

BARTON BULLETIN

25th 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 reflected on the verse:

'Give with a happy heart, because giving brings joy!' (2 Corinthians 9:7)

We explored the story of The Feeding of the Five Thousand, where a boy shared his lunch of five loaves and two fish. Although it seemed like a small amount, it was enough to help many people. The story encouraged us to think about being thankful for the food we have and the importance of sharing with others.

Linked to our school value of **thankfulness**, the children discussed how small acts of generosity can make a big difference. Whether it is sharing resources, helping a friend, including someone in a game or simply showing kindness, these actions help to create a caring and positive community.

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

Best wishes,

Mrs Dias-Patel

Headteacher

ATTENDANCE

School target—96%

Current - 95.4%

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)

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Bikeability



This week, our Year 6 pupils took part in Bikeability training, developing the skills and confidence needed to cycle safely and responsibly.

The children learned important road safety skills, practised safe cycling techniques and showed great enthusiasm throughout the course. They represented the school brilliantly, demonstrating resilience, concentration and a positive attitude.

Well done to all of our Year 6 cyclists, and thank you to the Bikeability instructors for delivering such a valuable programme.

Reading Ninjas



On Wednesday, we welcomed students from Comberton Village College to Barton for the first session of our new Reading Ninjas initiative.

The programme pairs our pupils with older reading buddies, giving them the opportunity to read together, discuss books and develop a love of reading in a relaxed and supportive environment. Our children thoroughly enjoyed meeting their buddies and sharing their favourite books.

We hope this partnership will help to build confidence in reading, speaking and listening, while fostering positive relationships between pupils across our local school community. We look forward to many more Reading Ninjas sessions throughout the year.

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Prayer Space

This week, GenR8 created a new prayer space in school based around the theme of Harvest. The focus of the space is to encourage children to reflect on and give thanks for the many good things in our lives, our school and our wider community.

Over the coming week, each class will have the opportunity to visit the prayer space and spend time thinking about the things they are grateful for. As part of this, children will be creating paper chains to display in their classrooms, celebrating the special skills, talents and qualities they appreciate in themselves and others.

This thoughtful activity links closely to our school value of thankfulness and encourages children to recognise and celebrate the many gifts and strengths within our school community.



Macmillan Coffee Morning



Today, we were delighted to host our Macmillan Coffee Morning. It was wonderful to see families, staff and members of our school community come together to support such an important cause.

A special thank you goes to our volunteers, whose hard work and generosity helped make the event possible. From organising and setting up to baking, serving and clearing away, their support was greatly appreciated.

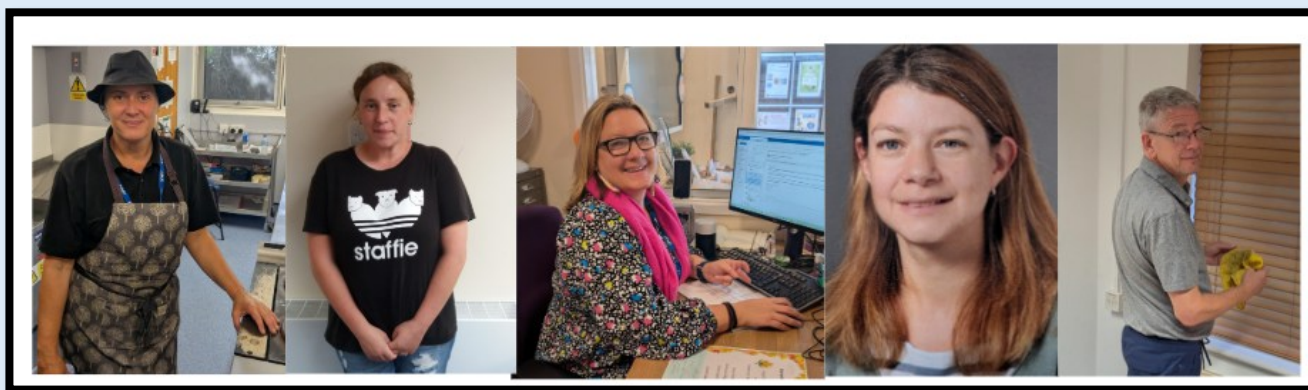
Thank you also to everyone who attended or made a donation. Your generosity helped make the morning a great success and will support the vital work of Macmillan Cancer Support.

There are still cakes remaining which will be available at the end of the school day. If you were unable to attend this morning and would like to make a donation please use the QR code above which takes you to our donation site. THANK YOU.

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Thank you to the team that keep Barton running every day



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 Caretaker, Kitchen Team, Office Administrator and Business Manager for the dedication, hard work and support they provide every day.

These members of staff work tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure that Barton runs smoothly. From keeping our school safe, clean and welcoming, to preparing nutritious meals, supporting families, managing enquiries and overseeing the day-to-day running of the school, their contribution is invaluable. Although much of their work happens out of the classroom, it has a huge impact on the experience of every child, member of staff and family in our school community.

To help us get to know them a little better, they also shared some fun facts about themselves. We discovered that Ms. Bartlett went canyoning with her son in Madeira, while Mrs Lye once completed a skydive in New Zealand. Becky had dinner with Prince Philip after being nominated by her youth club, and Emma recently met the niece and son of a Bee Gees member at a tribute concert. We also learned that Mr Thompson originally trained as a chef, with celebrity chef Jamie Oliver being in the year below him at college.

It has been wonderful to learn more about the interesting experiences and achievements of the people who support our school every day. We are incredibly grateful for their commitment, kindness and hard work and would like to say a heartfelt thank you for everything they do.

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#HelloYellow YOUNG MiNDS

Wear yellow and say hello so that no young person feels alone with their mental health.

Friday 9th October 2026

There are days when all of us struggle with how we are feeling. Things can get tough, and it can be difficult knowing how to cope. For so many young people, when this happens, they don't always get the help they need, when they need it. They don't know where to turn, who to talk to, or even if anyone else feels the same.

But we can change this. By taking part in Hello Yellow you're starting a conversation about mental health wherever you are.

Your yellow item could be a cap, socks, a headband or whatever you can find at home - please don't worry if you can't find anything yellow to wear.

If you would like to make a donation to Young Minds please follow this link: [Support Young-Minds](#) | [Young People's Mental Health Matters](#) | [Young Minds](#) or

www.youngminds.org.uk/support-us/

We are so fortunate to have support from the local Mental Health Support Team who have worked with many families in Barton over the last few years. On our Hello Yellow day, we have arranged for Kathryn Wood from the Mental Health Support Team to come into school to run an information session for parents that will start at 9.30am, straight after our Collective Worship. There will be refreshments provided and we hope that it's a useful session for all who can attend!

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The Big Future, Message from **Dame Rachel de Souza** **Children's Commissioner for England**

I am getting in touch personally, as Children's Commissioner, to ask for your help in making sure the children and young people at Barton CofE VA Primary School have the opportunity to take part in my national survey, *The Big Future*.

So far, I have heard from 3 children at your school. With hundreds of thousands of children and young people already taking part across England, I would like to make sure as many of your pupils as possible have the opportunity to add their voices.

The Big Future is asking children and young people about their lives, their experiences and their hopes for the future. I will be using what they tell me to build a national picture of what matters to children today and to ensure their views are heard by Government.

The survey takes just a few minutes to complete and can be accessed here: <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>

Thank you.

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Harvest Menu

Please note our updated Harvest Festival menu for **Thursday 1st October**, apologies if this causes any inconvenience by over riding any existing pre-orders.



Harvest Donations

We would be delighted to accept harvest donations at collective worship on Friday 2nd October—any dry or tinned goods would be wonderful—for examples, pasta, rice, noodles, baked beans or soup. All donations will be taken across to church to go alongside their donations and these will then be divided between the Food Bank and Jimmy's Night Shelter. Thank you as always for your support.



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REMINDERS

- 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.
- Please note that the **Kettle's Yard** trip for Year 3 and 4 pupils is now on Parent Pay.
- Please could ALL **student data check forms** be returned to school as soon as possible, thank you.
- Please note that there will be **no boys KS2 football on Friday 2nd October (lunchtime)** as Mr. Minei is unavailable—he will ensure that the boys get that football session rearranged at a later date.
- A reminder that it's **all school meals** should be ordered on Parent Pay please, not only to ensure that we cater for the correct number of children but also so that parents are helping children to choose food that they will enjoy. Thank you.

GOLDEN CERTIFICATE WINNERS

Robin class— Ollie
Kingfisher class— Hugo
Swallow class - Thomas
Owl class— Alexa
Well done for displaying our school values.

SUBJECT CERTIFICATE WINNERS

Robin class— Hollis (English)
Kingfisher class— George S (Maths)
Swallow class - Huw (RWE)
Owl class— Archie (PE)

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 immedi-

ate risk of harm you can access further advice and guidance here: [https://](https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/children-s-social-care/safeguarding-children-and-child-protection)

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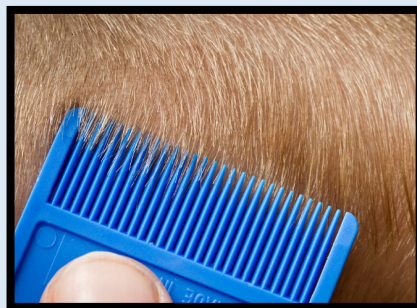
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DIARY DATES

Dates changed or added are in red

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 9th September	Hello Yellow—wear something yellow for children's mental health.
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

Head Lice



We have been notified of a case of headlice in school, please check your child's hair. If you find any headlice or eggs more information can be found on the NHS website:

[Head lice and nits - NHS](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/)

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Free Online Talk: Aliens Among Us: Invasive Species in Our Countryside

The Countryside Regeneration Trust's popular programme of free online talks returns on **Thursday, October 15, from 7pm to 8pm**, with a fascinating look at invasive species and their impact on our countryside.

Dr Vince Lea, the CRT's Conservation Officer at Lark Rise Farm, Barton, will explore the growing challenge posed by invasive non-native species (INNS). More than 2,000 of these species are now found in the UK, with new arrivals continuing to enter, often accidentally, through international trade routes.

These species cost the UK economy an estimated £4 billion each year, affecting agriculture, fisheries, forestry, construction and development. They can also have serious impacts on wildlife, in some cases threatening native species with extinction.

Vince will explain how the CRT is tackling these issues and how local people can help. He will also discuss successful efforts to control American mink, which have contributed to the return of water voles in some areas.

To book your free place, visit:

www.thecrt.co.uk/Event/aliens-among-us-invasive-species-in-our-countryside

Booking is essential to receive the joining link. Donations are very welcome to support the CRT's work.



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BARTON PLAYGROUP CIO AGM

Thursday 1st October 2026

7:30pm for refreshments

7:45pm meeting starts

Playgroup Building / via video call
(please let us know)

Come and support our wonderful Playgroup and find out more about what goes on behind the scenes. All parents, carers, staff and grandparents are welcome. Snacks and drinks provided.

For more information about how to become a committee member, or any questions, please talk to Jodie or email Deborah (chair of trustees): barton.playgroup.chair@gmail.com

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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



COMMUNITY FUN DAY
 Saturday 26th September
 12- 4pm
 BOTTISHAM VILLAGE COLLEGE
FREE ENTRY
 JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN INCLUDING
 Inflatables
 BBQ & refreshments
 Live music
 Classic cars
 Tombola
 Games
 Bingo
 Tug-of-war
 Stalls



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The Choristers of Great St Mary's have vacancies for boys in years 7 & 8 and for girls in years 4, 5, 6 & 7.

Music @ GSM

Great St Mary's Choir is proud to offer a musical education to over 80 children and young people from local schools. Could you be one of them?

To find out how to audition, visit www.greatstmarys.org/choirs-children-teenagers or email music@gsm.cam.ac.uk

THE AMS HALF TERM SPORTS CAMPS

DAY	SCHOOL VENUE (CB23 7RE)	TIME	AGES	SPORTS CAMP TYPE	COST	TICK TO SELECT
Mon 26th October	HARDWICK	9am - 3pm	4-12	MULTI-SPORTS	£22	
Tue 27th October	HARDWICK	9am - 3pm	4-12	MULTI-SPORTS	£22	
Weds 28th October	HARDWICK	9am - 3pm	4-12	MULTI-SPORTS	£22	
Thurs 29th October	HARDWICK	9am - 3pm	4-12	MULTI-SPORTS	£22	

Any 2 days = £42 Any 3 days = £57
 All 4 days = £70

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- Prizes to be won every day!
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- Just bring a packed lunch, snack & plenty to drink!
- Discounts for 3 family members or more
- Need 8.30 - 9am or 3pm - 3.30pm? Get in touch.

Please note: Hardwick and Camboorne Community Primary School is located at: Limes Road, Hardwick, CB23 7RE.

Questions? Get in touch!
 Tel: 07538273420
 Email: alex_minei@yahoo.co.uk
 Facebook: www.facebook.com/amsclubs

TO BOOK PLEASE EMAIL THE ENTIRE FORM OR THE FULL DETAILS ON THE FORM INCLUDING DATES TO: alex_minei@yahoo.co.uk

Name of Child: _____ Please tick the camp(s) above you are interested in.
 Year: _____ I enclose payment of: £ _____
 Home number: _____ Bank details: - Account number: 03332861
 Emergency number: _____ Sort Code: 20-73-26
 Email: _____ Medical notes: _____
 Signed: _____

If you are happy for your child to appear in photos for our website, please tick the box. Your child will only be photographed if you tick the box ☐

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OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUBS

STUDLANDS RISE FIRST SCHOOL, ROYSTON

Monday 26th October
BUSHCRAFT: FIRE MASTER

Tuesday 27th October
NERF: MISSION SPOOKTACULAR

Wednesday 28th October
GHOSTBUSTERS: SLIME LAB & GHOST HUNT

Thursday 29th October
HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON: ADVENTURES ON THE ISLAND OF BERK!

Friday 30th October
ULTIMATE HALLOWEEN ADVENTURE: TRICKS & TREATS!

MILTON COUNTRY PARK WILD PLACE

Monday 26th October
BUSHCRAFT VS MINECRAFT

Tuesday 27th October
WIZARDS OF THE WILD: A HARRY POTTER ADVENTURE

Wednesday 28th October
BUSHCRAFT: FIRE MASTER

Thursday 29th October
ULTIMATE HALLOWEEN ADVENTURE: TRICKS & TREATS!

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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:
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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
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