DA82C%2D4771%2DA82B%2DB3F7006BF511%7D&venueID={3008A656-E774-4C88-86B7-BAF99AE1B7EC}>

**CAMBRIDGE SPORTS DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION**

**OCTOBER HALF-TERM RUGBY CAMPS**

YEAR 1- YEAR 7

**CAMBRIDGE RUGBY CLUB**

MONDAY 27TH OCTOBER  
TUESDAY 28TH  
WEDNESDAY 29TH  
THURSDAY 30TH  
FRIDAY 31ST

9:30AM-3:30PM

AT CAMBRIDGE RUGBY CLUB

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