

BARTON BULLETIN

16th 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.

In our collective worship this week, we explored our Verse of the Week based on Nehemiah 12:27: 'They sang happy songs of thanks, and everyone joined in the joy.' Linking this to our core value of thankfulness, we reflected on how showing gratitude makes us feel, focusing particularly on how it helps us feel valued.

During our reflection time, the children shared happy moments from their week that they were thankful for and considered generous ways to give their time to support others. They also explored how they can help at home, thinking about how they can use their hands and kind words to bring joy and make a positive difference every day.

We hope you enjoy this week's bulletin and wish you 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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Year 5/6 Netball Competition

The Barton Year 5 and 6 netball team did a fantastic job at their first competition this Monday! Playing together for the first time they competed against schools from all around Cambridgeshire and won three of their four matches, coming in second in the group overall. The students did a fantastic job showing their excellent knowledge of the rules and positions of netball while also demonstrating excellent team work and communication skills throughout the matches. Whether they were attacking, defending, or cheering from the side lines they showed amazing team spirit and enthusiasm, as our results demonstrated. It brought a smile to the faces watching our team go to congratulate and shake the hands of their opposition after every match, as well as shouting a few “hip hip hoorays” all together! We owe a special thanks to our netball coach Mrs Williams, who kindly volunteered to lead our team in practice and at the games today! We look forward to her returning after Christmas to help the team get ready for our competition in March!

Mr. Burn



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Year 5 and Year 6 Visit to the Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology in Cambridge

We had a fantastic visit to the Anthropology Museum of Cambridge, where Rob delivered two engaging workshops linked to our learning about the Ancient Maya.

The first workshop was a hands-on artefact handling session, during which the children were able to touch, smell and discuss genuine Mayan artefacts, including obsidian blades, jewellery and cooking equipment. This provided a fascinating insight into everyday life in Mayan civilisation.

The second workshop involved a treasure hunt around the museum, where the children explored Mayan glyphs and artefacts. They sketched missing glyph shapes, answered questions about a range of objects and carefully observed the exhibits to develop their understanding.

We also learned how kings and queens were represented in Mayan artwork and sculpture. It was wonderful to see the children confidently applying the knowledge they had gained during our Mayan lessons in school. They were enthusiastic, inquisitive and represented the school brilliantly throughout the visit.

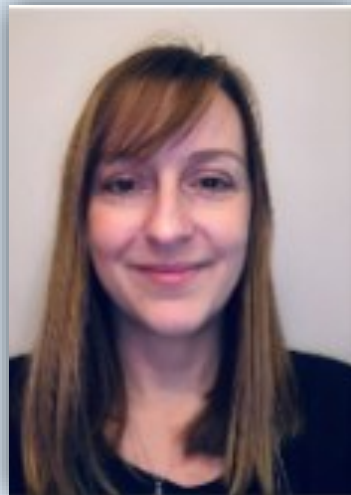
Mr. Pastor.



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A Big Barton Thank You to Our Governors, Volunteers and FOBS members



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 huge thank you to our fantastic Friends of Barton (FOBS), governors and volunteers for the time, energy and support they give to our school. Their dedication helps to enrich the experiences of our children and strengthen our school community.

To help us get to know some of these valued members a little better, we shared a few fun facts about them. We discovered that Dan once accidentally walked backwards into Elton John, knocking him to the floor, helped rescue a toddler from the Grand Union Canal and even received a standing ovation from over 1,000 people for changing a light bulb! Katie spent 15 years as a Police Officer, appeared on a television programme that followed her while on duty, and has both driven a monster truck and piloted a hovercraft. We also learned that Sandra came up with the idea for the beautiful stained-glass window in the Headteacher's office, and that Louise is well known for cooking an absolutely amazing lasagne!

It was wonderful to hear more about the people who give so much to our school community, we are incredibly grateful for all they do.

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FOBS—Save the Date

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

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

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

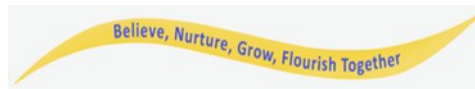
Exciting News From Penelope in Swallow Class

There is a show on Radio 2 called 'Kids in the Car' where Sara Cox gets kids to tell her about what they are looking forward to that day and what they are up to. I sent in a voice note to tell Sara about my reading buddy, I said "Hi Sara, I am Penelope and I am 8 years old. I am looking forward to meeting my reading buddy today!" It was played on Radio 2!

By Penelope

You can listen to Penelope's moment of fame here at 1:43:25: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m0032hmm>





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REMINDERS

- ♦ **Parent Governor Elections**—please note that you can cast your two votes using the link on the email that was sent on the 14th October. We would encourage all parents to vote and all votes must be in by 3.30pm on Thursday October 22nd. (<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/e3ZD2Sefqb>)
- ♦ **School Photos**— please note that the deadline for free delivery of your school photos is Wednesday 21st October.
- ♦ **Year 1 Parents Phonics Information Session**—a reminder that this is taking place on Monday at 2.45pm.
- ♦ **School Choir**—Information about our school choir will follow next week.

GOLDEN CERTIFICATE WINNERS

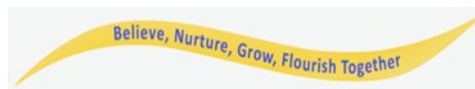
Robin class — Hector
Kingfisher class — Aurelia
Swallow class - Emma
Owl class — Kian
Well done for displaying our school values.

SUBJECT CERTIFICATE WINNERS

Robin class — Hugo (RWE)
Kingfisher class — Thomas(PE)
Swallow class - Iris (English)
Owl class — Eloise (Maths)
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

Monday 19th October	Year 1 Parents Phonics Information Session
Tuesday 20th October	Flu vaccinations
Friday 23rd October	Inset day (no pupils at school)
Monday 26—Friday 30th October	Half term
Wednesday 4th November	Welcome Wednesday
Monday 9th November, Tuesday 10th November and Wednesday 11th November	Parent Consultations.
Thursday 3rd December	Grantchester Christingle Service, 5.30—6.30pm
Wednesday 9th December (please note the later date)	Welcome Wednesday
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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The **Future champions grant** is to support local athletes in Cambridge City and South Cambs who complete at Regional or County level. The grant opens on **Monday 19th October and closes on the 20th November**. Grants will be up to **£200** and we will be prioritising families who can prove they are in financial need.

An awards ceremony will be held in February for successful applicants.

Future Champions grants - Cambridge City Council
Application form open 19th October – 20th November: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/LTq10SZBei>



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A GRANT FOR YOU?

FUTURE CHAMPIONS

A GRANT FOR YOUNG ATHLETES - UP TO £200

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- Compete at county or regional level
- Aged 11 - 25
- Live in Cambridge City or South Cambridgeshire
- Train in Cambridge City
- Priority given to Olympic / Paralympic sports

MORE INFO:
www.cambridge.gov.uk/future-champions-grants

APPLICATIONS OPEN 19TH OCT - 20TH NOV 2026

The poster features a group photo of young athletes holding grant certificates, a photo of a young girl in a purple leotard performing a dance move, and a photo of a person in a kayak on water. A stylized logo of two figures running is also present.

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Royal Albert Hall presents

SENsory friendly events at the Royal Albert Hall



Relaxed performance

Friendship Matinee: Matilda in Concert (PG)

Friday 30 October 2026, 2pm

Friendship Matinees offer a relaxed attitude to movement and sound in the auditorium, plus chill-out spaces around the building – you can move about, dance, sing or just listen! These relaxed performances welcome people of all ages who may engage with a charity or community group.

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Local Activities and Events



THE OXFORD & CAMBRIDGE SINGING SCHOOL

The Oxford and Cambridge Singing School is for boys and girls aged 7 - 17 who love to sing. Established in 2013, the Singing School provides the opportunity to experience great classical music with world class coaches in a relaxed and fun environment and to develop confidence in singing and performing.

This Christmas, pupils will learn some beautiful carols and seasonal music from around the world, led by our regular team of expert coaches.

In Cambridge, we offer two courses:
Juniors Course for those aged 7-12 and
Seniors Course for those aged 13-17

To join our mailing list and for more information on our courses, please see www.oxbridgesingingschool.com or email oxbridges@gmail.com

21 & 22 December 2026

St Catharine's College, Cambridge
St. Barnabas Church, Jericho, Oxford

www.oxbridgesingingschool.co.uk



NEW CAMP

OCTOBER HALF-TERM 2026

CAMBRIDGE

MULTI-ACTIVITY & FOOTBALL CAMP

£15 PER DAY

NEW CAMP LAUNCH SPECIAL
FULL WEEK £70

DATES	TIMES	AGES
Mon 26 – Fri 30 Oct	9am – 3pm	5–14 years

- ◆ FOOTBALL EVERY DAY
- ◆ DANCE
- ◆ PRIZES & AWARDS
- ◆ MULTI-SPORT EVERY DAY
- ◆ ARTS & CRAFTS
- ◆ PIZZA PARTY

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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 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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LOCATIONS	TOPICS	PRICES
ENFIELD EAST DARNET HENDON CAMBRIDGE WELWYN G.C. HITCHIN WATFORD TRING PERKHAMSTED	 SPECTACULAR SPIDERS  EPIC EXPLOSIONS  POTTY 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



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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