



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.

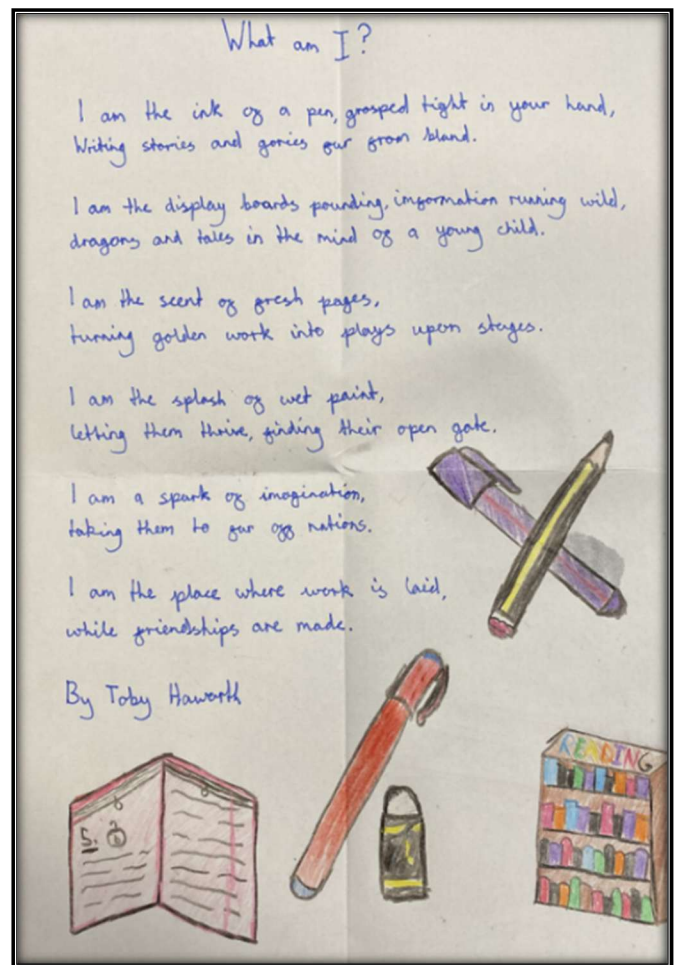
We aspire to promote the skills needed to persevere with learning challenges and the curiosity to enquire further. Our Christian ethos and school values focus on developing children's moral, spiritual, social and cultural understanding. These are woven, like a golden thread, into every aspect of school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

Dear Parents and Friends,

Following on from our recent Ofsted Inspection of April 2025, and in line with our focus to address next step recommendations from the Inspectorate, we thought we would share with you some Year 6 writing.



■ Pupils' achievement in writing is varied. This is because the school's work to strengthen the way that writing is taught is at the early stages of implementation. The school should continue to embed its strengthened approach to teaching writing, ensuring that pupils are able to develop secure fundamental writing skills.



I am the builder of academic minds
 And the strong power of creation
 I am the drum of the ear
 Needing no slow motion
 I have fun playtimes
 Until the bell chimes
 I am the power of mistakes
 When I do a challenge, no need to raise the stakes
 Making mistakes is my strength
 The size of the serpent/ attic width and length
 I am the scraping of pens
 Unleashing stories per stroke
 I am the meaning of hard work
 Making heat and smoke
 I am the power, the definition, the focus of hard work
 Until I go home, letting the observer read my work
 I am not a place for you to rest
 I am the place where you give your very best

Noah Mok

From Reception where our pupils begin with hand-eye-hand-brain work, having short, daily handwriting sessions with a focus on consistent letter formation and fluency, to spelling via phonics, to oral sentence rehearsal, to writing in short then longer sentences, to then evidencing the sophistication and complexity of our Y6 writers.

'Writing is a journey . . . writing is a tool for thinking and expression, something far bigger than words - writing is giving children a voice.'

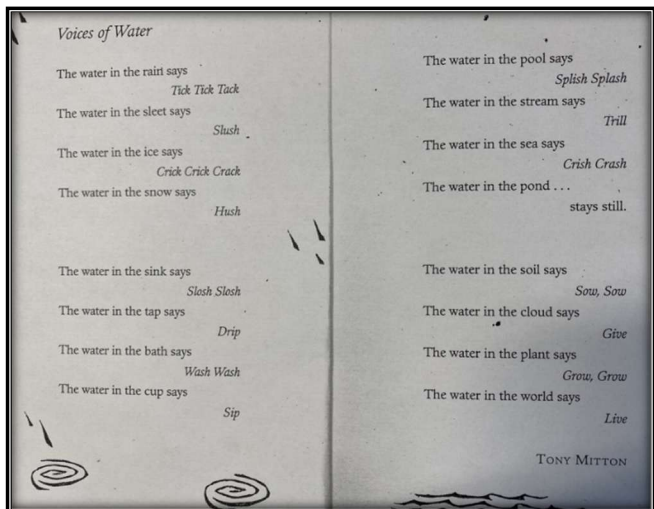
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Oracy is articulating ideas, developing



understanding and engaging with others through speaking, listening and communication.

Thursday of this week, 2nd October, was National Poetry Day and in the afternoon I was invited by



our Y3/Y4 pupils in Swallow Class to listen to their speaking and presentation of 'Voices of Water.' Their expressive and dramatic presentation was most impressive, well done to Amelia as narrator and to Swallow Class.



Let's encourage our young people in their speaking and on their 'writing journey,' building confidence and resilience in voicing their thoughts and ideas.

Proverbs ch16 vs24

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs. Julie Martin

WELCOME WEDNESDAYS

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

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>

Health and Safety

Head Lice

We have been informed of another case of head lice in Kingfisher class, please continue to check your child's hair – more advice can be found here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

Warm Layers

Our heating system is currently being replaced in school meaning that classrooms may be a little cooler than they might normally be at this time of year. Please remember to bring a jumper and/or fleece to school as the weather starts to cool down.

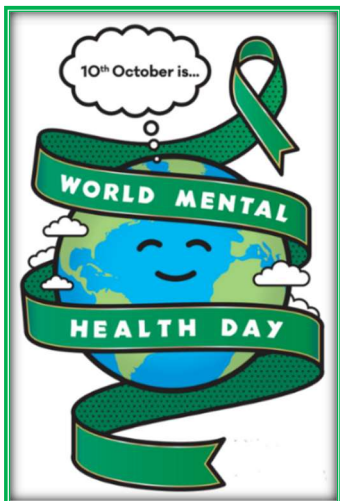
Parent Reminders

Parent Pay:

- Wind Band payments are now overdue – if you are a Year5/6 parent please do login to your Parent Pay account to double check that you have settled that balance.
- We have a significant amount of un-named lost property here in the Office – please do come and check if you think that you have anything missing and please remember to name items so that they can be returned to your child's peg.

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/>





On 10th October, it's World Mental Health Day – an important opportunity to shine a light on mental wellbeing and creating positive conversations in our schools and in our communities.

At YMCA Trinity Group, we're here to support in making mental health a priority. We offer

support designed to help build resilience, reduce stress, and promote positive wellbeing.

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/worldmentalhealthday>

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/support-us/fundraising/helloyellow/>



Further resources are available on the links above.

FOBS Dates for your Diary:

- 10th October – Owl Class Cake Sale
- 7th November – Skylark Class Cake Sale (with hot choc.)
- 14th November – Movie Night
- 5th December - Christmas Fayre

FOBS now 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.



Marathon in Aid of FOBS

One of our parents has very kindly signed up for the Altra Yorkshire Marathon on the 25th October where he will be running to raise funds Friends of Barton school.



Any donations would be much appreciated at the Just Giving link here:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/jeff-penrose-3?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=WA

Dates for the Diary



Oct.	
9 th	Mini Medics (Year 5)
10 th	Owl Class Cake Sale
13 th	Open Afternoon for 2026 Entry Reception, 2.30pm
16 th	Year 5 Careers Event
15 th	Netball Competition at CVC
21 st	Parent Phonics workshop (Robins)
27 th to 31 st	Half Term
31 st	Deadline to apply for Secondary School
Nov.	
4 th	Happy Bags collection

Vacancy – Please Spread the Word

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

Macmillan Cake Sale

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who baked or donated items for the cake sale and to everyone who turned up to get involved on the day. We raised a wonderful £271.08 for Macmillan Cancer Support. To put that into perspective, raising £270 for could pay for a Macmillan Nurse for one full day. This funding



helps provide crucial medical, practical, and emotional assistance to people living with cancer and their families. Thank you once again.

Barton Greenway

A reminder that as part of the works on Barton Greenway, there will be a road closure from Monday 6th October for four nights while work is carried out between 8pm and 6am. Please visit <http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/roadworks> for up-to-date information about the works.

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other
Giant Book Sale
Saturday October 18th
10am - 4pm
in the Cabin at St Mary's, Hardwick

We are happy to receive donations of good quality books nearer the time. These can be left at the Cabin (in the porch if the door is locked). Again, the Cabin will be full of a wide variety of books, both fiction and non-fiction.

Cash or card payment
Refreshments will be available.
We look forward to seeing you.

Please, no magazines or DVDs/CDs - Wendy Wooldridge is collecting the latter for Hardwick Scout Group

Forest Church on Sunday 5th October at 3pm in St Peters Church.

Please come and join us for this last meeting of the year !

We would love you to come with your family to join in the activities and to consider what you would like from Forest Church next year.

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 13th 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

Apply now

for a Secondary school place for September 2026

Contact the Admissions Team by telephone 0345 045 1370

If your child will be aged 11 by 31st August 2026

You need to apply NOW for a school place

Apply by 31st October 2025

For further information please visit or contact your local School

Secondary school admissions - September 2026 | Cambridgeshire County Council

ALC2605, New Shire Hall, Emery Crescent, Enterprise Campus, Alconbury Weald, PE28 4YE
or email admissions@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk

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HALF-TERM DATES

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
27 th Oct	28 th Oct	29 th Oct	30 th Oct	31 st Oct	1 st Nov	2 nd Nov
2pm	11am	11.30am 2pm	11am	11.30am 2pm	11am	11am 2pm 4pm

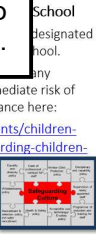
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Please do have a read of the attached flyers about our Education Inclusion Family Advisor Samatha Stacey's drop-in sessions and her latest newsletter with some useful resources for families.

Perfect for children aged 4-12, this production is a magical half-term treat and a wonderful introduction to theatre, with tickets starting from £17.50.

For an exclusive 10% discount on tickets, simply use the code MERL201025 at [checko](https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/children-s-social-care/safeguarding-children-and-child-protection/) [ut](https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/children-s-social-care/safeguarding-children-and-child-protection/) by Monday 20th October to redeem this limited-time offer.

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