

BARTON BULLETIN

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Dear Parents,

This last week our pupils have had the privilege of being actively engaged in Community events, in Barton and in Cambridge.



Last Friday it was wonderful to be welcomed to the village hall by Barton Luncheon Club following their annual Christmas lunch. The children entertained the diners to some Christmas tunes and invited them to join in a sing-a-long of Away in a Manger and O Little Town of Bethlehem.

Our senior friends emailed saying 'Thank you so much for bringing the children across to the village hall yesterday. Their lovely singing gave us a great end to our Christmas lunch. It was good to revive the tradition of the children coming after several years when we couldn't do it.'



Then on Saturday afternoon many of us made our way to The Arbory Trust in the village where we 'entertained' those gathered with a number of Christmas Carols and songs. Revd. Claire joined us in playing the keyboard and her violin. Thank you to Barbara and Sarah for inviting us.



Barbara later emailed saying 'I would just like to say a very big thank you for allowing the school choir to sing at our remembrance afternoon on Saturday, the children were brilliant and we cannot thank them enough for turning out in the cold to sing for us, we hope they enjoyed themselves.'

From the Arbory Trust we 'hot footed' to the village pond, to gather with families and friends from the village to share a few more Christmas tunes. In the cold crisp air and under the twinkling lights of the Christmas tree the children did us proud. They sang with energy and enthusiasm, enjoying a thank you treat from the Parish Council. A warm mulled wine helped those of us feeling the cold . . . thank you to all who joined with us . . . another special annual community event. The decorations on the village Christmas tree looked great - snow people, bark cookies and snowflakes, well done and thank you to all involved.



Sunday afternoon and into Monday morning saw the collection and dropping off of an unbelievable number of donations for Cambridge Sustainable Food and Jimmy's Night Shelter. Following Benedict's leaflet drop around the villages - thanks to many willing and able families, the kindness and generosity of the residents of Barton and surrounding villages was evident.



Three car loads of donations were transported and delivered to our two named charities. Thanks to the support of Mrs Penrose, Ms Collier and Mrs Guest we proudly watched as Benny, Ivy, Josephine, Annie, Evie, Huw and Rupert handed over their collection of donations. Staff from Jimmy's and Cambridge Sustainable Foodbank were hugely appreciative to our young people. We were so proud to celebrate this initiative, thank you Benedict, you have made a huge impact to the lives of



many this festive season. Living out our Barton Values in the wider community is a credit to our school, a huge 'thank you' to everyone.



Then on Wednesday at the end of the school day choir headed down to West Road Concert hall.



Whilst we waited in our rehearsal room for the 'call' to the concert hall, the excitement and nerves of the children were palpable. Thanks to the calming techniques and warm up exercises from Miss Dennison, nerves were soon stilled and everyone took their place on stage with confidence and determination to give of their best.



Thanks to the commitment and hard work of Mrs Kerley and Miss Dennison, our choir set a high bar in opening this year's Rotary Club Christmas concert. With choir, soloists, a recorder duet and a violin duet, the audience were thrilled as our pupils performed so competently.

Family and friends, and all staff were so proud of our young people; their performance and their behaviours on stage were exemplary. Well done, you are all fantastic. We have also had compliments from villagers who attended the performance and thought that our children were the stars of the show!

... and so to Friday evening! We are all looking forward to Barton Christmas

Fair. Thanks to FOBS and friends of Barton (and a visit from someone very special, Father Christmas) we hope for another fun evening together.

We look forward to seeing you there!
Mrs. Martin Headteacher



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HEALTH AND SAFETY



Just a reminder that long hair needs to be tied up for PE lessons, and we would prefer that it is tied back every day for school. Thank you!



Catering survey- LAST DAY to respond!

Don't forget to have your say about our catering provision. We would be very grateful if

you could complete the short survey below by **today!**
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScpr_5IV_S-TJIfDrrcJOsKBFhPjPQOhb8_rISnxI8QOGzQ-YQ/viewform

NEW Martial Arts Club starting in school after Christmas

Your child will be bringing home a leaflet today about a new Martial Arts Club run by our neighbour Neil from The Hoops. To sign up please email neil@adaptivemartialarts.co.uk

BARTON SPARTANS
Martial arts class for all abilities

15 spaces per class

BOOK NOW by emailing: neil@adaptivemartialarts.co.uk

Barton School Hall
Classes run every Wednesday from 10th Jan-14th Feb

3.30pm-4.30pm KS1
4.30pm-5.30pm KS2
£30 per child, per half term

Led by an award winning instructor with 40 years experience this martial arts class is designed to develop confidence, discipline, fitness and self-defense skills

Traditional values and fun games!



CHRISTMAS EVENTS

It has been a wonderful start to celebrating Christmas in Barton. Here is a round-up of the remaining events for the rest of term.



TONIGHT – CHRISTMAS FAIR, 5PM-7PM

Owl Class are busy decorating the biscuits that they have made, and the FOBS Team are getting everything ready for the Fair this evening including some amazing raffle prizes! We hope to see lots of you there!

MONDAY 11TH DECEMBER. St Peter's Church are holding a Pop-up Nativity service after school.

Please join us for a special

Pop-up Nativity

on Monday 11th December
at St Peter's Church, Barton
from 3.30pm

If you would like to take part in the nativity performance and/or play an instrument, please ask your mummy or daddy to contact me on katrine.howes@hotmail.co.uk. We just come and join in on the day.

Everyone welcome!

With hot chocolate on arrival!



11th-15th DECEMBER: JINGLE WEEK

A special festive week of menus from our catering team including **Christmas Lunch on Tuesday 12th December.** Please pre-book on

ParentPay to help us prepare in advance. Also don't forget to wear your festive Christmas Jumpers!



TUESDAY 12TH DECEMBER.

The Choir and Windband will be performing to Christmas Shoppers at **BURWASH MANOR** in the afternoon, from approximately 1.30pm.

Also on TUESDAY 12TH DECEMBER, KS2 CHRISTINGLE SERVICE at

Grantchester Church, 6-7pm. Please join us for this special service with performances from our Choir and KS2 children.



FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER, the Choir and pupils in Y5/Y6 will be singing carols around Barton village from 1.30pm.

After a fun trip to the Pantomime on 14th December, **ROBIN CLASS** will be performing their **NATIVITY** at 9.30am and at 2pm on **MONDAY 18th DECEMBER** with a dress rehearsal for school, Playgroup and grandparents on FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER. Parents of Robin Class children should arrive for the performances 10-15 minutes in advance. **Please note there will be no Collective Worship for parents to attend on Friday 15th due to the Nativity dress rehearsal.**

On TUESDAY 19TH DECEMBER there will be a special end of term **CHRISTMAS CONCERT** after morning

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drop-off featuring a performance from our **KINGFISHER CLASS UKULELE BAND**. Please do join us if you can.



CAROL SERVICE at St Peter's Church, Barton

There will be a family Carol Service on Sunday 17th December at 7pm.

Amazon Wishlists for school

Thank you very much to families who have purchased items from the class wishlists. We



also have a **Whole School Garden Wishlist** which can be accessed at the following link

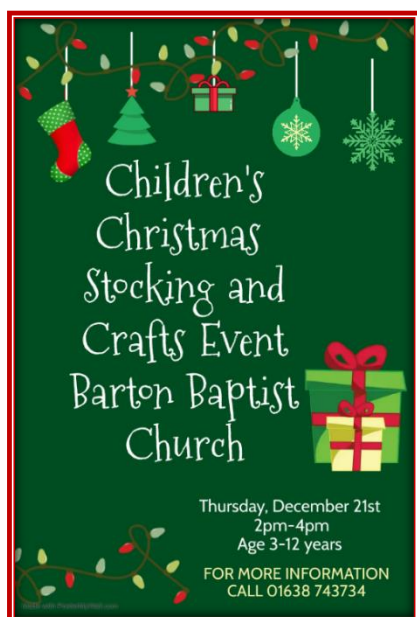
<https://amzn.eu/aekTeng>

Robin Class wishlist: <https://amzn.eu/jeA9hhv>

Kingfisher Class wishlist: <https://amzn.eu/iVJetZK>

Swallow Class wishlist: <https://amzn.eu/2ZoaTze>

Owl Class wishlist: <https://amzn.eu/8vE1QMX>



The Big Ambition

The deadline to complete this survey has now been extended to **Friday 19th January 2024** to allow even more children to have their say. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Children and parents can complete the survey here:

www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition

Other local activities/information

We provide this information in case any activities are of interest to families. We do not endorse or particularly recommend any of the organisations.



If you would like more information on any of the following, please contact the school office for a flyer:

- **Perform Drama and Dance School** is offering a Free Trial Session and a **special introductory discount of £40 for members of Barton School** if they sign up by Wednesday 24th January. Parents should quote BAHA240124 when they book their free session by going to perform.org.uk/try or calling 020 7255 9120. You can find out more about the classes at perform.org.uk/try

Christmas Holiday Camps

- **JS Sports and Education:** Haslingfield Primary School, 9am-3.30pm for ages 4-12. Christmas themed arts/crafts, music and a range of sporting activities. For more information, please visit <https://www.jssports-education.co.uk/holiday-activities-v1>
- **Cambridge United Christmas Soccer Schools: Comberton Village College, 21st and 22nd Dec.** Our Christmas Soccer Schools are going fast! Book your child's place via the following link - [Cambridge United Football Club HOME TICKETS Ticket Ordering \(venue toolbox.com\)](http://Cambridge United Football Club HOME TICKETS Ticket Ordering (venue toolbox.com))
- **Christmas Technology STEM Camp ST JOHN'S COLLEGE, CB3 9AA on 21st – 22nd, 27th – 29th December and 2nd January.** Activities include: Rocking robots, Christmas Inventions, 3D Festive Creations, Rudolf & Santa Crackers, Festive Film Maker, Virtual Reality, Light-up Circuit Cards, Magical Minecraft. Our camps cater to **ages 5-12. Spaces are limited, so don't miss out and book online today**, simply visit: <https://www.nextthing.education/product/st-johns-college-christmas-camp/>

Dates for the Diary



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| 8 th Dec | School Christmas Fair, 5pm-7pm |
| 11 th -15 th Dec | School Dinners "Jingle Week" |
| 12 th Dec | School Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day |
| 12 th Dec | Christmas Sing-a-long at Burwash Manor (Choir and Windband) |
| 12 th Dec | Christingle Service, Grantchester Church, 6pm-7pm |

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13 th Dec	Kingfisher Class “Great Fire of London” Workshop (in school)
14 th Dec	Robin Class Trip to see “Mother Goose” at the Arts Theatre
15 th Dec	Robin Class Nativity dress rehearsal, 9.30am-10.30am (No Collective Worship).
15 th Dec	UKS2 and Choir carol singing in the village, 1.30pm
18 th Dec	Robin Class Nativity performances: 9.30am-10.30am <u>and</u> 2pm-3pm
	Christmas Jumper Day
19 th Dec	Christmas Concert featuring the Kingfisher Class Ukulele Band immediately after morning drop-off. Christmas Class Parties (last day of term). Christmas Jumper Day.
20 th Dec	Inset Day (no school)
4 th Jan	Inset Day (no school)
5 th Jan	First day of Spring Term

