



BARTON BULLETIN

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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.

This week ended with lots of excited children in the hall as we all came together for our "World Cup Sweepstake." Each class were randomly allocated teams from the World Cup and a display will go up in the school on Monday. Let's see who will win?

It was lovely to welcome the year 5 and 6 children back from their residential trip on Wednesday. They had a fantastic time and it was good to hear that they didn't get too wet. Well done to all the children for representing Barton superbly and for demonstrating our Barton B's. A huge thank you to the staff that attended too. We look forward to welcoming the year 5 and 6 parents into school next Friday (19th June) for a Bawdsey Manor presentation.

I'd like to apologise for not being able to watch our Barton's Got Talent entries today. I will definitely watch these on Monday.

SHOUT OUT to our fabulous Year 1 and 4 children who completed their statutory Multiplication Tables Check and Phonics Screening Check this week. We are very proud of them all. All outcomes will be shared with families alongside end of year school reports.

As always, thank you for your support, and I hope you have a lovely weekend!

Mr Lee Mayes

BUSY BARTON

- Robin class started learning about the history the fens.
- Kingfisher class had a great time at the Cambridge Central Mosque—see page 2 for more details.
- Swallow class explored how pollen travels and used wotsit crisps to demonstrate this.
- Skylark class completed play leader training with Mrs Osbourne, from South Cambs Schools Sports Partnership.
- Owl class loved the giant swing activity at Bawdsey Manor.

ATTENDANCE

School target—96%

Current - 96.1%

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

PE DAYS

Robin class - Friday

Kingfisher class—Friday

Swallow class—Wednesday

Skylark class - Wednesday

Owl class—Monday

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CAMBRIDGE CENTRAL MOSQUE TRIP

Kingfisher class had a fantastic morning at the Cambridge Central Mosque this Wednesday. They enjoyed a tour of the Gardens, the Wudu (washing) area, and the main prayer hall and learned how each area is important for Muslim worship. They learnt how the Mosque was designed to represent traditional Islamic design choices, as well as including elements from common British sacred areas, all while being as environmentally sustainable as possible. They also had a chance to enjoy the display room, which had recreations of important inventions and discoveries by Islamic scholars throughout history and learnt about the geometric and calligraphic art styles, which are used in many Muslim sacred spaces across the world. It was a wonderful trip and the children had a lovely time!



SWIMMING

Please ensure your child comes into school wearing their PE kit and brings a swimming bag, swimming costume (one piece for girls), towel and outdoor shoes to wear from the classroom to the pool area that can get wet (flip flops or cros). All items to be clearly named please. Goggles are not required. A sunhat and sun cream need to be packed too as the children may have to wait at the poolside.

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



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STEM WEEK

STEM Week at Barton was a brilliantly busy celebration of science and maths, packed with investigations, creativity and plenty of curiosity. Each class teacher planned an exciting experiment to share across the school, and there was a real sense of anticipation as each investigation made its way around the carousel.

With our theme of *Curiosity* guiding us, the children tackled some thought-provoking questions:

How do boats float?

How are fingerprints recorded - and are they all the same?

How do birds build nests?

How can I tell black inks apart?

What is the ultimate paper aeroplane design?

There were plenty of opportunities for designing, making and testing, and the children fully embraced their roles – transforming seamlessly from boat builders to budding ornithologists to aerospace engineers!

Tuesday brought an extra buzz to the school as we welcomed The Problem Solving Company for a day of hands-on maths workshops. Each year group tackled a range of giant puzzles, and the enthusiasm was infectious. We only wish we could have spent all day exploring the different interactive challenges.

It was also a joy to see the school so lively with parents and visitors during Welcome Wednesday. We hope you enjoyed the opportunity to take part in some maths puzzles alongside your child - the children really valued sharing their learning with you.



To round off the week, the whole school explored the same maths problem, with each class approaching it at just the right level. You can have a go yourselves here if you fancy a dinner table challenge: <https://nrich.maths.org/problems/school-fair-necklaces>

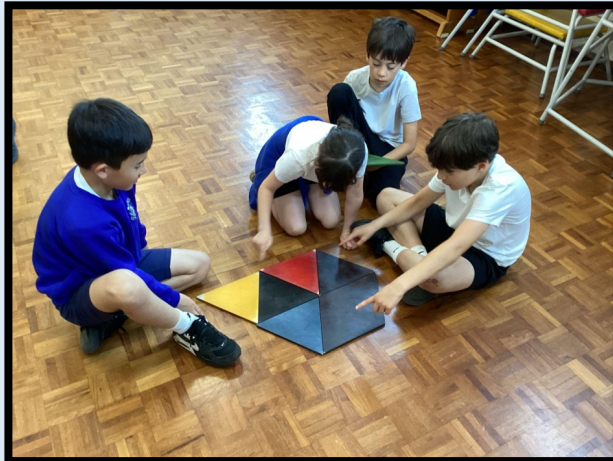
Key Stage 1 explored pattern and symmetry, Lower Key Stage 2 began working systematically and proving their ideas and Upper Key Stage 2 extended the challenge further, hypothesising, proving and justifying different combinations.

It was a wonderful week of learning across the school, full of enriching experiences. The children were brimming with curiosity, and it was fantastic to see their enthusiasm for STEM grow. We suspect there may be quite a few future scientists, engineers and problem-solvers at Barton! Below is an overview of what each class got up to, along with some highlights from across the week.



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Robin Class

Our STEM week kicked off with an exploration of boats! The children were asked to be curious about the question: *How do boats float?* In groups the children headed out to our water tray, armed with a range of objects ready to predict if the object would sink or float.

Then each child was given the opportunity to create their own boat using either paper or foil. The children had to think carefully about how they created the shape of their boat to ensure that water couldn't easily flood their deck. The final challenge was to see if they could create a boat that could

float whilst holding marbles! Marbles were added one by one, and sadly some boats fell victim to the bottom of the water tray - but others were victorious! The number of the most marbles on a successful boat varies depending on which Robin you ask - apparently some boats held 200! But Mrs McNeil thinks that the winner held 12 marbles! Well done, Robins!

Swallow Class

Our week began with the question: *How do birds build their nests?* We started with the story *Bird Builds a Nest* by Martin Jenkins and Richard Jones, which helped us to appreciate just how complex nest building can be.

We then enjoyed examining a tiny nest Mrs Baucher-Webb had found in her garden (after carefully checking that it was no longer in use!). This helped us to understand the structure of a strong nest and inspired us as we began designing our own.

Using a combination of twigs, raffia, shredded paper, wool and paper straws, we built nests that would sit securely on a branch whilst still being cosy enough for our beaky friends. Our creations were then put to the test against the British weather - successfully surviving both the wind (hairdryer!) and rain (water bottle!) challenges.

We also thoroughly enjoyed taking part in activities planned by the other teachers, particularly building boats strong enough to hold marbles (with 20 being our highest score). The maths workshop was another highlight, where we tackled a challenging domino puzzle and worked collaboratively to build a cube from 3D shapes - much trickier than it first appeared!

It was a fantastic week of hands-on learning, full of creativity, curiosity, collaboration and problem-solving.



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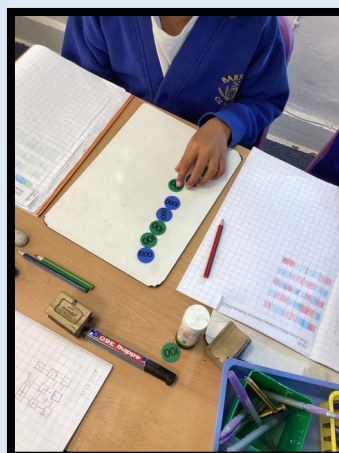
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Skylark Class

Our first STEM week activity was to explore the question ‘How can we tell black inks apart?’ The experiment centred around a ransom note, that had been written in black ink, explaining Mr Mayes had been kidnapped - and a ransom for 6 kit-kats was required if we were ever to see him again! We had 4 chief suspects, and the activity focused on testing out the different black pens (chromatography) to see how the ink separated when wet. We then compared this to the ransom note itself and found that it was Mrs Papworth who was the guilty party!

All of the activities the other teachers prepared were successful in rousing our curiosity around the different questions they posed. Being curious about the ‘how’ and ‘why’ has been a great focus this week! It’s been lovely to hear the children drawing conclusions and articulating their reasoning in so many different areas of maths and science.

Other highlights of our STEM week were the maths workshop on Tuesday and having so many parents in on Wednesday morning, grappling with the maths problems with the children! It was a super week of in-class, and whole-school collaboration – Barton at its best!





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Kingfisher Class

Our fingerprint experiments focused on learning about different ways to collect and record fingerprints, including with flour, pencil graphite, or body's natural oils. We used each method to copy our fingerprints onto a piece of tape and see which one created the best copy. The keystage 2 classes then attempted to compare the fingerprints they took with their classmates to find out if our fingerprints really are all different. Some students then had the chance to try and identify a classmate only using the fingerprints they left. It was an experiment full of observing, testing, and investigating!

Owl Class

Our week began with the question: *Why do some paper aeroplanes fly better than others?* We started by analysing the different parts of a paper aeroplane and the forces that intervene when a paper aeroplane is flying - theory always first!

Afterwards, we explored different designs. This helped us to understand the structure and shape of paper aeroplanes and inspired us to design our own. In different groups, the children then put all their knowledge into practice testing their planes to find out how much distance they could cover and for how long they could fly. Each try, the children were able to change one single variable in order to improve their scores. For example, a couple of slits in the wings or a paper clip to make the front of the aeroplane heavier.

At the end, the children challenged each other to explain their findings. Why could my plane stay in the air for a long time but not cover much distance? Or Why was my plane able to cover great distance but not stay in the air long enough? The reasoning was brilliant and the findings extremely interesting!

But not just that, some maths problems and investigations were thrown into the mix. On Wednesday, children and their parents worked together to find out missing values in a pre-set addition. The classroom was busy and everyone experienced a great learning/challenging environment - amazing work!



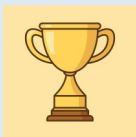
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REMINDERS

- Hopefully you have received an email about our Father's Day breakfast—please do complete the form by **Monday 15th June**: [Father's Day Breakfast, Friday 19th June 2026, 8.15am-8.45am – Fill in form](#)
- A reminder that current **Year 4 and Year 5** pupils have received an email about Bikeability Level 2 for September—we know it's very early but please do complete the consent form attached to the email (sent 5th June) by Friday 19th June.
- Wind band—please could all parents of students in Year 4 and Year 5 currently complete this form today (email sent 20/05/26): [Wind Band 2026-2027 – Fill in form](#) Thank you.
- Please could all parents of children in Years 3 and 4 complete the Form here ahead of the Grafham Water trip (letter sent 01/06/26): [Grafham Water Activity Centre - Day Visit – Fill in form](#)

HOUSE POINTS

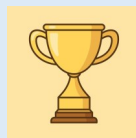


WATER— 201

EARTH— 194

FIRE— 263

AIR— 221



GOLDEN CERTIFICATE

WINNERS



Robin class— Harry

Kingfisher class— Seth

Swallow class - Sophia

Owl class— Adam and Alaina

Well done for displaying our school values!



BARTON PLAYGROUP

What a fantastic year it has been at Playgroup! We have had so much fun learning, exploring and making memories together, and it has been wonderful to welcome so many new families into our playgroup community. We are now beginning our celebrations for our pre-school leavers as they prepare for their next exciting adventure at school. They have been really enjoying their weekly visits to school this term.

From September, we will be offering **all day and afternoon sessions on Mondays and Thursdays** until 3pm, in addition to our normal morning sessions (9-12, with lunch club until 1pm). We accept children from 2 years old, all government funding and are open during term-time only.

We have spaces in September! If you would like to arrange a visit to playgroup, please contact Jodie at playgroup.barton@gmail.com. We will also have an open morning on the 11th July, which will be a fantastic opportunity to meet our staff, have a look around and enjoy some refreshments and fun activities.



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ESAFETY WORKSHOP

Comberton Village College would like to invite all Year 5 and 6 parents to an E-safety evening they are running on 16th June.

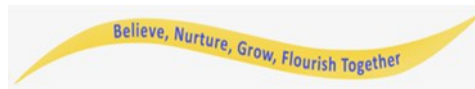
Please see the details below.

We have an 'E-safety evening' on **Tuesday 16th June at 6.30-7.15pm** in the Performance Hall. Dr. Smith, our Assistant Principal who oversees e-safety at Comberton VC, will be presenting on the use of devices at our school, how to support, educate and protect our young people when using devices, and some of the trends we are encountering when working with young people which parents/carers might be interested in.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, our Barton E-safety session, on Friday 26th June, after collective worship, has been cancelled. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

I thoroughly recommend you attend this workshop as it will provide useful tips to support your child in keeping them safe online as well as preparing them for their transition to secondary school.





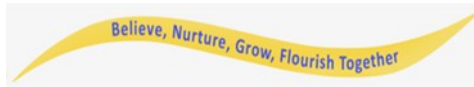
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DIARY DATES

Dates changed or added are in red

Tuesday 16th June	E-Safety Workshop, 6.30pm, Comberton VC (Year 5 and Year 6)
Friday 19th June	Father's day breakfast 8:15-8:45am
Monday 22nd June	Sports day (afternoon)
Friday 26th June	Barton's Got Talent 5pm
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
Wednesday 8th July	End of year reports sent out
Tuesday 14th July	Y6 production 4:30pm
Tuesday 14th July	Swallow class Grafham Water activity centre day visit
Wednesday 15th July	Y6 production 5:30pm
Friday 17th July	Last day of term
Monday 20th July	INSET day - children not in school
Tuesday 1st September	INSET day - children not in school
Wednesday 2nd September	First day of autumn term
Friday 23rd October	INSET day - children not in school
Monday 26th October—Friday 30th October	Half term



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BARTON'S GOT TALENT





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MUSIC PERFORMANCE

This performance is by Hugh's big sister Alice, who's in Year 7.



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LOCAL ACTIVITIES & INFORMATION

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SPACE ACADEMY

Holiday Club
Mon 20 - Fri 24 July
10am-12.30pm
Rec - Year 6

Booking essential
www.c-b-c.org.uk
Comberton Baptist Church

Free



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LOCAL ACTIVITIES & INFORMATION



St Peter's Church Fete, Saturday 20th June. 2.00 – 4.30 pm.
In St Peters church and churchyard

Come and listen to the Eversden Brass Band, enjoy tea and homemade cakes served in the Church, or an ice cream. There will be Stalls to browse, and games to play in and around the church with something for everyone, including a raffle of splendid hampers, a book and jigsaw sale, Tombola, plant stall, treasure hunt, name the dinosaur, Lucky dip, hook the duck and a pocket money stall.

Join us in the craft tent where you can try making colourful stained-glass windows, make-your-own binoculars, wriggly worms, and jellyfish. Come and get stuck in!




St Peter's Church
Fête
Saturday 20th June
2.00 – 4.30pm
In St Peter's church and churchyard
ADMISSION FREE

- Music from Eversden Brass Band
- Tea and Home Made Cakes
- Ice Cream Van
- Raffle
- Book Stall
- Jigsaw Sale
- Tombola
- Plant Stall
- Treasure Hunt
- Name the Dinosaur
- Lucky Dip
- Hook the Duck
- Pocket Money Stall
- Try Stain Glass Window Making, Drawing and other activities for all ages

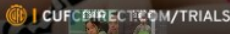


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Barton playgroup

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 Monday and Thursday afternoon sessions: 1-3
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 Small and friendly - maximum of 12 children per session
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For more information, please do get in touch to arrange a visit.
 Email: playgroup.barton@gmail.com
 Website: www.bartonplaygroup.co.uk

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