



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,

As we come to the end of this first half term of 2025-2026 we want to acknowledge our thanks to parents, carers and members of our wider school community. We have had a very positive start to the new school year with our new pupils and their families integrating and playing an active role in our school. We are proud of our school and proud to be a 'school of choice.'

As our fund-raising efforts continue, we are very grateful to Geoff and Sarah Penrose for the monies raised following Geoff's run in the Yorkshire Marathon.

See below a message of thanks from Mr and Mrs Penrose.

"Please pass on heartfelt thanks to everyone from the Barton school community for their really generous donations for Jeff's marathon at the weekend. He finished in 4 hours 11 minutes and raised £1000 in total across his chosen charities, with £337 allocated for FOBs."



Penrose children -Scout's group in Newnham. 'Each year, Scouts take food donations to Jimmy's night shelter and the Cambridge food bank (instead of trick or treating!)

As we know, Barton stepped up brilliantly towards this with their own local collection in the past. I know there are lots of demands on families right now and I am wary of asking too often. However, I really think this is such a positive thing for young people to take part in. It's great for them to see there are things they can do to make a difference, and to feel they can help those in need within their local community.

Any donations, however small, would be gratefully received. I can come and collect them from school, so they don't get in the way. All donations would need to be in by 4th Nov.' Sarah Penrose.

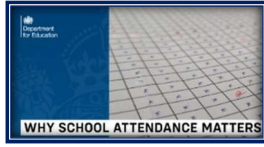
Suggested donations:

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| Bags for life | Jam/peanut butter/ |
| Tinned fish | chocolate spread/ |
| Tinned meat | marmite |
| Tinned vegetables | Salt, pepper, herbs |
| Pasta/cook-in sauce | Stock cubes |
| Coffee | Sugar |
| Rice | Mayonnaise |
| Bars of chocolate | Ketchup |
| Snack bars | Brown sauce |
| Tinned soup | Hot chocolate |
| Tinned fruit (in | Long-life milk |
| juice only) | Squash |
| Sponge puddings | Soft drinks |
| Jelly | Cereal |
| Savoury snacks | Meals in a tin |
| Noodles | Toiletries for women |
| Rice pudding | Toiletries for men |
| Cleaning products | Toilet roll |
| (laundry detergent, | Vegan food |
| wipes, cloths etc) | Gluten-free food |

(Please don't donate alcohol, bottled water or infant formula - we're not able to distribute those.)



Having met with our Attendance Officer earlier this week, we want to remind all families of the importance of punctuality and good attendance each day at school. Lauren was very keen that parents keep focus on every day at school counts. The evidence is clear - even a few days of missed school can have a significant impact on a child's education and future prospects.



175 NON SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR					
175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments					
190 SCHOOL DAYS IN EACH YEAR	10 days absence	19 days absence	29 days absence	39 days absence	49 days absence
180 Days of Education	171 Days of Education	161 Days of Education	152 Days of Education	143 Days of Education	
100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%
Good Best chance of success. Gets your child off to a flying start	Worrying Less chance of success. Makes it harder to make progress		Serious Concern Not fair on your child. Court action!		

Days off school and arriving late in the mornings has a negative impact on pupils learning. Next half term we'd like to aim for 98% attendance and punctuality. Thank you for your continued support in this regard.



Lots of dates, events and opportunities to look forward to next half term.

Have a good break,
Mrs. Julie Martin

WELCOME WEDNESDAY

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

Upcoming FOBS events:

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.



Health and Safety e-safety

The infographic provides advice for parents and educators regarding memes. It lists several risks: Spreading Misinformation, Exposure to Inappropriate Content, Masked Messages, Hidden Harms & Losing Sensitivity, and Permanent Digital Footprint. It also offers advice such as Encourage Open Conversations, Teach Digital Literacy, Model Healthy Boundaries, and Foster Empathy Online. A cartoon superhero character is featured in the center.

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>

- Parent Reminders**
- Year 3/4 students should have received a Parent Mail about Level 1 Bikeability, please do return the consent form if you would like your child to take part.
 - Happy Bags - just a reminder to please fill your Happy Bag over half term if you can, we have spare bags in the office too! Collection will be on Tuesday 4th November.
 - School Photographs – hopefully, you have received an email with details of how to order your school photographs, please do contact Imago or the school office with any queries.
 - Bawdsey Manor – just a reminder that the first payment is due on Parent Pay by 31st October please.
 - After half term, poppies will be available for students on the school playground at the end of the school day. Any donations for the Royal British Legion would be gratefully received.

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/>



Dates for the Diary



November	
3 rd / 4 th	Parent consultations
4 th	Happy Bags collection
5 th	Welcome Wednesday
7 th	Skylark Class Cake Sale
14 th	FOBS Movie Night
18 th	Maths Workshop, all year groups, 5-6pm in school
29 th	Barton Choir singing at Arbury Trust 5pm
Dec	
5 th	Victoria Goodman – no Friday collective worship
5 th	FOBS Christmas Fayre, 5-7pm
15 th	Rotary Club Christmas Concert, West Road Concert Hall, 5pm
16 th	Nativity Performance
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18 th	Barton Christingle Service, Grantchester Church, 5.30pm
19 th	Last day of term.



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

www.bartonplaygroup.co.uk
Ofsted rated: Good URN 2852189

Find us on Facebook

1:1 TA 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. 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>

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.

Brigade – School Uniform

Brigade are offering a half term promotion on their website as follow:

Promotion Details:

- **Discount:** 10% off
- **Promo Code:** PUMPKIN10
- **Live From:** Friday 31st October at 12am
- **Ends:** Sunday 2nd November at 11:59pm

<https://www.brigade.uk.com/products/schoolwear/>

Barton Playgroup



CAKE IN THE PARK



FRIDAY 24TH October 2026

FROM 3.30PM

AT BARTON PAVILION (IN THE PARK)

Come and enjoy some amazing cakes and hot drinks and help us raise money for Barton Playgroup




Join Cambridge United for their **October Soccer Schools** from Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October, and have an unforgettable summer of footballing fun!

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

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WALK 100 MILES IN NOVEMBER

MENTAL HEALTH FOUNDATION

100% of people deserve good mental health
Join #TeamMHF Walk 100 miles with us in November

1 in 4 of us will experience a mental health problem at some point each year. Step up and raise vital funds for the Mental Health Foundation.

No matter your fitness level, every mile you walk and every pound donated will make a difference. At the time of this email, over 1,200 people have already pledged to join our walking challenge and push for better mental health for everyone.

Will you join us too?

Join the challenge

Free t-shirt when you sign up
Beanie if you raise £30+ Available whilst stocks last. Join now to get your t-shirt in time for the challenge!

Cheer squad? We got you!
Whether you're walking alone or with friends or family, we're here to cheer you on in the Facebook group!

A challenge for everyone
Pick your distance It's your personal challenge so adapt the mile count to suit your needs and goals.

Sign up now

Nativity Festival

6th to 7th December
11am to 3pm

at St Mary's Church

Dust off your old Nativity set
or create a contemporary one,
2D or 3D

And take part in the festival.

stmaryscomberton@gmail.com

for more information and
to register your set.

Please register your set
By 30th November

On behalf of St Mary's Event team, I am inviting pupils from your school to enter a nativity display for our Nativity Festival. We are especially happy to see ones the children and young people have made themselves, which could be from potatoes, Lego, toilet rolls etc. Other displays will be people's own prized possessions which come out year after year, so we have security in mind, and the Church will be locked out of hours and open 11 – 3 on the Saturday and Sunday with supervision and refreshments on offer. We very much hope you would like to take part, and email stmaryscomberton@gmail.com to register your set and receive further information about setting up your display on the Friday afternoon.

The Church will be open on the Saturday and Sunday to the public to view the displays and to have refreshments. Free entry.

There will be a short Wild Nativity service after 3 pm on the Sunday, outside the Church, with fire pit, marshmallows etc to which all are welcome.

A reminder that the clocks go back 1 hour at 2am on Sunday 26th October.

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