

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.

In our collective worship this week, we explored our verse of the week from Genesis 2:15: 'God put us in His world to love it, help it, and take good care of it.' Through the Creation story, we reflected on being thankful for our world.

Linking this to our core value of thankfulness, we discussed how showing gratitude makes us feel—focusing this week on feeling 'cared for'. Through our reflection time, the children thought about their favourite parts of nature, considered one small thing they can do to look after the environment, and discussed how they can use their hands and words to do good every day. We also talked about Hello Yellow, remembering that small actions—like listening carefully, including everyone, and using kind words—make a big difference to our mental health and help everyone feel supported.

We hope you enjoy this week's bulletin and have a relaxing and enjoyable weekend.

Best wishes,

Mrs Dias-Patel

ATTENDANCE

School target—96%

Current - 95.1%

Although we just fell short of our 96% attendance target this week, it was another fantastic effort from our school community.

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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Swallow Class Trip to Kettle's Yard



On Thursday, Swallow Class enjoyed a trip to Kettle's Yard house and gallery in central Cambridge.

We explored the historic house alongside expert guides from Kettle's Yard, stopping at various spots to enjoy observational drawing and



look closely at the many treasures inside. Afterwards, we headed to the art studio for a hands-on workshop, carefully considering shape and line to turn our sketches into effective monoprints. We loved seeing the work displayed on the special magnetic wall in the studio. It was a joy to watch the children work so creatively and make the most of this incredible resource right on our doorstep.

The team at Kettle's Yard commented on how creative and well-mannered Swallow Class were throughout the visit - we couldn't be prouder of how brilliantly they represented the school! A huge thank you to the parent volunteers who joined us this time. We truly couldn't do these trips without you!



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Year 3/4 Team Challenge Event



Last Friday eight of our Swallow Class students took part in a team challenge alongside thirteen other schools from throughout Cambridgeshire. There were a variety of challenges which focused on using skills such as observation, reasoning and remembering, and communication. Our team threw themselves into the tasks with fantastic enthusiasm, and worked amazingly alongside helpers from the Comberton Village College. We left with smiles on our faces lots of great ideas about how to work together as a team. It was a brilliant afternoon!

Hello Yellow



This week, our school proudly celebrated **Hello Yellow Day** in support of YoungMinds, focusing on kindness, inclusion, and mental well-being across all year groups. Key Stage 1 pupils explored their emotions through doodling, discovered that fairness means making sure everyone gets what they need to feel included (equity), and identified trusted adults who can help when things feel tricky. Meanwhile, Key Stage 2 students mapped out their unique "Identity Constellations," problem-solved real-life scenarios about fairness, discussed why diversity and representation matter, and completed "Peer Support Pledges" to take positive action in class. To top off the week, everyone dressed up in vibrant yellow on Friday for a special assembly, followed by a talk for parents who stayed after collective worship. We encourage all families to ask their children about their "Belonging Stars" or pledges, and to support them in carrying out their daily challenge to include others, listen well, and spread kindness every day!

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Let's Go Zero School Council begins its work!

We are proud to announce that our Let's Go Zero School Council has been created, and its work has already begun.

Interested Year 6s prepared presentations summarising their vision for how the Council might run, the projects it might undertake and the skills, interests and knowledge they possess that might contribute to the group's work. They shared their thoughts with Owl Class, Mrs. Dias-Patel and Mrs. Papworth.

The presentations were so impressive and the competition so intense, we decided to engage all those, who had put themselves forward, in leadership roles of some sort: School Council House Captains (SCHC) or Deputy House Captains (DHC).

The two groups have distinct duties, but each member has a shiny badge in their House team colours to reflect their leadership role.

So far this half term, the DHCs have supported us in running our Macmillan coffee morning, our uniform exchange day, an intergenerational harvest event as well as their weekly duties relating to Barton Bs. They are a reliable and mature group and there will be many more opportunities to use their skills and aptitudes in future events and activities.

SCHCs have attended two council meetings. Meeting 1: learning about the purpose of the group: to be agents of change, to identify climate-change projects of importance to them to plan and carry out; to educate the school community about Climate Change issues; to make a contribution to reducing the school's carbon footprint in line with the aims of Ely Diocese Church of England Let's Go Zero objectives.

The school council members researched the topic and lobbied other members to try and persuade them that their area of interest would be practical, doable and impactful. Four projects were identified, including an aspirational long-term project focused on vegetable growing. Watch this space for regular updates and special Climate Change project days. See also our website page: Climate Change and Sustainability

Written by Mrs Papworth

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A Big Barton Thank You to Our Vicars



As part of our focus on thankfulness this term, we are taking time each week to recognise and celebrate different members of our school community. This week, we said a big thank you to our wonderful local clergy for all they do to guide, inspire, and care for our children and school family every day.

To help us get to know them a little better, we shared some fun facts about their lives before and outside the ministry. We learned that Revd Claire, Team Vicar at St Peter's Barton, was an international concert pianist who toured world-wide with her twin sister and co-wrote the "Make a Joyful Noise" song our pupils sang at Harvest! We also discovered that Revd Sally taught primary school for 34 years, Revd Keith has actually completed the London Marathon three times (not just twice!), and Revd Priscilla once met the Queen at a Buckingham Palace garden party. It was fantastic to learn more about our local clergy, and we look forward to celebrating another part of our school community next week!

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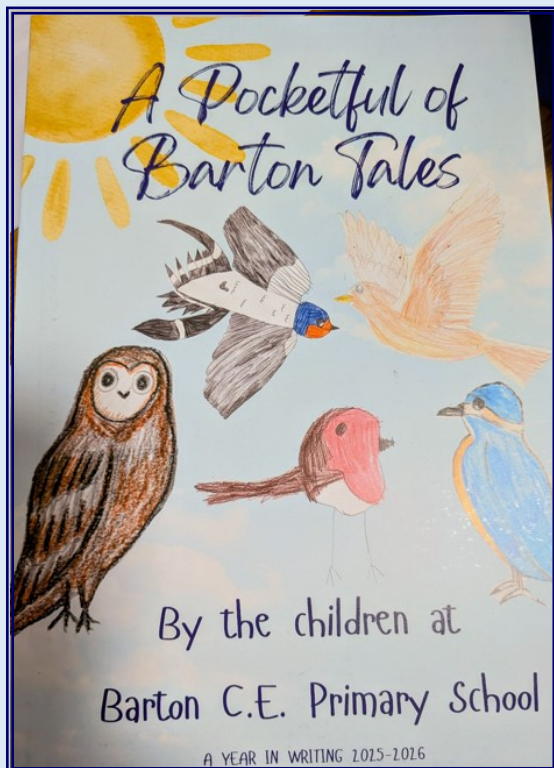
Raring to Go, Autumn Edition



 <https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/cambridge/autumn2026/24/>

Raring2go! Cambridge

The team at Raring to Go have been busy pulling together their Autumn Magazine with lots of things for families to do this season, they hope you enjoy reading it as much as they enjoyed pulling it together!



We still have a few copies of *A Pocketful of Barton Tales* available from the School Office.

Copies are £10 each, so please do pop in and pick one up if you'd like one.

Whisper this next bit as I know it's only October...
They make a wonderful Christmas gift for grand-
parents!

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Parent Consultations



Parent consultations will be available to book on **Friday 9th October at 6pm**—please login to your MCAS app to view and book your appointment(s).

Schedule:

Monday 9th November—All classes

Tuesday 10th November—Owl and Kingfisher Classes

Wednesday—Robin and Swallow Classes

GOLDEN CERTIFICATE WINNERS

Robin class— Scarlett

Kingfisher class— Ted

Swallow class - Penelope

Owl class— Ethan

Well done for displaying our school values.

SUBJECT CERTIFICATE WINNERS

Robin class— Hugo (RWE)

Kingfisher class— Grace (RWE)

Swallow class - Noa (PE)

Owl class— Clara (English)

Well done for being great learners.

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REMINDERS

- **Owl Class Trip to the Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology**, Tuesday 13th October. Please could all year 5 and year 6 parents provide consent on Parent Pay, thank you.
- **Year 5/6 netball competition** on Monday 12th October—to confirm, pick up time is at 3.30pm.
- **Flu Vaccinations**—the vaccinations team have contacted all parents directly about the flu vaccination this year, please do let me know if you haven't received an email from them.
- **Imago Photography** have sent out the information about the individual, siblings and cousin school photos that were taken last week, again please let us know if you haven't received the email.
- **Secondary school transition 2027**—a reminder to Year 6 parents that the closing date for applications falls in half term (October 31st).
- **Parent Governor elections:** the deadline to receive your self-nomination forms is Tuesday 13th October, the link to the form is: [Election for Parent Governor at Barton CE \(VA\) Primary School – Fill in form](#)

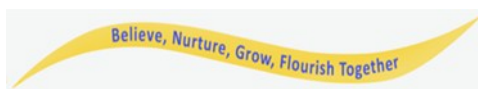
Forgotten Cake Tin

We have a cake tin that was left behind after the Macmillan Coffee morning, please pop into the office and pick it up if it's yours. Thank you.



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

Monday 12th October	Yr5/6 Netball Team Competition
Tuesday 13th October	Owl Class trip to the Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology
Friday 16th October	Owl Class Cake Sale
Friday 16th October	FOBS AGM straight after Collective Worship—all parents welcome to attend.
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.
Tuesday 15th December	Christmas lunch
Wednesday 16th December	Nativity—9.30am
Thursday 17th December	Nativity—2pm
Friday 18th December	Last day of term
Monday 4th January	Staff training day
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
Friday 28th May	Staff training day
31st May to 4th June	Half term
14—16 June 2027	Year 5/6 Residential
Wednesday 21st July	Last day of the summer term.

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FOBS—Save the Date

FOBS AGM—Friday 16th October straight after Collective Worship.

Please join us to learn more about the fantastic work of FOBS and find out how you can help support our school community. Everyone welcome!

Owl Class Cake Sale—**Friday 16th October**

Movie Night—**Friday 13th November—5-7pm**

Christmas Fayre—**Friday 4th December—5pm**

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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Rotary
Club of Cambridge

Christmas Charity Carol Concerts

In support of:
Cambridge Aid Centre 33

5.00pm: The Red Concert choirs from

- Bar Hill Primary School
- Barton CofE Primary School
- Harston & Newton Primary School (Humming & Notes)
- Hatton Park Primary School
- St Alban's Catholic Primary School



www.cambridgelivetickets.co.uk/events/annual-schools-carol-concert-red

7.30pm: The Green Concert choirs from

- Cambourne Village College
- Comberton Village College
- North Cambridge Academy
- Swavesey Village College (St Cecilia Choir)
- University of Cambridge Primary School (UPS Harmony)



www.cambridgelivetickets.co.uk/events/annual-schools-carol-concert-green

Compère **Neil Whiteside**

Great St Mary's Church, Cambridge CB2 3PQ
Monday 14 December 2026 5pm & 7.30pm

Tickets (unreserved): £14, children under 18 Free
available online using the links or QR codes above, or at the door



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A reminder that our 2027 reception intake open afternoon is next Tuesday, 13th October—please spread the word or come along if you have children starting school next September.

Barton Church of England (VA) Primary School



Open Afternoon

Do you have a child who is due to start school in September 2027?



**We would like to invite
you to an open afternoon on**

Tuesday 13th October 2026
1.30pm – 2.30pm

Come and join in some fun activities with our current Reception age children, meet the Robin Class team and get a feel for school life

For more information please ring the
School Office on 01223 262474 or email: office@barton.cambs.sch.uk



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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

Free School Meals!

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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Local Activities and Events



**October half-term
Netball camps**

Fun and fitness for children during the school holidays

 Wednesday 28 October 10am to 3.30pm	 Impington Village College Sports Centre, CB24 9LX	 For children in Year 3 to Year 9 of all abilities
 £25 per child per day or £25 per child for more than one child or more than one day	 All coaches are suitably checked and qualified. Appropriate footwear and clothing for outdoors is essential. Snacks and lunch and plenty to drink should be brought.	 In a safe setting, children can develop skills and put them into practice

Book now for a place on our summer holiday netball camps!

For more information:
Email: holiday.camps@scams.gov.uk

To book:
Visit: www.scams.gov.uk/sportscamps




**MAD SCIENCE
OCTOBER 2026
HOLIDAY CAMP**

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

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

MORE INFO & BOOKING:
HERTSBEDS.MADSCIENCE.ORG



The Outdoors Project

**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!

For more activity details, FAQs and booking information: WWW.THEOUTDOORSPROJECT.CO.UK

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 "0% screen time,
 100% fresh air,
 fun, games,
 exploring and
 adventuring
 in nature"

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The poster for Inspire Holiday Clubs features a central graphic with the word "INSPIRE" in large, bold, black letters, with "Holiday Clubs" in a smaller font below it. The text is surrounded by colorful, stylized handprints in shades of orange, yellow, red, and green. Below the main title, there is a central orange hexagon containing the text "Where children are UNDERSTOOD not just managed." in black. Surrounding this central text are four small photographs: 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 of the poster, there is a small red oval containing 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