

BARTON BULLETIN

2nd October 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.

God cares for the earth, waters the land, and fills it with good things! (Psalm 65:9)

This week, we have enjoyed a wonderful Harvest celebration in school, taking time to reflect on God's goodness and give thanks for the many blessings we receive each day.

The children have taken part in a range of exciting harvest activities including a series of engaging workshops led by Victoria Goodman, helping them learn more about food, farming and caring for God's world. One highlight was our vegetable competition, where pupils proudly showcased their creative vegetable characters. There was great excitement when a giant pumpkin arrived at school at 8am to be entered into the competition.

Linked to our school value of thankfulness, the children reflected on appreciating the food we have and the importance of caring for others and the environment. A special thank you to Mrs Papworth for organising such fantastic Harvest experiences and making the week so memorable for our children.

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%

We narrowly missed our 96% attendance target this week, but it was still an excellent effort

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

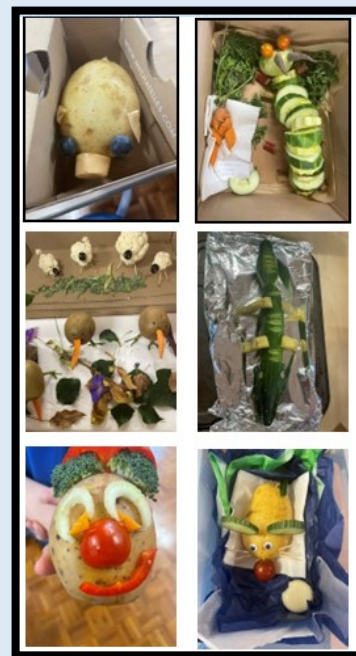
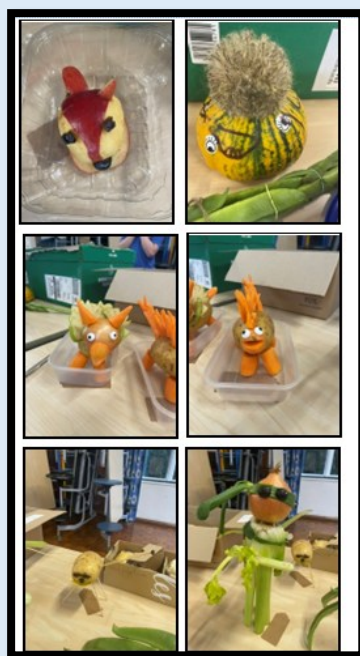
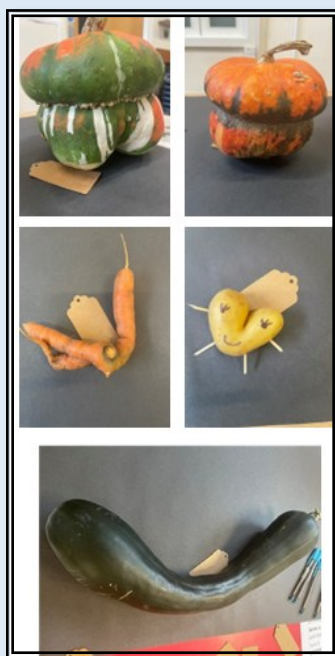
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Harvest Fruit and Veg Competition

What a phenomenal array of fruit and vegetable entries to our Harvest competition! Barton families are clearly incredibly creative and we are thrilled that so many of you joined in and brought your super-sized homegrown produce, wonky veg and surprising edible characters to our school hall on Tuesday. The judging was incredibly difficult and we are very grateful to Mrs. Adderley for coming back to school for a 'blind' judging. The winners were announced at the end of Friday's Harvest celebration. Food donations, are to be shared between Jimmy's Night Shelter and St. Peter's Church.

A selection of photos showing some of our entries is shown below.



Written by Mrs Papworth

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Chains of Thankfulness

Following on from our Prayer Space article in last week's bulletin, the children enjoyed taking part in a Harvest activity suggested by GenR8, creating thankfulness paper chains. I was lucky enough to join Robin Class, where we had some wonderful discussions about the things we are grateful for. One of the highlights was a surprisingly in-depth conversation about being thankful for tortoises, which brought plenty of smiles and reminded us that gratitude can be found in the most unexpected places!



Harvest Baking for a Good Cause



As part of our Harvest celebrations, each class enjoyed some wonderful baking activities using this season's apple harvest.

Robin Class made delicious apple sauce, while Kingfisher Class created tasty apple dumplings. Swallow Class baked mouth-watering apple muffins, and Owl Class produced some fantastic apple crumble cupcakes.

The children thoroughly enjoyed measuring, mixing and baking, while also developing their cooking skills and learning about seasonal produce. The delicious treats will not go to waste either. They will be proudly served to members of the Barton Lunch Club and sold at our after-school bake sale.

We are delighted that the proceeds from the bake sale will be donated to Jimmy's Night Shelter, helping to support people experiencing homelessness. Through their baking, the children not only had fun but also demonstrated our school values of thankfulness, generosity and service to others.

Thank you to everyone who is able to support the bake sale. Your kindness and generosity will help make a real difference to those in need.

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Harvest Vegetable Competition



A huge congratulations to Fergus, the fantastic winner of our Harvest Vegetable Competition! Fergus proudly brought in this enormous pumpkin, which he grew at his grandparents' house. His grandparents are fortunate to have a stream running through their garden, which helped keep the pumpkin well-watered during the hot summer months. Despite the heat, it continued to thrive and grew to an impressive size. We were all amazed when it arrived at school and it certainly deserved first place. Well done, Fergus, on your outstanding growing success!

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25th September 2026

#HelloYellow YOUNGmINDS



NHS
Cambridgeshire
Community Services
NHS Trust

**Parent/Carers of
Barton CofE Primary School**



**Coffee Morning
October 9th at 09.30am**



With Kathryn Wood Senior Clinician from the Mental
Health Support Team linked with your school

**Would you like to learn
more about what we offer
and how you can access the
service?**

Please come for an informal information sharing and
advice session in school over some tea and biscuits with
other parents/carers. We look forward to meeting you.

What do you need to do?

Nothing just turn up! If you need to bring your pre-school
aged children then they are also welcome.

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St. Peter's Church, Barton



Village Harvest Festival Service Sunday October 4th at 9.30am

Please come and join us

A collection will be taken for Tearfund, supporting their vital work.

Jimmy's Night Shelter Appeal

Harvest Donations of produce are welcome on **Saturday**, when we will be decorating the church for Harvest, or on **Sunday morning**.



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| ♥ Long Life Milk + Dairy Free Alternatives | ♥ Jars of Pasta Sauce + Curry Sauce |
| ♥ Squash | ♥ Cooking Oil |
| ♥ Tea + Coffee | ♥ Sugar |
| ♥ Hot Chocolate | ♥ White Rice |
| ♥ Baked Beans | ♥ Pot Noodles / Instant Noodles |
| ♥ Tinned Fish (e.g Tuna) | ♥ Pasta Sauce Packs |
| ♥ Tinned Meat | ♥ Jam / Peanut Butter / Chocolate Spread / Marmite |
| ♥ Tinned Tomatoes | ♥ Biscuits / Chocolate Bars |
| ♥ Meals in a Tin | ♥ Crisps |
| ♥ Salt + Pepper / Herbs + Spices | ♥ Cereal |
| ♥ Ketchup / Mayo / Brown Sauce / BBQ Sauce | ♥ Sandwich Pickle |

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REMINDERS

- **Macmillan Coffee Morning**—A HUGE thank you to everyone who made and bought cakes, helped to set up, stayed for tea and cake and donated to Macmillan. It was a lovely morning and we raised a wonderful £226.00.
- Hopefully you have all received the information about the **Parent Governor Elections**, nominations must be received by 3.30pm on Tuesday 13th October.
- **Flu vaccinations** will be taking place at school on Tuesday 20 October.



Dear Parent/Carer/Guardian,

Flu has had a serious impact on the health of England's population over the past two winters. Vaccinating your child helps reduce the risk of serious illness and plays an important role in protecting vulnerable individuals in your community, friends and family.

Our team will be visiting your child's school soon to offer the flu vaccine. You can choose between the quick, painless nasal spray or a pork gelatine-free injection.

For further information about the vaccines, please read attached E-consent letter. Alternatively, click here <https://bed.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/cambsandpeterborough>. The form is available in 10 languages— select yours when it opens.

If you do not wish your child to be vaccinated, please submit a decline via the same link to avoid further

Harvest Vegetable Winners

Heaviest marrow or pumpkin: Fergus

Longest carrot: Zara

Most interesting wonky fruit or vegetable:
Henry

Best fruit or vegetable character: Hector,
Zara, Harry, Petra, Daisy, Alba, Ethan.

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

Sunday 4th October	Barton harvest celebration, St Peter's Church, 9.30am
Wednesday 7th October	Swallow class trip to Kettle's Yard
Friday 9th October	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
Monday 9th November, Tuesday 10th November and Wednesday 11th November	Parent Consultations, timings to follow.
Tuesday 15th December	Christmas lunch
Wednesday 16th December	Nativity—9.30am
Thursday 17th December	Nativity—2pm
Friday 18th December	Last day of term
Tuesday 5th January	All pupils return to school
15th to 19th February 2027	Half term.
26th March to 9th April	Easter holiday
Monday 12th April	Staff training day
Tuesday 13th April	All pupils return to school
31st May to 4th June	Half term
12-14 June 2027	Year 5/6 Residential
Wednesday 21st July	Last day of the summer term.

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Vacancy at Barton Playgroup



Assistant Manager required at Barton Playgroup from January 2027 (or earlier)

We are looking for an enthusiastic, caring individual with a willingness to learn who can join our wonderful village Playgroup team, providing safe, high-quality education and care, meeting the individual needs of the children attending our setting.

Key details:

- Term-time only role, Monday-Friday, 8:45am-1pm, afternoon sessions tbc (currently Monday and Thursday until 3pm). Part-time or job-share considered.
- Pay according to skills and experience + holiday pay.
- Supportive team and small, friendly setting
- Previous experience of working with young children
- Level 3 early years education and childcare qualification or equivalent preferred
- Willingness to learn and undertake further training
- This post is subject to an enhanced DBS check
- Email barton.playgroup.chair@gmail.com for a full job description, person specification, application form, or for further information



Application deadline: 16th October 2026

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Changes to Free School Meals—You may be eligible!

Please see the poster below or visit this link for more details [Free school meals | Cambridgeshire County Council](#)

**PLEASE DON'T MISS OUT—
CLAIMING FSM NOT ONLY BENEFITS FAMILIES BUT ALSO
UNLOCKS ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR SCHOOL**



Your child may now be entitled to

From September 2026, the Government is changing how Free School Meals are structured, opening up support to more families.

If your household receives Universal Credit, you can apply online for one of two tiers:

- Targeted FSM**
(Income under £7,400): Your child gets free meals, fully funded holiday clubs (HAF), and the school receives extra Pupil Premium funding to support their education.
- Expanded FSM**
(Income above £7,400): A new scheme ensuring your child still gets free school meals, even if your income is above the previous threshold.

To make sure your child doesn't miss out, please keep these key updates in mind:

- Existing FSM eligibility ends**
All current Free School Meals and Early Years Pupil Premium support will automatically end on **31st August 2026**.
- Families must reapply**
To ensure continuity, all parents **must reapply** under the new arrangements.
- Applications open soon**
You can submit your application **starting 1st August 2026** (please do not apply before this date).

What if my child is in...

- Reception, Year 1, or Year 2**
They will still get a free meal automatically under the Universal scheme. However, you should still apply if you are eligible because it unlocks vital extra funding for the school to support your child's education.
- Year 3 and above**
Universal free school meals end. If you do not apply or are not eligible for the new Free School Meals scheme, you will need to pay for your child's meals using the Arbor app.

How to Apply

- Online:** Go to www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals from 1st August 2026.
- Paper Applications:** If you qualify under No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF) or specific non-Universal Credit benefits, please contact the school office.

Questions?
Email ewb.fsm@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or call 01223 703200

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Midday Supervisor Role

We are looking for a Midday Supervisor to work from 12pm-1:15pm Monday-Friday (6.25 hours per week), term-time only. If you are interested or know anyone who might be interested please do get in touch or share the advert, thank you. More information can be found on the vacancies section of our website: www.bartonprimary.org.uk



Barton CE (VA) Primary School

Midday Supervisor Job Description

POST TITLE:	MIDDAY SUPERVISOR
GRADE:	National Joint Pay Scale: point 3
CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS:	Term time only
ACCOUNTABLE TO:	Headteacher

PURPOSE OF THE JOB

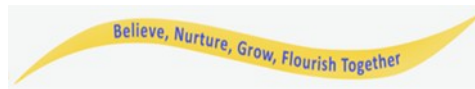
- To supervise the children while they eat.
- To promote an active and safe playtime.
- To be responsible for the safeguarding and wellbeing of children by following school policies relating to safeguarding, health and safety and behaviour management.

KEY ACCOUNTABILITIES

- 1. Midday supervision**
 - To supervise pupils during the lunchtime period both inside the lunch hall and outside on the playground;
 - To ensure that pupils follow behaviour expectations in line with school's Behaviour Policy;
 - To encourage positive, cooperative play and help pupils resolve conflicts independently through discussion and problem-solving
 - To inform the Safeguarding Lead and classroom teaching staff of any concerns regarding a pupil's behaviour or wellbeing during the lunchtime period;
 - To provide welfare support to the child, including administering First Aid (dependent on training) and attending to personal hygiene and identified medical needs as required;
 - To undertake any other duties consistent with the post.
- 2. General duties**
 - To assist with setting up the hall for lunchtimes;
 - To identify and clear away potential hazards, slipping or tripping risks, and food/water spillages immediately;
 - To wipe down tables and chairs, tidy away folding dining tables after use, and sweep local floor areas as required.
 - To develop and maintain effective working relationships with staff and pupils;
 - To contribute to the maintenance of a safe and healthy environment.

Supporting the school
At an appropriate level, according to the job role, grade and training received, all employees in the school are expected to:

1. Support the aims, values, mission and ethos of the school and participate in a team approach to all aspects of school life.
2. Attend the INSET day in September and identify areas of personal practice and experience to develop.
3. Take appropriate responsibility for safeguarding and children's welfare and be aware of confidential issues linked to home/child/teacher/school and keep confidences appropriately.
4. Be aware of health and safety issues and act in accordance with the school's Health and Safety Policy.



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Family Mental Health Opportunity

Many parents are trying to support children with anxiety, big emotions or challenging behaviour but do not know where to turn. This welcoming evening could help them understand what may be happening beneath the surface and introduce them to a different form of support. The event is not only for professionals or people interested in becoming coaches. It is for anyone who wants to understand emotions differently and discover how the Ollie Model could help a child, family, school or organisation.

HEMINGFORD GREY - Cambridgeshire

Wednesday 7 October at 7pm

The Hemingford Pavilion

Manor Road

Hemingford Grey

Huntingdon

PE28 9BX

Tickets are just £5.

Book here:

<https://bit.ly/OllieHEMINGFORD>

There will be no complicated jargon and no pressure. It will be a warm, practical and thought-provoking evening with real conversations, useful insights and plenty of opportunities to ask questions. We would love to welcome members of your team. Please also share the attached information with your staff, parents, carers and wider school community.

One evening could change the way someone understands a child's emotions and give them a clearer idea of what to do next.

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Local Activities and Events

OCTOBER HALF TERM TENNIS CAMPS!

Dates: Mon 26 to Fri 30 Oct 2026

Special offer - Book 5 days pay for 4!

Ages 6-10	Ages 11-16
9-12 am (3hrs)	10-1 pm (3hrs)
£30/day	£35/day
£120/week	£140/week
10% discount for members	15% discount for members

Come and have fun, improve your game and learn some new skills!

"It was very inclusive. Everyone is made to feel welcome."

"I liked how there were different levels of players so both me and my sister had people of our level to play with."

For details and to book visit our website: www.cocksandhens.co.uk/holidaycamps

Or for any questions contact Justin Layne on: cocksandhenscoaching@gmail.com

Find us off Grantchester Road, CB3 9ED. Access on foot/bicycle via Fullbrook Road or by car drive past the Rugby Club (towards Grantchester) then turn right on the bridleway before the national speed limit sign.



Scan for more details

MAD SCIENCE OCTOBER 2026 HOLIDAY CAMP

perfect for 4 to 11 yrs
9:30am - 4pm daily
Bring a pack lunch & drink

@MADSCIENCEHERTS

Instagram Facebook TikTok X

LOCATIONS	TOPICS	PRICES
ENFIELD EAST BARNET HENDON CAMBRIDGE WELWYN G.C. HITCHIN WATFORD TRING PERKHAMSTED	SPECTACULAR SPIDERS EPIC EXPLOSIONS POITY POTIONS GROSS SCIENCE SWEETIE SCIENCE SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR TOPICS, DATES AND LOCATIONS	£52 PER DAY £230 PER WEEK EARLY BIRD* £48 DAY/£210 WEEK *Ends 4th October SIBLING & GROUP DISCOUNTS

Don't miss our SPOOKY SCIENCE Halloween PARTY costumes, pumpkins, games, slime & more

MORE INFO & BOOKING:
HERTSBEDS.MADSCIENCE.ORG

Do you love to sing?

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

PRICES FROM JUST £17.50 PER DAY!

- Action packed days full of games, sports & Halloween fun!
- Multipoints days: A mix of games including dodgeball, archery, basketball, laser tag, football, tennis, zorb ball and parachute games!
- Prizes to be won every day!
- Coached by Alex Minei & DBS checked assistant coaches
- 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 Cambourne 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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INSPIRE
Holiday Clubs

Where children
are **UNDERSTOOD**
not just
managed.

inspireholidayclubs@gmail.com

The poster features a central orange background with the title 'INSPIRE Holiday Clubs' in large, bold letters. Below the title is a red hexagon containing the text 'Where children are UNDERSTOOD not just managed.' Four small photographs are arranged around the hexagon: a child working at a desk, a child holding a book, a child running on a path, and a child sitting at a picnic table. At the bottom, there is a small orange oval with the email address 'inspireholidayclubs@gmail.com'.

If your child has never quite fitted the mould of a traditional holiday club, Inspire may be what you've been looking for.

Inspire Holiday Clubs is for children and young people aged 8–15 who may find larger, busier or more traditional holiday clubs overwhelming.

We keep things small, with a maximum of 12 children, a high staffing ratio, lots of space and a structured but flexible day.

Children don't have to join in with everything. They can step away when they need to, take their time, and come back to activities when they're ready.

We're not a 1:1 provider — we believe children can thrive when they're given space, support and room to build independence.

Now in our fifth year, Inspire regularly fills up quickly, but we want more families to know that there is another option out there.

Our next club runs this October half term out of Gretton School in Girton, Cambridge.

If mainstream holiday clubs have never quite worked for your child, take a look at the poster and get in touch to find out