

BARTON BULLETIN

18th September 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.

This week in Collective Worship, we explored a story from the Gospel of Luke (Luke 21:1-4), known as The Widow's Offering. In the story, Jesus watched people giving money to the temple. Many people gave a lot, but one poor widow gave just two small coins, which was all she had. Jesus explained that her gift was very special because she gave with a generous and caring heart.

We linked this story to our school value of **thankfulness**. The children thought about how important it is to appreciate the kindness, help and generosity that others show us every day. We discussed how even the smallest acts, such as sharing, helping a friend, holding a door open or simply saying "thank you", can make a big difference to someone's day.

The story reminded us that it is not the size of a gift or gesture that matters most, but the thought, care and kindness behind it. As a school community, we are grateful for the many ways in which children, families and staff support one another each day.

As we head into the weekend, we encourage everyone to take a moment to notice something they are thankful for and to share a small act of kindness with someone else.

We hope you enjoy this week's bulletin and wish you all a happy, relaxing and enjoyable weekend.

Best wishes,

Mrs Dias-Patel

ATTENDANCE

School target—96%

Current - 95.9%

We were very close to achieving our target of 96% this week, A big well done to all of our families!

PE Days

Robin—Thursday and Friday

Kingfisher—Monday and Tuesday

Swallow—Wednesday and Thursday

Owl—Monday and Wednesday (Swimming)

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

Be safe, be respectful, be learners

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Owl Class Visit to Illumina



Owl Class had a fantastic day visiting Illumina, where they explored the world of science and technology. The children toured the laboratories, met scientists, and learned about the important work carried out there. A highlight of the visit was extracting DNA from a strawberry using real laboratory equipment, giving the children a fascinating insight into DNA and genome sequencing.

The children were engaged and curious throughout the day, asking thoughtful questions and embracing the opportunity to experience a real-life scientific environment.

A huge thank you to all the adults and volunteers who helped make this visit possible. We are always grateful for the support of the Barton community.

Wonder Wood Festival



Last weekend, I visited Wonder Wood Festival with my 18-month-old daughter and had a lovely day exploring the festival together. We enjoyed seeing den building, tree climbing, arrow making, willow weaving, wood carving, and woodturning, alongside storytelling, live folk music, craft stalls, and delicious food.

It was fantastic to see so many Barton families having fun outdoors and learning new skills. A special thank you to Oskar's parents for organising such a wonderful community event. *Both articles were written by Mr Pastor.*

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A Big Barton Thank You to our Teaching Assistants Staff



As part of our focus on thankfulness this term, we are taking time each week to recognise and celebrate the people who make our school such a special place. This week, we said a big thank you to our fantastic Teaching Assistants for the care, dedication and support they provide to our children every day.

Our Teaching Assistants play an invaluable role in school life. They help children to learn, build confidence, develop independence and feel happy and supported throughout the school day. Whether they are working alongside pupils in lessons, leading interventions, supporting playtimes or providing a listening ear, their positive impact can be seen right across the school. We are incredibly grateful for all that they do.

To help us get to know them a little better, we also shared some fun facts about our Teaching Assistants. We discovered that Mrs Lightfoot has met Ant and Dec, Mrs Tarring loves camping, and Mrs Kim saw Pelé whilst working in a VIP lounge at Heathrow Airport. We also learned that Ms Kusina once plunged into icy-cold water straight after a sauna during the middle of winter, while Mrs McNeil was bitten on the toe by a Night Adder snake when she was living in South Africa.

The surprises did not stop there! Mr Thompson claims to have the world's biggest teddy bear collection, Mr Pennington's favourite hobby is creative writing, and Mrs Nicklin's first job was as a dancer with the Birmingham Royal Ballet.

It was wonderful to learn more about the interesting lives, hobbies and experiences of the people who support our children so brilliantly each day. We are very lucky to have such a dedicated team at Barton and look forward to celebrating another part of our school community next week.

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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
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
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
Recorder Club (Year 2 – Year 6)		Lunchtime	Apply to the school office, office@barton.cambs.sch.uk
KS2 Boys Football Club	Starts 18 th September	12.30 – 1.10pm	Alex Minei, alex_minei@yahoo.co.uk
Private Music Lessons			Please contact the school office if your child is interested in private music lessons.

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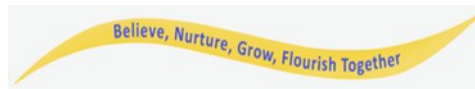
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We need someone who:

- **Knows the rules and requirements of netball**
- **Is able to run a club once a week from 3:30 to 4:30 with school support**
- **Available to attend competition dates (currently 12th October and 4th March)**
- **Is enthusiastic and passionate!**

Please do get in touch if you can help us out or if you know someone who can, thank you.



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REMINDERS

- Bikeability Level 2 for pupils in Years 5 and 6 starts on Monday 21st September—please do check that bikes are in good working order. Pupils will need to remember to bring their helmets and bike locks and to wear clothing that's appropriate for the weather—they will be outside even if it rains. Bikes can be left at school all week (they will be left in the locked space near the swimming pool).
- Please note that the Kettle's Yard trip for Year 3 and 4 pupils is now on Parent Pay.
- Individual and sibling school photos will be taken on Monday 28th September—please ensure that children are in full school uniform that day. If you would like a photo taken which includes siblings in play group please be at school at 8.15am.
- Reception children will receive their vision screening in March—you will have received an email with more information and an opt-out form.
- Our Macmillan Coffee morning is next Friday (25th September), we will also be putting out uniform donations so please come with a bag if there are any uniform bits that you need.

GOLDEN CERTIFICATE WINNERS

Robin class— Ffion
Kingfisher class— Joshua
Swallow class - Tilly
Owl class— Alba
Well done for displaying our school values.

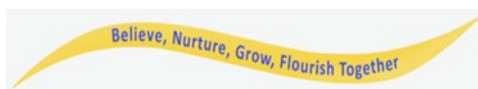
SUBJECT CERTIFICATE WINNERS

Robin class— Alfie (PE)
Kingfisher class— Johnny (English)
Swallow class - Poppy (Maths)
Owl class— Hugh (RWE)

Well done for being great learners.

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>



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DIARY DATES

Dates changed or added are in red

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
Tuesday 20th October	Flu vaccinations
Friday 23rd October	Inset day (no pupils at school)
Monday 26—Friday 30th October	Half term
Friday 18th December	Last day of term

Free School Meals Applications Update (from the EWB)

We are currently processing a high volume of Free School Meals applications.

If parents have already submitted an application on or after 20 August, please ask them **not to** submit a further application unless they have been specifically advised to do so by the FSM / EWB team.

Duplicate applications will delay the assessment of both the original application and applications submitted by other families.

We would be grateful for your support in sharing this message with parents and carers. We are working through applications as quickly as possible and appreciate everyone's patience during this busy period.

Thank you for your continued support.

Education Welfare Benefits Team

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Macmillan Coffee Morning

Do your bit for better cancer care

When: Friday 25th September

Where: Here at school!

Together we will do whatever it takes to make cancer care better for everyone



Macmillan Cancer Support, registered charity in England and Wales (26837), Scotland (SC039907) and the Isle of Man (866), also operating in Northern Ireland. MAC00378

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**
A registered charity

Donations of cakes and cookies would be very gratefully received on the day, THANK YOU! We'll be getting together after collective worship, at roughly 9.30am.

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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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Local Activities and Events



CUFC FOOTBALL CAMPS





LOCATIONS:

CHESTERON COMMUNITY COLLEGE
SWAVESEV VILLAGE COLLEGE
COMBERTON VILLAGE COLLEGE
LINTON VILLAGE COLLEGE

DATES:

MONDAY 26TH OCTOBER
TUESDAY 27TH OCTOBER
WEDNESDAY 28TH OCTOBER
THURSDAY 29TH OCTOBER
FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER

TIMES:

9AM - 4PM



SIGN UP NOW →

[HTTPS://WWW.CAMBRIDGEUNITED.COM/CUFC-FOOTBALL-CAMPS](https://www.cambridgeunited.com/cufc-football-camps)





Kimbolton School Chemistry Masterclass (Live Show) 2026

Dear Parents,

We are delighted to invite you to our exciting Chemistry Masterclass Live Show on Wednesday 21 October!

Join us for an evening of spectacular science, exciting experiments and plenty of chemistry fun. This interactive live show is a fantastic opportunity for children and families to experience the wonders of science in an engaging and memorable way.

Tickets are completely **FREE**, but spaces are limited, so we encourage you to book your tickets now to avoid disappointment!

Date: Wednesday 21 October

Times: 18:00 - 19:30

Tickets: Free – booking required

Book your free tickets now and come along to experience the exciting world of Chemistry at Kimbolton School!

[Kimbolton School event tickets from TicketSource.](#)

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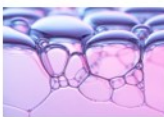
Coolchemistry26

We look forward to welcoming you for what promises to be a fantastic evening of science!





Year 5 and Year 6 Pupils



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Beauty & THE Beast

October half-term drama, dance and singing holiday courses for 4-10s

26th - 28th October
perform.org.uk/beauty

Gigi absolutely LOVED it. She bounced out, every day, beaming with joy.
- Evelina Powell



PERFORM
WATCH YOUR CHILD SHINE

WE ACCEPT TAX-FREE CHILDCARE

Beauty & THE Beast

October half-term holiday courses for 4-10s

Join us in the enchanted wood for three days of drama, dance and singing as we retell the story of the classic fairy tale in a magical production for family and friends.

Monday 26th - Wednesday 28th October
10am to 3pm each day



Your child will enjoy:

- Three fun-packed full days of drama, dance and singing
- Energetic team of actors, dancers and musicians
- Engaging arts and crafts activities
- Colourful performance on the last day for friends and family with original music and costumes
- Personalised certificate of achievement for every child

Locations: Blackheath, Cambridge, Clapham South, Clerkenwell, Dulwich, Highbury, Highgate, Kensington, Primrose Hill, Richmond, Sevenoaks and St John's Wood

To find your nearest venue and to book call 020 7255 9120 or visit perform.org.uk/beauty

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INSPIRE: InTUNE

HOLIDAY MUSIC WITH PROFESSIONAL SINGERS FOR CHILDREN AGED 8-14

MONDAY 26 - THURSDAY 29 OCTOBER 2026

There is very little specialist music provision open to children over half-terms and holidays, and almost none of it puts them in a room with working professionals. That is what this is.

InTUNE is the primary-age strand of Inspire, the schools programme of Ensemble L'Isola — the only professional early music consort based in Cambridge, and the specialist performance arm of the Cambridge Early Music Consort. Children spend the day with the singers of the ensemble, whose work is built on singing one to a part from the original sixteenth-century manuscript sources. The block ends with a short recital, which parents are warmly invited to come and watch.



THE ENSEMBLE IN REHEARSAL

THE ESSENTIALS	
AGES	8-14
DATES	Monday 26 - Thursday 29 October 2026, with Friday 30 October available as an additional day
HOURS	10:00-16:00, with breaks. Early drop-off from 9:00 and late stay to 17:00 at £6 a session
FEES	£325 for the four days, with the additional Friday at £75. 30% sibling discount
NUMBERS	Capped at thirty children, with four professional DBS-checked staff, two of them first aid trained
VENUE	Near Madingley, Cambridge. Full address sent on booking

Places are limited. To book or enquire:
inspire@ensembleisola.co.uk - +44 (0)7644 619591 - ensembleisola.co.uk

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OCTOBER ACTIVITY CAMP

CAMBOURNE SPORTS CENTRE

Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October

PARENTS FIRST CHOICE FOR CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY CAMPS

- EXTENDED HOURS 8.30AM - 5.30PM
- ONLY £30 PER DAY
- BOOK INDIVIDUAL DAYS
- SIBLING DISCOUNT
- CHILDCARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED (+GOV TAX FREE)
- VARIETY OF DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES




SPORTS

- INFLATABLES
- ROLLER SKATING
- ARTS & CRAFTS
- & LOTS MORE!

BOOK ONLINE

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