



BARTON BULLETIN

No.29 - 1st May 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.

I'd like to start by saying a huge thank you to the parents in Kingfisher Class for their kind donations for our cake sale last Friday. The spread of cakes looked delicious! £171.50 was raised—thank you for your support!

On Tuesday, we enjoyed a fabulous whole-school day out to Wimpole Estate. After an unpromising cold and drizzly start to the day, we were incredibly fortunate to be able to eat a picnic lunch outdoors and take a walk to the folly, amongst many other adventures. We were so proud of the children with their exemplary behaviour, endless curiosity and unfailing demonstration of our Barton Bs throughout. Thank you to all the teachers and support staff who planned a truly memorable and safe day for their respective classes. Many thanks, as well, to our army of parent helpers and volunteers who gave up their time so generously and willingly to enable this lovely trip to happen. Yet again, the Barton community pulled together to make our visit to Wimpole very special indeed. Please see page 2 for more information.

Looking ahead to next week, Wednesday (6th May) is Welcome Wednesday. We look forward to seeing you all in school.

As ever, thank you for your support. Have a lovely bank holiday weekend and enjoy that extra lay in!

Mr Lee Mayes

BUSY BARTON

- Robin class used the Wimpole trip to inspire their writing this week thinking about which animal they would introduce to the farm and why.
- Kingfisher class started their fractions unit in maths and learnt what a numerator and denominator is.
- Swallow class explored how water travels around a plant by dyeing celery.
- Skylark class enjoyed practising their putting skills in their golf PE unit.
- Owl class were historians learning how new inventions changed people's lives during the Victorian period.

ATTENDANCE

School target—96%

Current - 95.9%

Well done to Robin Class for having the highest class attendance this week.

PE DAYS

Robin class - Thursday & Friday
 Kingfisher class—Tuesday & Friday
 Swallow class—Wednesday & Thursday
 Skylark class - Monday & Wednesday
 Owl class—Monday & Thursday



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WIMPOLE TRIP

Skylark Class:

We all really enjoyed our day at Wimpole. There was a buzz of excitement as we left the coach and headed out into the Estate towards the Folly. Although most of us had been to Wimpole lots of times, somehow it felt more exciting to be there with our friends! It was a long walk up towards the Folly, but no one complained and everyone was happy to chat away and enjoy being out in the fresh air. Once we were fairly close to the Folly, we settled ourselves down on the grass (and zipped up our coats as it was a bit windy and chilly up there!) and began to sketch. Some sketched the Folly itself, others the trees, leaves and grass and some even sketched the patterns of the cracked, baked earth! Had it been warmer, I think we would have very happily spent several hours up there.

Once we'd made the long walk back down and onto the farm, there was a lot of excitement around seeing the piglets born only the day before. A few wanted one as a pet – but soon changed their mind when they were reminded of the size that they grow to and seeing that a fully grown pig isn't nearly so cute! There were lots of animals to see and facts and information to collect from around the farm before gathering back together for lunch. Sitting under the blossom trees eating and chatting away was a delightful time. A quick play on the play equipment was enjoyed, before moving onto the Walled Garden – thankfully only a short walk from the farm!

The photo 'treasure' hunt proved to be one of the most popular activities – hunting for places, plants and trees from photo had been taken a few weeks ago. It was fascinating noticing the changes that have taken place over the last few weeks. Their peonies must have had some very special fertilizer as they had grown so much we couldn't see the supports underneath that the teachers had photographed just a few weeks ago – other super sleuth skills were needed to solve that one!

A huge thank you to Mrs Parsons and Mrs Norman who came with us to help and make the trip possible. And well done to Skylarks – you were a credit to Barton and a whole lot of fun!



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Robin Class:

Robin Class had a fantastic day at Wimpole Estate! We headed straight to the farm and enjoyed hunting down the embossing stations in the different areas. Spring has sprung at the farm and the children loved hunting down all the babies that have been born over the last few weeks. We saw chicks, lambs, kids and tiny piglets (that had been born on Sunday) which were all very cute and exciting!



After lunch we headed to the Walled Garden to explore. We went on a spot the difference hunt to identify the seasonal changes, looking at photo clues from the end of winter to try to find the same spot in the garden to discuss who it has changed. The Robins then had time to hunt the rainbow, looking for plants that match the different colours of the rainbow. Indigo was a hard one, with debates that some plant pots in the garden looked indigo to some but were teal to others... but in the end most children decided that one of the dark tulips could be the winner!



With toilet trips and our steady pace, it was already time to head back up to meet the coach.

It takes little legs a bit longer to get from A-B so even though a trip to the folly wasn't included our day, I think Robin Class still wins the award for spending the longest time walking! I imagine everyone slept well on Tuesday night, well done Robins!

Swallow Class:

On Tuesday, the whole school set off to Wimpole Estate where we did a variety of activities. The first place we explored was the Walled Garden where we had puzzling pictures to try and find. We then trekked up a hill, part way to the folly, where we had a snack break and peacefully sketched our surroundings. Then we ventured back down the hill to the farm. My favourite thing during the day was stroking the noses of Rum and Polo, the Shetland ponies. After we'd had lunch, we got to play in the park. Straight afterwards we headed back to the farm towards the hatchery where we saw the 5-day old chicks and also met some newborn lambs. For the last activity of the day we saw the pigs being fed, and what a racket they made! All in all it was a fantastic day at Wimpole!

Words by Amelia Williams (Y4)



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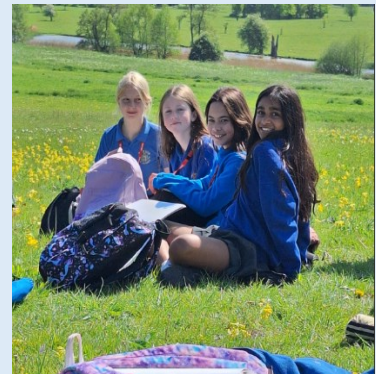
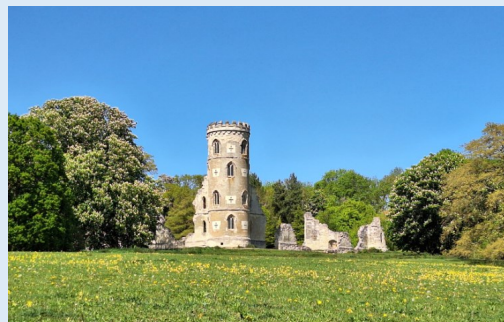
Kingfisher Class:

What a day Kingfishers had at Wimpole this week! We started the day with a long hike to fields behind the Hall and used our sketching skills to draw the Folly, along with the cows, trees, and plants surrounding it. Next we rushed over to the farm to go on a stamp hunt and meet all the many animals they had there (including some very young adorable piglets). The students saw everything from combine harvesters and horse drawn carts, to shire horses and ducklings! After a quick stop for lunch we were over in the walled garden seeing if we could find the location of some photos the teachers had taken on their visit earlier this year. It was a tough challenge but the Kingfishers managed it just in time for us to do a speedy walk back to the farm to watch (and hear) the pigs getting fed. It was a day of great teamwork, brilliant exploring and, most impressively, some fantastic walking endurance!



Owl Class:

On Tuesday, we enjoyed ourselves exploring the grounds of Wimpole Estate. Firstly, we observed the animals in the farmyard and learnt various facts. Secondly, we visited the magnificent walled garden (with heated walls) that allows rare plant species to thrive in the cold English weather. And finally, the folly. Can you imagine designing and changing the landscape to your will? Owl class were captivated by the sight of this amazing landscape feature and captured it through some brilliant sketching. We are hoping to use all of our experiences to inspire some historical writing - exciting!





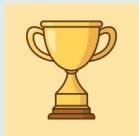
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REMINDERS

- Imago class photographs are now ready to view. Please use the information on your proof card to place your order. Imago are offering FREE delivery on any photograph orders placed by 7th May 2026.
- Please complete the Year 6 SATS breakfast form if your child would like to join us for breakfast on Monday 11th, Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th May.
- Could **all** parents please complete the swimming form that was sent out this week please.
- When emailing teachers, please cc. Lee Mayes into your email using head@barton.cambs.sch.uk email address.

HOUSE POINTS

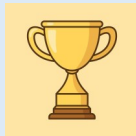


WATER— 90

EARTH—112

FIRE— 134

AIR— 84



GOLDEN CERTIFICATE WINNERS



Robin class— Waylon
Kingfisher class— Lily J
Swallow class - Rupert
Skylark class— Athena

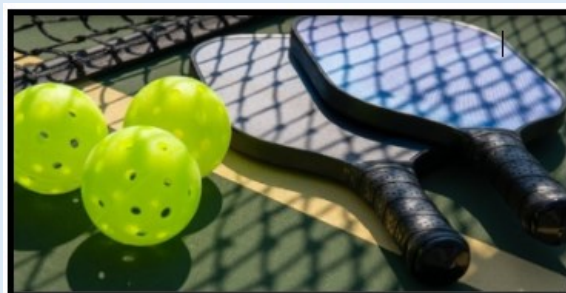


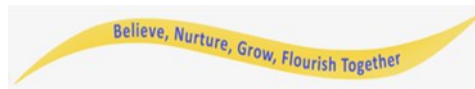
Well done for displaying our school values!

Pickle Ball Activity Day— Monday 18th May

The children have an exciting opportunity to participate in a Pickle Ball Taster Workshop on Monday 18th May. It will be run by the Education Group Pickle Ball, who have brought us a range of wonderful workshops in the past including African drumming and a virtual space walk; we are confident that it will be a super session and thoroughly worthwhile.

It is our intention to follow up this session with the purchase of a whole class Pickle Ball set in order to extend our PE provision. The workshop will take place within the school day with each class spending approximately 1 hour with the instructor. The workshop will be paid for through Sports Premium.





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DIARY DATES

Dates changed or added are in red

Monday 4th May	Bank holiday - school closed
Wednesday 6th May	Welcome Wednesday
WC 11th May	Y6 SATS week
Monday 11th May	EYFS Phonics Information Session 2:45pm
Friday 15th May	FOBS disco
Monday 18th May	Y1 / Y2 Phonics Screening Check Information Session 2:45pm
Monday 18th May	Pickle Ball Workshop (in school) for each class
Friday 22nd May	INSET DAY - children not in school
25th - 29th May	Half term
WC 1st June	STEM week
WC 1st June	Y4 MTC week
WC 1st June	Swimming starts
Wednesday 3rd June	Welcome Wednesday
WC 8th June	Y1 and Y2 retake Phonics Screening Checks
7th June - 10th June	Y6 residential
Friday 12th June	Bawdsey parent assembly
Friday 19th June	Father's day breakfast 8:15-8:45am
Monday 22nd June	Sports day
Monday 29th June	Sports day reserve
Wednesday 1st July	Welcome Wednesday
Thursday 2nd July	Y6 secondary school transition day
Friday 3rd July	Y6 secondary school transition day
Tuesday 14th July	Y6 production 4:30pm
Wednesday 15th July	Y6 production 5:30pm
Friday 17th July	Last day of term
Monday 20th July	INSET day - children not in school

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LOCAL ACTIVITIES & INFORMATION

CLAIRE AND ANTOINETTE CANN

All Saints' Church
Haslingfield CB23 1JF
Friday 8th May, 7pm

A virtuosic programme on two pianos to include music from:

Bizet	Carmen
Rachmaninov	Suite No.2
Ravel	La Valse
Infante	Danses Andalouses
Rimsky Korsakov	Bumble Bee
Youman	Tea for Two

Tickets £ 15, Students £ 8, Child (under 13) £1

Available from: www.canntwins.com - 'performance tab' or
www.tickettailor.com/events/thecanntwins/2105061
or from Haslingfield Village Shop

THE PERSE SCHOOL
CAMBRIDGE

SUMMER SCHOOL 2026

6 - 31 JULY

Ages 7-14
Activities on offer include sports, drama, art, science, baking, outdoor pursuits and engineering. For a full list of activities available, visit perseummerschool.co.uk

May Half Term 2026

MAY 2026 CAMPS

Tech-powered camps, packed with WOW experiences!

The WOW Camp

26th - 29th May 2026

www.nextthing.education

Example camp activities
Ages 5-11, Camps run 9 am - 4 pm

ROBOT LAB	LEGO ENGINEERING	ELECTRIC INVENTIONS	3D CREATIONS	ANIMATION
COOL CIRCUITS	CRAZY CODING	MOVIE MAKING	MINECRAFT REDSTONE	VIRTUAL REALITY

WOW EXPERIENCES

INFLATABLES	ANIMALS	STREET DANCE	SCIENCE	LASER TAG
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Activities vary by location. Please visit our website to see what's running at your venue.

WHAT TO EXPECT:
At Next Thing Education, our goal is to ignite curiosity, fuel creativity, and empower young minds for the future!

Blending hands-on tech exploration with unforgettable WOW experiences, we inspire children to invent, create, and discover. Led by DBS-checked, friendly and supportive instructors, kids build confidence while diving into exciting activities, challenges, and real skill-building adventures.

+ £45 per day or 10% off when you book all 4 days for just £162

WWW.NEXTTHING.EDUCATION T: 01442 873150



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Stay & Play!
Thursday 14th May
 1.30 - 2.30
£4 per family per family **Snack Included**
Messy Play!
Arts & Crafts
Meet Other Local Parents
 Email Jodie to book:
playgroup.barton@gmail.com

Barton playgroup
OPEN MORNING
11th July
 10-12

- Come and see our playgroup, meet our staff
- We have spaces from September
- We take children from 2 years old
- We have close links with Barton School
- Refreshments and fun activities on offer!

We'd love to see you there!

Visit our website: <https://bartonplaygroup.co.uk>
 Find us on Facebook: Barton Playgroup

MAY HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUBS

STUDLANDS RISE FIRST SCHOOL ROYSTON

- TUE 26 MAY BUSHCRAFT VS MINECRAFT
- WED 27 MAY NATURE NINJAS: PROTECTORS OF THE PLANET
- THU 28 MAY CAMPING HACKS: ULTIMATE OUTDOOR SKILLS
- FRI 29 MAY NERF: RISE OF THE MACHINES

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CAMPING HACKS: ULTIMATE OUTDOOR SKILLS
 A hands-on day of real camping skills & outdoor fun! Kids will learn how to pitch a tent, carve creations from soap, toast popcorn over the campfire & play different team games. It's a confidence-building day to learn new skills, work together & enjoy the simple joy of being outdoors!

NATURE NINJAS: PROTECTORS OF THE PLANET
 Join us as we learn how to take care of our planet through a day of hands-on nature fun! We'll try eco guerrilla gardening, head out on a bug hunt to explore tiny habitats & make plant print art inspired by the patterns in nature. A day about noticing the wonders in nature & learning simple ways to help our planet thrive!

BUSHCRAFT VS MINECRAFT
 Minecraft comes to life outdoors! Team up to build your village using real bushcraft skills, earn reward pixels for completing survival challenges, & search for hidden resources to craft your tools. Take on Creeper & Lava Chicken games, protect your base, & experience Minecraft like never before! (Knowledge of Minecraft is not required!)

NERF: RISE OF THE MACHINES
 NEW for 2026! We'll team up to engineer giant robots, design our own mini clay machines & bring them to life before stepping into our high energy Nerf missions. From robot invasion & rescue, to alien attack games, it's a sci-fi day packed with teamwork, creativity & action! (Ages 6+ recommended)

THE OUTDOORS PROJECT ROOM
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NERF SHARP SHOOTER
 "THE KIND OF DAY EVERY CHILD SHOULD HAVE!"

OFSTED REGISTERED

For more info on dates, locations, how the clubs run & to book: www.theoutdoorsproject.co.uk



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Ofsted
raising standards
improving lives

ACTIVITY CAMPS

26 - 29 MAY

- 9:00 - 15:30
- £30 per day
- Please Bring:
Lunch / Snacks / Drink

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- DODGEBALL
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- TENNIS
- TABLE FOOTBALL
- AIR HOCKEY
- CAPTURE THE FLAG
- EXTREME HIDE & SEEK
- BASKETBALL
- TRI-GOLF
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CAKE IN THE PARK!

Friday 8th May 2026

from 3.30pm at Barton Pavilion

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

Find us on **Facebook**

www.bartonplaygroup.co.uk

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LOCAL ACTIVITIES & INFORMATION

May half-term Netball camps

Fun and fitness for children during the school holidays

<p>Wednesday 27 May 2026 10am to 3.30pm</p>	<p>Impington Village College Sports Centre, CB24 9LX</p>	<p>For children in Year 3 to Year 9 of all abilities</p>
<p>£25 per child per day £23 per child per day for siblings</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ All coaches are suitably checked and qualified. ✓ Appropriate footwear and clothing for outdoors is essential. ✓ Snacks and lunch and plenty to drink should be brought. 	<p>In a safe setting, children can develop skills and put them into practice</p>

Book now for a place on our May half-term netball camps!

For more information:
 holiday.camps@scams.gov.uk

To book:
 www.scams.gov.uk/sportscamps



School Tea Towels

FOBS are organising school tea towels again this year (see the image above) and pre-orders are now being taken using the link below. They are £8 each and the mock up is also available to view when pre-ordering. Please pre-order by the end of this half-term. Thank you- FOBS

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1g3zDQrP4INxshRGE7j4nBYgN9cOkPKRMC-0iTHa_ujA/edit?usp=sharing
 Tea Towel Pre-Order 2026 - Google Sheets