

## BARTON BULLETIN NO.17— 16th January 2026

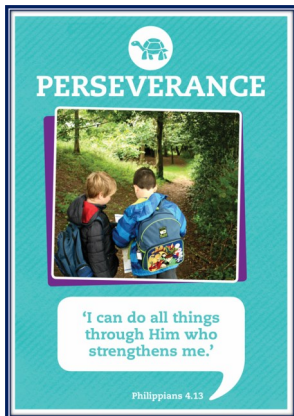
Our School's Theologically Rooted Christian Vision is based on Matthew 7 vs 12

**'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 carers,

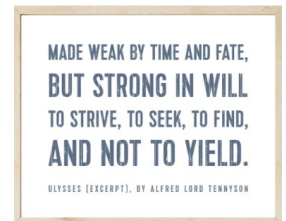


*This week our focus value has been PERSEVERANCE . . . a challenge for many of us when things are difficult and when things feel like a bit of an uphill battle.*

*Alfred Lord Tennyson's most famous quote on perseverance, from his poem "Ulysses," captures the spirit of enduring effort:*

*"To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield".*

*This powerful line signifies an unwavering resolve, even when weakened by time or fate, emphasizing a heroic will to keep striving, searching, and achieving, no matter the challenge.*



*This year, the National Year of Reading 2026 is a society-wide campaign, coordinated by the National Literacy Trust, to revive a culture of reading across the UK. Best-selling author Frank Cottrell-Boyce, the current children's laureate, is spearheading a campaign to tackle a "recession in children's happiness" that he believes is caused by a decline in reading at a young age. The Government Health Secretary, Wes Streeting says, "Shared reading is an effective, economic health intervention, it's essential, to mental health, to bonding, to attachment, to creating a situation where parents and carers can give the best, the most joyous start in life to our children."*

*With this in mind, families might be interested in researching this link, <https://literacypirates.org/young-pirates-work> and enjoy some Young Pirates' work.*

*Whispers of the World Book 2 of 2—Written by Young Pirates, published in July 2025.*

*Have a good weekend, happy reading,*

*Mrs Martin Headteacher*



***"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you'll go" (Dr. Seuss).***



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Skylark class have been learning about the 'power of persuasion' this week - and the many different techniques that can be used to add strength to our persuasion. We are reading *The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe*, and the children have written a speech, delivered by the White Witch of Narnia to her spies and secret police, in an attempt to persuade them to defeat the Sons of Adam and Daughters of Eve who have entered Narnia and are a threat to her reign. We have explored how we make our writing more persuasive through the use rhetorical questions, the Power of 3, intensifying adverbs, exaggeration, emotive language and even mild threats to leave the listener in no doubt about what they are expected to do!

*Loyal friends of Narnia,*

*I stand before you today, pleading for assistance, an unforgettable matter, a grave matter, a threat to our land, my land. I feel ordered to tell you, I implore for help or our beloved Narnia falls into the devious, destructive, horrible human hands.*

*Do you really want Narnia to perish?*

*These children are a danger to Narnia, and a danger to us. These children are incredibly malicious and I believe they are beyond sinful. These are desperate times and desperate measures are needed. We must capture and hold the four creatures captive in my palace. Without my rule Narnia will be weak and helpless. As for my subjects, you will do what I suggest. Everybody knows I am the rightful ruler. Those amongst you who help the humans or fail to obey will be dealt with by my secret police. Surely you will help?*

*By Dominik*

*My dearest subjects of Nania*

*We are gathered here today to talk about a serious matter.*

*There is a threat to our land that I must warn you about. Sons of Adam and daughters of Eve are trespassing on our land, my land. These humans are a threat to Narnia, a threat that can't be ignored. They are beyond malevolent. You are my brave, fearless and intelligent subjects. I beg you to help keep Narnia alive. If you disobey me you will become a stone in my kingdom. You can run but you can't hide! You are my subjects of Nania and I know you will do as you're told.*

*By Molly*



### 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.

6<sup>th</sup> February - Swallow Class Cake Sale

#### 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:



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### PARENT REMINDERS

- Please do check whether or not you have made the payment for the **Starlight Express** trip on Parent Pay (this is a different payment to the ticket payment).
- Just a reminder that Tag Rugby after school club has re-started—the link to sign up for Rugby is here: [BARTON CofE PRIMARY SCHOOL AFTER SCHOOL RUGBY CLUB - Spring 2026](#)
- Please could pupils be reminded to bring their instruments in every Tuesday for Wind Band.
- With this changeable weather please could all students bring a coat in **every day**, we do not have spare coats to offer to pupils should it be cold or drizzly during break or lunchtime.

WELCOME  
WEDNESDAY



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

### Dates for the Diary

#### January

- 21<sup>st</sup> Reception children, NHS vision screening
- 29<sup>th</sup> Y6 smoking/vaping workshop

#### February

- 4<sup>th</sup> Welcome Wednesday
- 5<sup>th</sup> Kingfisher Trip to Cambridge Science Centre
- 6<sup>th</sup> Swallow class cake sale
- 11<sup>th</sup> National Height and Weight Measurements (YR and Y6 only)
- 12<sup>th</sup> Y3-Y6 Trip to Starlight Express
- 16<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> Half term

#### March

- 5<sup>th</sup> World Book Day (Dress up as a favourite book character)
- 13<sup>th</sup> Mother's Day breakfast
- 16/17th Parent Consultations (all years)
- 20<sup>th</sup> Bikeability Y3/Y4—for those who have signed up
- 27<sup>th</sup> Last day of term

**SUPPORTING YOUR ANXIOUS CHILD WORKSHOP**

**SUITABLE FOR PARENTS OF PRIMARY AGED CHILDREN**

ON THIS COURSE YOU WILL WORK ALONGSIDE YOUR TUTOR AND OTHER PARENTS TO INCREASE YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF ANXIETY IN CHILDREN. YOU WILL LEARN HOW TO: - RECOGNISE THE SIGNS OF ANXIETY. - IDENTIFY SOME OF THE POSSIBLE REASONS CHILDREN HAVE ANXIETY. - DEVELOP STRATEGIES TO HELP YOUR CHILD MANAGE THESE FEELINGS IN A SUPPORTIVE GROUP.

**DATE: 19TH JANUARY 2026**

**TIME: 12PM - 2PM**

**ONLINE**

**CALL 01353 613013 SCAN QR CODE FOR MORE INFO**

### 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](#)



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Other local activities/information

**TECH CAMP**

**FEBRUARY CAMPS 2026**

Kings College School, CB2 1ST & The Perse School, CB2 8QF

£39.99 PER DAY OR £175 FOR 5 DAYS  
9 AM - 4PM, AGES 5-11

[www.nextthing.education](http://www.nextthing.education)

**FEB HALF TERM 2026**

Coding & Robots | Circuitry & Inventions | LEGO Engineering | Minecraft Madness | Tech Fun

Movie Making | Video Game Design | Robot Coding | STEM Experiments | Engineering

**16TH - 20TH FEBRUARY - LIMITED SPACES**

**What Parents Say**

"Absolutely Fantastic! First time attending & my son loved it!"

**HOW TO BOOK**

STEP 1: SCAN THE QR CODE  
STEP 2: FIND YOUR NEAREST CAMP  
STEP 3: BOOK ONLINE SPACES LIMITED

CHILD CARE VOUCHERS AND TAX FREE CHILD CARE ACCEPTED

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**ACTIVITY CAMPS**

**16 - 20 FEB**

COME & EXPLORE ENDLESS FUN

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£30 per day  
Please Bring: Lunch / Snacks / Drink

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HIGH ST, HASLINGFIELD, CAMBRIDGE CB23 1JW

Come and explore endless fun  
Trusted, Ofsted-registered childcare  
Multi-sport fun & team games  
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**ACTIVITIES**

- ARTS & CRAFTS
- MIMI FOOTBALL
- ATHLETICS
- DODGEBALL
- FOOTBALL
- CRICKET
- HOCKEY
- TENNIS
- TABLE FOOTBALL
- AIR HOCKEY
- CAPTURE THE FLAG
- EXTREME HIDE & SEEK
- BASKETBALL
- TRI-GOLF
- BADMINTON AND MORE...

FOR ALL BOOKINGS, PLEASE VISIT  
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[magicbooking](http://www.magicbooking.com)

**active camps**

**THE LEYS LEISURE COMPLEX FEBRUARY CAMP**

16 - 20 FEBRUARY 2026  
CAMP TIMES: 8:15AM - 6PM  
CHILDREN AGED: 4-14 years old

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WEEKLY DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE  
EXTENDED HOURS INCLUDED

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**fab science**

**HOLIDAY CAMPS**

Join us for 5 hours of Fab Science in the holidays! Camps run from 10am to 3pm and are open to all children aged 5-11 years.

For more information visit the Fab science website.

**£38 per child**

Sibling discount available

**GEOLOGY ROCKS**

Fossils, volcanoes, earthquakes, tectonics plates and the chocolate rock cycle... it's all going on at Geology Rocks!

Monday 16th February  
Cambridge (Queen Edith)

Tuesday 17th February  
Saffron Walden (RAB)

Wednesday 18th February  
Bishop's Stortford (Thorn Grove)

Thursday 19th February  
Hertford (St Andrew)

Friday 20th February  
St Albans (Garden Fields)

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