

## BARTON BULLETIN NO.22— 27th February 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 in school we returned to focus our thoughts for Collective Worship on Bishop Dagmar's annual Lent Challenge. I attach some thoughts from Bishop Dagmar for your own reflections over this period leading up to Easter.*

Bishop Dagmar writes 'The Apostle Paul writes to the Thessalonians: "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up" (1 Thessalonians 5:11). These words were written to a community living with pressure, fear, and division. They are just as important today.

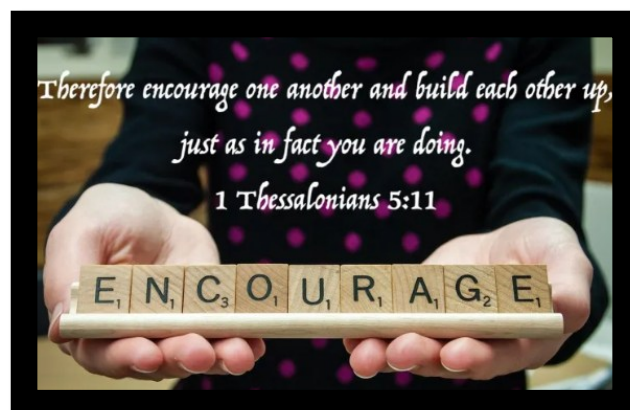
During this Lent Challenge, I encourage you to practice encouragement as a daily discipline. Small actions matter: a word of thanks, a moment of patience, a refusal to join in mocking or online derision, a willingness to listen. These are not signs of weakness. They are acts of Christian strength.'

*St. Paul wrote letters to the folks in Thessalonica, telling them to 'encourage each other and build each other up.' As we shared in Collective Worship today, encouragement holds a powerful role in motivating people. Might we consider the words we say to our young people, to encourage and build them up? As we walk through Lent together as a school community, may we focus to build each other up, and to really encourage and affirm our young people as they seek to navigate the challenges they face in life.*

*Have a lovely weekend, enjoying the signs of spring,*

*Be blessed,*

*Mrs. Julie Martin*





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### World Book Day Thursday 5th March

- We are celebrating World Book Day on March 5th and children are invited to dress up as a favourite book character.
- Please do remember to complete the form if your child’s grandparents will be attending the World Book Day event on **Friday 6th March** at 2.30pm: [World Book Day, Friday 6th March, 2.30pm – Fill in form](#)
- There is a special World Book Day menu available for all pupils, please order your child’s lunch on Parent Pay as soon as you can so that we can offer all pupils their first choice of lunch.
- Every child in school is invited to enter our **creative writing competition**, using the image below as the focal point for their writing. Entrants are welcome to be as creative as they like with their writing, perhaps producing a short story, poem, or description. Children entering the competition will need to bring in their writing by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March. Good luck, writers!



### 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.

#### 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>



### Bikeability—Year 3 and 4

A reminder that Bikeability Level 1 is on **Friday 6th March** for those pupils who have signed up. The bike checklist is attached to the email - please do check that your child’s bike is in full working order and that your child has a helmet and a bike lock. If there are any parents who would like to sign their child up for Bikeability training please do pop into the office to collect a form.





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### Writing Week 3: Whole School Visit 28/04/26

Wimpole Estate



On Tuesday 28th April we will be taking all our children for a grand day out together on the Wimpole Estate. We are so fortunate that the expenses for the whole trip have been covered by the Mayor's Day Out programme. Teachers are busy planning a lovely day of activities that we hope will provide inspiration for a week of English and writing work. This trip is a small step towards achieving our whole school teaching and learning objective:

To develop and improve the opportunities and quality of writing across the school and so raise attainment in outcomes. <https://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/news/more-than-4000-young-people-set-to-benefit-from-mayors-day-out/>

More information about this exciting trip will be shared with you nearer the time.

### 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



We are asking families to ensure that parents are clearly visible to the class teacher who is responsible for seeing out children at the end of the school day. Children will wait with the teacher behind the gate until the parent or nominated adult comes to request the handover of their child. Stepping Stones will now take responsibility for collecting children on their register directly from the classes. Any parents who come to collect their child from school on a Stepping Stones day, without previously notifying Stepping Stones and the school of a change of arrangements, will need to go to the Village Hall to collect their child.



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### PARENT REMINDERS

- Please remember that the fifth payment for **Bawdsey Manor** is due by the end of February—could you also check that you have completed the consent and medical form. Thank you.



#### Mother's Day Breakfast

Friday 13th March at 8:15am

Please do let us know if you would like to join us for MDB with your school age children. It would be great to welcome all mums to say 'thank you.'

<https://forms.office.com/e/94LZZq0jmE>

#### WELCOME

#### WEDNESDAY

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



### Dates for the Diary

#### March

- 4<sup>th</sup> Welcome Wednesday
- 5<sup>th</sup> World Book Day (Dress up as a favourite book character)

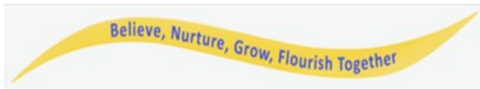
- 6<sup>th</sup> Intergenerational Reading Event at 2.30pm
- 6<sup>th</sup> Bikeability Y3/Y4—Level 1
- 13<sup>th</sup> Mother's Day breakfast
- 16/17th Parent Consultations (all years)
- 27<sup>th</sup> Last day of term

#### April

- 13<sup>th</sup> Inset day
- 14<sup>th</sup> First day of the summer term
- 28<sup>th</sup> Writing Week 3—whole school trip to Wimpole Hall (financed by Mayor's Day Out)

### School Term and Holiday Dates 2026/2027

Wednesday 2nd September 2026	All pupils return to school
Friday 23rd October 2026	Inset day (no pupils at school)
Monday 26th—Friday 30th October 2026	Half term
Friday 18th December 2026	Last day of term
Tuesday 5th January 2027	All pupils return to school
Monday 15th—Friday 19th February	Half term
Thursday 25th March	Last day of Spring Term
Friday 26th March to Friday 9th April	Easter break
Tuesday 13th April	All pupils return to school
Monday 3rd May	May Bank Holiday
Friday 28th May	Inset day (no pupils at school)
Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June	Half term
Wednesday 21st July	Last day of the Summer Term.



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#### Other local activities/information

# CAKE IN THE PARK



**FRIDAY 6TH MARCH 2026  
3:30PM**

**FUNDRAISER FOR  
BARTON PLAYGROUP**

**THE PAVILION,  
BARTON PARK**



## THE | OXFORD & CAMBRIDGE SINGING SCHOOL

The Singing School was established in 2013 to provide children with the opportunity to sing great classical music with world class coaches in a relaxed and fun environment and to develop their confidence and ability in singing and performing.

This Easter, we will be learning some beautiful seasonal music and, as always on our courses, we will be giving sessions on vocal technique, music theory, music appreciation and history.

To join our mailing list and for more information on our courses, please see [www.oxbridgesingschool.com](http://www.oxbridgesingschool.com) or email [oxbridgess@gmail.com](mailto:oxbridgess@gmail.com)

**30, 31 March & 1st APRIL 2026**  
**ST CATHARINE'S COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE**

[www.oxbridgesingschool.com](http://www.oxbridgesingschool.com)

# Easter

**HAF**  
Holiday Activities and Food Programme

Your child could enjoy fun, exciting activities, make new friends, and receive a tasty meal and snacks – all completely free



Children who receive benefits-related free school meals are eligible and can book for up to 16 hours of holiday fun this Easter.

**FULLY FUNDED**

Find out more  
Scan the QR Code or visit: [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/haf](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/haf)  
Questions: [HAF@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:HAF@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)




## The Chorister Experience

Sunday 1 March 2026, 2-5pm, at Great St Mary's



**Do you know a child age 6 to 8 who loves to sing?**

- Warm-up and musical games with our Voice Coach
- Singing workshop with our choristers
- Observe a chorister singing lesson
- Take part in a real service of Choral Evensong

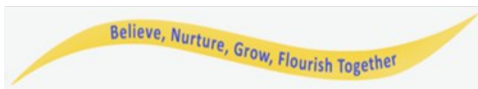
After the event, participants will be able to sign up for **Chorister Voice Trials** 14 & 21 March

scan to book



We also have chorister places for children currently in Y2, Y4 and Y6.

To arrange an audition please email us at [music@gsm.cam.ac.uk](mailto:music@gsm.cam.ac.uk)



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**FACE**  
**March 2026 Timetable**  
 All sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long  
**£24 each or FREE with School Membership**  
 Book online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)  
 Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)

Improving Family Communication	2 Mar 10am
Autism - Improving Communication	2 Mar 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	3 Mar 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	3 Mar 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	9 Mar 10am
Understanding Anger	9 Mar 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	10 Mar 10am
Facing Defiance	10 Mar 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	16 Mar 10am
Anxiety Explained	16 Mar 7pm
Introduction to OCD	17 Mar 10am
What is ACT	17 Mar 7pm
Raising Self-Esteem	23 Mar 10am
Decreasing Depression	23 Mar 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	24 Mar 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	24 Mar 7pm
<b>FREE Anxiety Based School Avoidance</b>	26 Mar 7-8pm

**BOURNPLAYERS**  
 production of

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**BOURN QUARTER**  
**BOURN AIRFIELD**

**Disney FROZEN**  
 THE WEST END MUSICAL

**PERFORMANCE HALL - COMBERTON VILLAGE COLLEGE**  
 THURSDAY 19th, FRIDAY 20th - 7:30pm  
 SATURDAY 21st March 2026  
 Matinee 1.30pm - Evening 6.30pm

Tickets Available at [www.bournplayers.org.uk](http://www.bournplayers.org.uk)

Music and Lyrics by **Kristen Anderson-Lopez & Robert Lopez**  
 Book by **Jennifer Lee**  
 Originally directed on Broadway by **Michael Grandage**  
 Based on the Disney film written by **Jennifer Lee** and directed by **Chris Buck & Jennifer Lee**

Originally produced on Broadway by **Disney Theatrical Productions**  
 This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI)  
 All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI