

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, Carers,

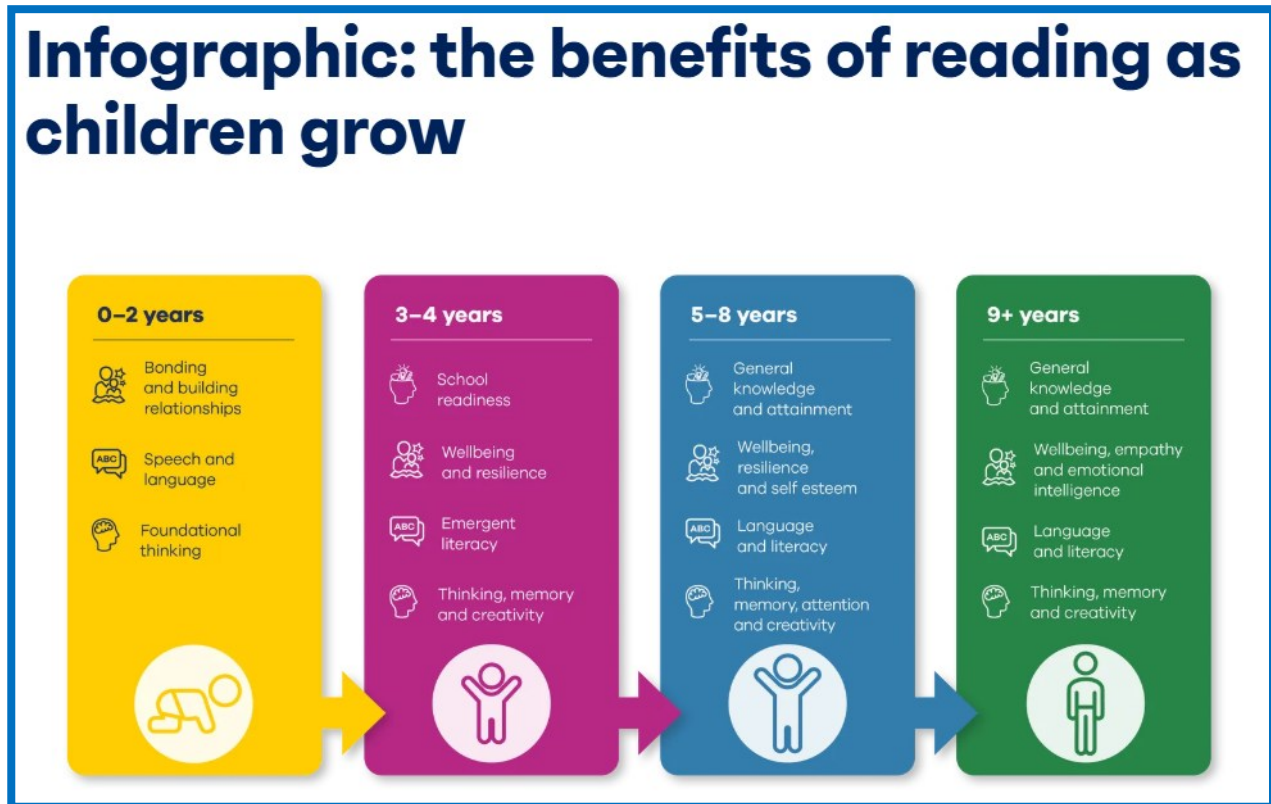
On Tuesday evening, parents from across the school joined teaching staff for a multiplication and division information evening in the hall.



The main aims of the event were to share our teaching and learning approach and principles with parents, to signpost useful resources to support home learning and to outline and offer examples of the three strands of the curriculum: fluency, reasoning and problem solving. We discussed the importance of moving rigorously through concrete and pictorial learning before introducing abstract written procedures in order to deepen mathematical thinking and understanding. Each year revises and builds upon the previous one and learning the focus times tables each year is crucial to future mathematical success. Teachers were available at the end for any specific questions relating to maths teaching. We were delighted that so many parents were able to come; feedback forms suggest that attendees found it useful and informative. For anyone who was unable to attend, but would like to access the information we shared, the slides can be found on the website, under 'Curriculum and Enrichment'. Many thanks to all the parents who turned up and joined in - it was a very worthwhile evening!



We learn to read so we may read to learn



From babies to children in their early years and all the way through to early teens, reading brings profound and wide-ranging benefits that can have a lifelong positive impact on children’s lives.

Regularly reading to a child for the love of it provides a connection between parent and child from the very early days and helps build strong family ties. Lines from favourite stories enter the family lexicon. Families who enjoy reading together have more opportunities for discussion, developing empathy and attachment. By starting the journey of building a lifelong love of reading for pleasure, parents are giving their child the opportunity to be the best they can be: children who read for pleasure do better in a wide range of subjects at school and it also positively impacts children’s wellbeing.

<https://wordsforlife.org.uk/themes/book-lists-for-children-and-young-people/>

See link for suggested titles that may be age appropriate, relevant and of interest to you and your child.



Happy reading this weekend,

Mrs Martin



A huge thank you to everyone for your generous donations last week—we raised a wonderful **£147.60** for Children In Need, while the final total raised was £45,507,536. The money is allocated to various projects aimed at improving the lives of Children in Need, there is a map that shows projects in the local area: [There For Children Near You - BBC Children in Need](#)

FOBS NEWS AND EVENTS

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.

5th December - Christmas Fayre

6th February - Swallow Class Cake Sale



A reminder that **Barton Choir** will be singing at the Arbory Trust Event on **Saturday 29th November at 5pm**. We would love to see as many of our choir members and their families there as possible please. Everyone is welcome at this remembrance service,



FOBS would be very grateful to receive donations of teddies for the teddy tombola at the **Christmas Fayre**, on Friday 5th December, these can be left here in the office.

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

- **KS1 Pantomime**—Sleeping Beauty, Thursday 11th December—just a gentle reminder that the payment item is open on Parent Pay and payments are due by 5th December please.
- If your child has borrowed any **spare clothing** from school it would be wonderful if it could be washed and returned as we are running a little low on spares for Robin class, thank you.
- There are still a few spaces left on our **Year 3 and Year 4** Level 1 Bikeability course (March 2nd 2026) - please do let us know if you would like your child to take part in this,

WELCOME WEDNESDAY



November

29th

December

3rd

5th

5th

6th

15th

16th

16th

17th

18th

19th

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

Dates for the Diary

Barton Choir singing at Arbory Trust 5pm

Year 5/6 Cross Country, Milton Country Park

Victoria Goodman – no Friday collective worship

FOBS Christmas Fayre, 5-7pm

Village Christmas Lights switch-on, 4pm

Rotary Club Christmas Concert, West Road Concert Hall, 5pm

Nativity Performance, 9.30am

Burwash Manor singing/Wind band

Nativity Performance, 2pm

Barton Christingle Service, Grantchester Church, 5.30pm

Last day of term.

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>

Safeguarding at Barton CofE (VA) Primary School

Mrs. Julie Martin and Ms. Wendy Bartlett are the designated safeguarding leads at Barton 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:

[Safeguarding children and child protection | Cambridgeshire County Council](#)





Health and Safety

Now that the weather is cooling down, please do remember to send your children in to school with appropriate clothing for outdoor play at break time and lunch time. If you can remember to **name all jumpers and coats** that would be wonderful as it helps us to reunite lost property with its owner.



Rotary Club of Cambridge

Christmas Charity Carol Concerts

In support of:
Cambridge Aid Centre 33
Rowan Humberstone
Cambridge Deaf Association

5.00pm: The Red Concert *choirs from*

- Barton CofE Primary School
- Harston & Newton Primary School & Tonguetwisters
- Histon & Impington Park Primary
- Morley Memorial Primary School
- St Alban's Catholic Primary School

www.cambridgelivetickets.co.uk/events/schools-concert-red

7.15pm: The Green Concert *choirs from*

- Cambourne Village College
- Comberton Village College
- Parkside Community College
- Swavesey Village College (St Cecilia Choir)
- University Primary School (UPS Harmony Choir)

www.cambridgelivetickets.co.uk/events/schools-concert-green

Compère **Neil Whiteside**

West Road Concert Hall, Cambridge
Monday 15 December 2025 5pm & 7.15pm

Tickets (unreserved): £13, children under 18 £6 (including booking fee) available online using the links or QR codes above, or at the door

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Barton School Christmas Fayre

FRIDAY DECEMBER 5TH 2025
 5-7PM

Everyone welcome!
FREE ENTRY

A fun evening of games, food, drinks, stalls and activities with our school and village community.

Don't miss Santa's Grotto and our fabulous Christmas Raffle!

Donations of raffle prizes are very welcome.

Please come and be part of this event!

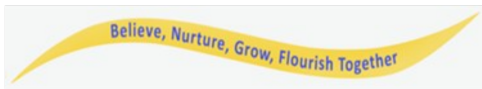
FriendsofBartonSchool@outlook.com

Charity number: 1029902

The Adventure of Christmas - Sunday 7th December from 3-6pm.

Join us at Comberton Baptist Church for an afternoon of fun, games, stories and much more as we explore the Christmas story together. This is a free event for children and their families, including a picnic tea - but it is essential to sign up in advance. You can find out more and sign up here: <https://combertonbaptistchurch.churchsuite.com/events/yd0x>

THE ADVENTURE OF CHRISTMAS
 An event for children and families
 Sunday 7th December
 3-6pm with tea
 Info and registration at www.c-b-c.org.uk



Other local activities/ information

We provide this information in case any activities are of interest to families.

Christmas Holiday Scheme Places

FULLY FUNDED

Your child can book onto a fully funded holiday scheme this Christmas with fun experiences and food offered.

Children in receipt of benefits-related free school meals are eligible and can attend for up to 16 hours.

For details and the wider eligibility criteria please scan the QR Code or visit: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/haf
Questions: HAF@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Department for Education | HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES PROGRAMME | Cambridgeshire County Council

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**

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

HOLY TRINITY MELDRETH

29 NOVEMBER
30 NOVEMBER

11AM-5PM SATURDAY
11AM-4.30PM SUNDAY
Noah the Donkey 11am-3.30pm

FOOD | SEASONAL CRAFT & PRODUCE STALL

FREE PARKING & ENTRY

ADVENT SERVICE
30 NOVEMBER 5.30PM

WINTER ACTIVITY CAMPS

CAMBOURNE SPORTS CENTRE

2nd December | 23rd December | 2nd January | 5th January

CHILD CARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED

SIBLING DISCOUNT

EXTENDED HOURS (8:30AM - 5:30PM)

VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES EVERYDAY

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STUDLANDS RISE FIRST SCHOOL

MON 22 DEC & TUE 30 DEC
CHRISTMAS CAMPFIRE COOKOUT & FIRELIGHTING SKILLS

Gather around the campfire for some winter treats! The kids will be cooking pancakes, brewing hot chocolate and pine needle tea & toasting s'mores over the campfire, while being introduced to bushcraft firelighting - even having a go at creating their own small fires!

TUE 23 DEC & WED 31 DEC
CHRISTMAS NERF GAMES

'Tis the season of giving, so let 'em have it! There's a sneaky imposter dressed as Santa & he's trying to spoil everyone's Christmas! Time to load up & save our stockings. Join us for an energetic day of Nerf dart dodging - playing a range of seasonal team Nerf games (due to the more competitive nature of this day, age 6+ is recommended). PLUS Snowball making and hot chocolate & campfire treats to keep us warm and energised!

MON 29 DEC & MON 5 JAN (INSET DAY)
BUSHCRAFT VS MINECRAFT

Step into the overworld... we've turned Minecraft into a reality! Work in a team & creatively problem-solve to build dens, earn reward pixels for completing challenges, play the Creeper Game & use our Crafting Table to build things from hidden resources! PLUS Hot chocolate & campfire treats to keep us warm and energised!

Book for 1 day or multiple days. Find out more at www.theoutdoorsproject.co.uk



Believe, Nurture, Grow, Flourish Together




Christingle
BARTON BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday 30th
November
10.30 am
Tea, coffee & Christingle
cake afterwards
ALL WELCOME



BARTON BAPTIST
CHURCH
**Crib & carol
Service**
Service at 10.30am
Sunday 21st December
followed by tea, coffee
& mince pies
All welcome



BARTON BAPTIST
CHURCH
Christmas
children's crafts event
REFRESHMENTS/ACTIVITIES-FREE EVENT
THURSDAY 18TH DECEMBER
3.30-5.30 PM
DETAILS
07944623143



Sunday 21st December 2025 at 6.30pm
St Peter's Church, Barton Christmas Carol Service
Everyone welcome.



In person support

Acorn Project

Our drop-in hubs are a quick way to access support in the community. At our hubs we provide support with aspects such as wellbeing or family difficulties, life admin, parenting strategies, support with life admin, and referrals for therapy for your child and family.

<https://www.cambridgeacornproject.org.uk/community-wellbeing-hubs>

Pinpoint



Pinpoint has recently started 'parent connect' events in different locations in Cambridgeshire. These are for parents with children with additional needs, to seek support and connect with other parents.

<https://www.pinpoint-cambs.org.uk/pinpoint-events/>



WEBINAR

MHST: Webinar for Parents

Supporting Your Child with Worries and Fears - Online Webinar for Parents and Carers of Primary-Age Children

Join our interactive 1-hour online session designed to help parents and carers understand and respond to children's worries with confidence.

Together, we'll explore:

- How worry affects children's thoughts, feelings, and behaviour
- Common factors that lead to and maintain anxiety in children
- Practical strategies to help your child manage worries and build confidence

Links:

Tuesday the 2nd of December 2025 16:00-17:00pm

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 317 683 500 193 50

Passcode: MD6c7Hq7

Friday the 5th of December 12:00-13:00pm

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 343 282 489 195 43

Passcode: ko9zD6Ad



THE OXFORD & CAMBRIDGE SINGING SCHOOL

The Oxford and Cambridge Singing School is for boys and girls aged 7 - 17 who love to sing. Established in 2013, the Singing School provides the opportunity to experience great classical music with world class coaches in a relaxed and fun environment and to develop confidence in singing and performing.

This Christmas, pupils will learn some beautiful carols and seasonal music from around the world, led by our regular team of expert coaches.

In Cambridge, we offer two courses:
Juniors Course for those aged 7-12 and
Seniors Course for those aged 13-17

To join our mailing list and for more information on our courses, please see www.oxbridgesingschool.com or email oxbridgess@gmail.com

22 & 23 December 2025

St Catharine's College, Cambridge St
Barnabas Church, Jericho, Oxford

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