

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.

I am delighted to be writing to you in my first *Barton Bulletin* as Headteacher.

A very warm welcome back to all of our families, and a special welcome to our new EYFS pupils and their families as they begin their journey at Barton. I would also like to extend a warm welcome to Patrick Pennington who has recently joined our staff team.

It has been a real pleasure meeting so many of you on the gate each morning and afternoon. I have thoroughly enjoyed spending time in classrooms across the school and learning alongside the children. Their enthusiasm, curiosity and pride in their learning have been wonderful to see. In the articles below, you will find just a few examples of the exciting activities and learning experiences that I have had the opportunity to share with the children this week.

This half term, our school value is **Thankfulness**. In collective worship, we have been reflecting on the words: "*The Lord helps me, and I give thanks to Him with joy.*" **Psalm 28:7**

There is certainly much to be thankful for. During my first week at Barton, I have quickly discovered what a special place it is. Barton is a wonderful school with a caring and supportive community, where children are truly at the heart of everything we do. I feel incredibly privileged to be part of this community and am excited about the year ahead as we continue to learn, grow and flourish together.

Have a lovely weekend. *Mrs Dias-Patel*

ATTENDANCE

School target—96%

Current - 94.6%

Thank you for all your support with attendance this year. Our school percentage is above the national average.

PE Days

Robin—Thursday and Friday
Kingfisher—Monday and Tuesday
Swallow—Wednesday and Thursday
Owl—Monday and Wednesday (Swimming from 16 September)

'Do to others as you would want them to do to you'

Be safe, be respectful, be learners

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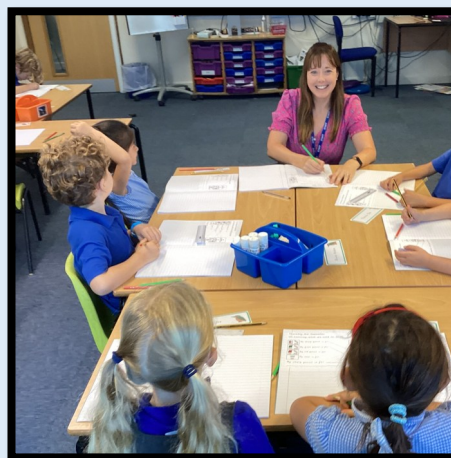
LEARNING AROUND THE SCHOOL

One of the highlights of my first week at Barton has been having the opportunity to spend time in classrooms and join in with the children's learning. It has been wonderful to see the enthusiasm, creativity and determination that our pupils bring to every lesson.

In **Robin Class**, I joined the children for collective worship. They had thoughtfully set up their own worship table and together we learned how to say "thank you" using sign language. We also revisited the story of the *Ten Lepers* and reflected on our school values, discussing the importance of showing gratitude to one another and to the adults who support us in our learning every day.



In **Kingfisher Class**, the children were developing their writing skills, with a particular focus on remembering to use capital letters and full stops. To help them, they used green pencils for capital letters and red pencils for full stops. I thoroughly enjoyed writing alongside the children, and they were excellent at reminding me which colour I should be using!



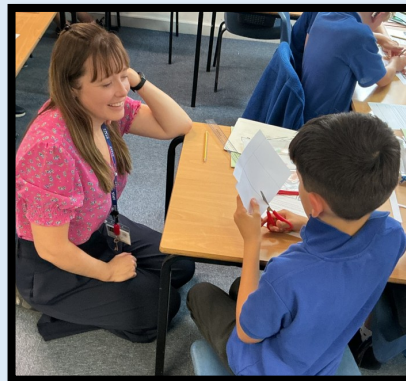
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In **Swallow Class**, I took part in a continuous line drawing lesson. We were challenged to draw an object without taking our pens off the paper. It was a fantastic activity that encouraged us to observe carefully and be creative. I especially enjoyed it when the classroom was transformed into an art gallery and we had the opportunity to walk around and admire one another's artwork.



In **Owl Class**, I became a scientist for the afternoon! The children were investigating how light travels and carried out an experiment using card, Blu Tac and torches. They worked carefully to follow the method and impressed me with their use of scientific vocabulary as they explained their observations and discoveries.



What a wonderful week of learning it has been. I hope you enjoy reading about some of the fantastic experiences taking place across the school as much as I enjoyed taking part in them. I look forward to sharing many more learning adventures with the children throughout the year.

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CLUBS LIST—AUTUMN TERM

Before and After School Clubs — Autumn Term 1, 2026



Day and Club	Dates	Times	How to Sign-up
Monday			
KS1 Football (Reception to Year 2)	Starts 7 th September	3.20 – 4.00pm	Apply to the school office, office@barton.cambs.sch.uk
Kings and Queens Chess Club (Years 1 - 6)	Starts 7 th September	3.20 - 4.20pm	admin@kingsandqueenschessclub.co.uk
Tuesday			
Archery (Year 3 - Year 6)	Starts 8 th September	3.20pm – 4.20pm	Apply to Perfect Aim Archery info@perfectaimarchery.co.uk
Arts and Crafts	Starts 16 th September	3.20-4.20pm	NOW FULL
Wednesday			
Y5/Y6 Tag Rugby (foundation@crufc.co.uk)	Starts 9 th September	3.30pm – 4.30pm	Apply to Cambridge Rugby Football Club https://forms.office.com/e/vSxhi7eBFj
KS2 Boys Football Club	Starts 9 th September	12.30 – 1.10pm	Alex Minei, alex_minei@yahoo.co.uk
Mad Science, Year 1 – Year 6	Starts 16 th September	3.20-4.20pm	Please apply to: info@madsciencehb.co.uk
Thursday			
Boxercise (Years 4,5&6)	Starts 10 th September	8.10 am – 8.40 am	Run by Mrs. Nicklin, apply to School Office office@barton.cambs.sch.uk
KS2 Girls Football Club	Starts 10 th September	12.30 – 1.10pm	Alex Minei, alex_minei@yahoo.co.uk
Recorder Club (Year 2 – Year 6)	Starts 10 th September	Lunchtime	Apply to the school office, office@barton.cambs.sch.uk
Ballet/Modern Dance (All Years)	Starts 10 th September	Classes from 3.20 pm – 6.00 pm	Apply to Emina Nicklin, Emina's Dance Academy eminadanceacademy@hotmail.co.uk
Friday			
Coding Club, Year 3-Year 6	Starts 11 th September	3.20pm-4.20pm	Apply to the school office, office@barton.cambs.sch.uk
Private Music Lessons			Please contact the school office if your child is interested in private music lessons.

Please note that all clubs apart from Arts and Crafts and Mad Science start next week—**please sign up if you would like to take part**—note that Arts and Crafts is now full for this term but we will run a waiting list for the next block.

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SAFEGUARDING

Mrs Esther Dias-Patel 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: <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/children-s-social-care/safeguarding-children-and-child-protection>

REMINDERS

- A gentle reminder for parents of **Year 5 and 6 pupils** to complete the two Forms that were sent out this week—Permission to Walk home and The Illumina trip for next Friday.
- Hopefully all parents of our new **reception** cohort have received their **Parent Pay** login please do let us know if you have any problems logging into these systems. Could any reception parents who haven't yet brought in their child's **birth certificate** (we need to see the original) please bring them in on Monday so that we can take a quick photocopy of it. Thank you.

THANK YOU Y6 LEAVERS!

We would like to thank all Year 6 parents who kindly donated a wonderful gift which will enable us to purchase Stop Go motion software for use in our curriculum. We are sure that our UKS2 pupils will enjoy using it!

GOLDEN CERTIFICATE WINNERS

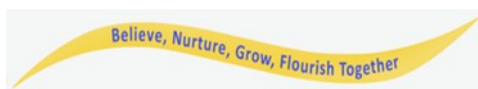
Robin class— Elsie and Tomas
Kingfisher class—Gioele and Travis
Swallow class - Lily and James
Owl class—Alba and Oskar

Well done for displaying our school values.

PARKING

A reminder that, for the safety of all our pupils, we ask parents to park at Burwash Manor or the Recreation Ground and make the short walk to school, particularly when the weather is inclement. Please do not drive down School Lane at the start or the end of the school day.





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DIARY DATES

Dates changed or added are in red

Monday 7th September	Teacher Essentials Briefings
Wednesday 9th September	Welcome Wednesday
Friday 11th September	Year 5 and 6 STEM Project Day
WC 21st September	Y5 Y6 Bikeability
Friday 25th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning
Monday 28th September	Apple donations for harvest food cooking
Monday 28th September	Individual school photos
Tuesday 29th September	Harvest home grown vegetable competition
Friday 2nd October	Harvest Assembly
Sunday 4th October	Barton harvest celebration, St Peter's Church, 9.30am
Wednesday 7th October	Swallow class trip to Kettle's Yard
Friday 23rd October	Inset day (no pupils at school)
Monday 26—Friday 30th October	Half term
Friday 18th December	Last day of term

Teacher Essentials

Next Monday, are our Class Essentials Meetings (approximately half an hour each). These meetings provide a valuable opportunity for parents and teachers to come together and share important information about the year ahead.

Robin Class—3.30pm
Kingfisher Class—4.00pm
Swallow Class—4.30pm
Owl Class—5.00pm

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PREVIEW OF HARVEST DATES AND ACTIVITIES FOR YOUR DIARY



Monday 28th September

Apple donations for harvest food cooking

Tuesday 29th September

Harvest Home Grown Vegetable Competition

Friday 2nd October

9am—Harvest Collective Worship (beginning in the school hall), please bring food bank donations

After School—Harvest Apple Treats—proceeds to St. Peter's Church chosen charity

Sunday 4th October

St. Peter's Church, Barton Harvest Celebration, 9.30am



Families are invited to take part in our vegetable growing competition. There will be prizes for the winners and a specialist judge will be on hand to make the final decisions:

Heaviest in category: pumpkin or marrow

Longest in category: carrot or runner bean

Most interesting looking shape (any home grown vegetable)

Best dressed: vegetables made into animals or people (1 winner per class)

We would love as many families as possible to take part and send in their entrants for each of these categories on the day. A little bit of harvest fun!



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CLUBS FOR SEPTEMBER



A SUPER COOL AFTER SCHOOL CLUB IS STARTING SOON AT YOUR SCHOOL!

1 Hour weekly interactive science club full of exciting demonstrations and hands-on projects

Register here: <https://madsiencehb.classforkids.io>

Barton Primary School

Club Day: Wednesday Start Date: 16/09/26
Year Groups: Yrs 1- Yr 6 End Date: 09/12/26
Time: 15:20- 16:20 Skip Date: October H/T
Club Cost: £168 / 12 wks

Topics: Geology Rocks, Lights Colour Action, Rockin Rockets, Cell City and more...

Need to reach us?
T: 01727824700 E: info@madsiencehb.co.uk
W: hertsbeds.madsience.org



Join us to have fun and learn archery at our after school club where you can work your way through the different levels to earn badges! We'll be at Barton School on Tuesdays 3:20 - 4:20 pm for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 and will use real bows with adapted soft arrows to learn how to shoot safely, play games and have lots of fun shoots!

Perfect Aim Archery

www.perfectaimarchery.co.uk
info@perfectaimarchery.co.uk
07395 540775



KINGS AND QUEENS CHESS CLUB PRESENTS

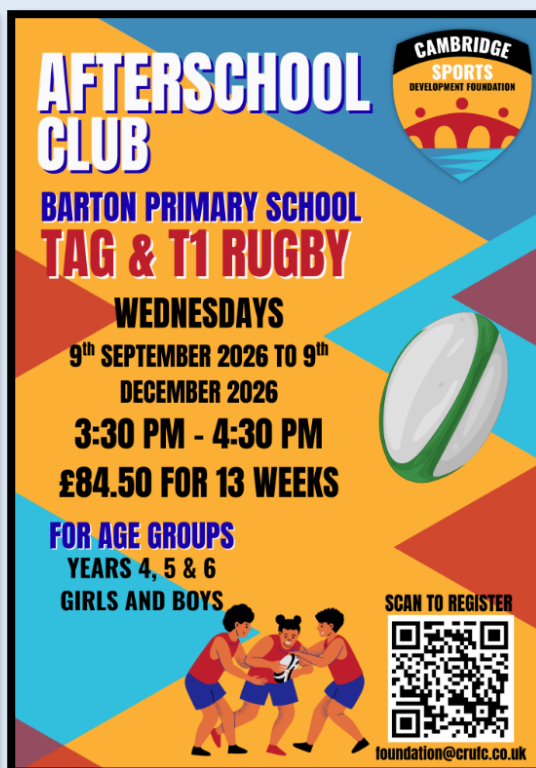
CHESS CLUB

WIN PRIZES!

ONLY **£7** PER SESSION!

BARTON PRIMARY SCHOOL
EVERY MONDAY
15:20 TO 16:20
YEAR 2 - YEAR 6
SIGN UP!

07900 048446
KINGSANDQUEENSCHESS.CO.UK
ADMIN@KINGSANDQUEENSCHESS.CO.UK



AFTERSCHOOL CLUB

BARTON PRIMARY SCHOOL
TAG & T1 RUGBY

WEDNESDAYS
9th SEPTEMBER 2026 TO 9th DECEMBER 2026
3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
£84.50 FOR 13 WEEKS

FOR AGE GROUPS
YEARS 4, 5 & 6
GIRLS AND BOYS

SCAN TO REGISTER

foundation@crufc.co.uk

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BURWASH MANOR PRESENTS CAMBRIDGE'S ANNUAL WOOD FAIR 2026

THE Wonder WOOD



12th & 13th SEPTEMBER - 10AM to 5PM

BURWASH MANOR, NEW ROAD, BARTON, CAMBRIDGE, CB23 7EY

WHAT TO EXPECT

FEATURING OVER 70 LOCAL ARTISANS AND ACTIVITIES INCLUDING:

- * Willow weaving * Artisan carpentry * Coppice crafts *
- * Survival skills * Local food & drink *
- * Local folk musicians * Den building * Storytelling *
- * Face painting * Straw bale assault course and much more!

FAMILY AND PET FRIENDLY

The Wonder of Wood is a fun, family friendly event celebrating local woodcraft inspiring children, and adults alike, to enjoy nature and the outdoors.

TICKETS

Adults: £15 per day / £20 for the full weekend
Under 16s: £3 per day / £5 for the full weekend
Under 5s: FREE



www.thewonderofwoodfair.com

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