



NEWSLETTER

Newsletter 7

October 17th 2025

Our value this half-term is **Service**



Mr. Crook's message

What a fantastic week it's been here at school! The energy and enthusiasm across the school have been truly inspiring. Yesterday saw our very own P.T.F.A. Great Barton Bake Off, which showcased some incredible culinary creativity. Thank you so much to all of the children and families who entered. It was incredible to see so many entries. Thanks to all of our judges and all of our helpers on the day. Year 6 had a busy and enriching week with Bikeability training and Money Matters sessions, helping them build both practical and financial skills. We were also delighted to welcome Year 5 parents into school to read the wonderful stories their children had written. Six children from Year 4 took part in a Mini Skills Competition and the whole class continued their adventures in Forest School, embracing teamwork and the great outdoors. Thank you to all staff, pupils and families for making this week so memorable. We're proud of every single one of you!

Upcoming Dates

Mon 20th Oct – Parents' Evening

Careers Week for Year 5 & 6

Tue 21st Oct – Year 5 Class Worship

Fri 24th Oct – Y6 Forest Schools afternoon
No Family Worship

School closes at 3.30pm for half term

Mon 3rd Nov – Parents' Evening
Year 5 trip to Bring Yer Wellies

Tue 4th Nov – E.Y.F.S class worship in Church from 9.15am

Messy Church 3.45pm Y3 classroom
PTFA meeting 6.00pm Zoom code to follow

Fri 7th Nov – E.Y.F.S Forest schools

Sun 9th Nov – Remembrance Sunday
10.30am St. Lawrence's Church – presentation by Year 6

Tues 11th Nov – Remembrance Service, War Memorial Bilsborrow Y6 attending

E.Y.F.S support your child at home session 6.00 – 6.30pm

Thurs 13th Nov – P.T.F.A. disco – details to follow

Fri 14th Nov – Children in Need – Non uniform day wear spotty or yellow

Stars of the Week

Nursery – Tobias and Noa
E.Y.F.S. – Nevaeh-Mae and Sophie
Year 1 – Josh P. and Ivy
Year 2 – Adam and Xander
Year 3 – Monty and Noah
Year 4 – Georgia and Adam
Year 5 – Aaliyah and William B.
Year 6 – Harriet and Lilly

Headteacher's Award

Oliver and Freddie in Year 5

Times Tables Awards;

Congratulations to Miles in Year 4 who has passed all of his times tables. Well done Miles.

Well done also to Woody in Year 4 and Xander in Year 2 who have achieved a new status on TTRockstars. Well done boys.

Reading Award; Charlotte in Year 2

Music Award; Adam in Year 2

Class Worship – It is the Year 5 Class Worship on Tuesday at 9.15am at St. Lawrence's Church. All parents are welcome to attend. There will be tea, coffee and biscuits afterwards.

The Great Barton Bake Off – We were absolutely blown away this week with the number and quality of entries for our P.T.F.A competition. Thank you to everyone who took the time and effort into helping the children with their tasty cakes and bakes. The judges had such an enormous job and needed a lie down after sampling all those goodies! All children who participated received a certificate today. Congratulations to the following children who won in their category, their prizes will follow next week - Rhea and Sidney in Year 1, Essie, Eleanor, Monty, Alyaanah and Lola in Year 3, Oliver and Ella in Year 4, Safin, Aisha, Rebecca, Amara and Raymond in Year 5, Harriet and Isabella in Year 6

Remembrance Sunday – On **Sunday 9th November**, we warmly invite all families to join us at St Lawrence Church for our Remembrance Sunday service, beginning at 10:30am. This moving service honours those who have served and sacrificed, and we are privileged to welcome members of the King's Royal Hussars, who will be in attendance. At 11:00am, a bugler will sound the Last Post, followed by a two-minute silence.

Our Year 6 pupils will play a special role in this year's service. As part of their learning on World War II, they will be presenting to the congregation, which includes members of the military and our local community. Their contribution is a meaningful way to connect learning with remembrance, and we are incredibly proud of their involvement. We encourage as many Year 6 children as possible to attend. Please arrive at the church by 10:15am, dressed in full school uniform. Let us come together as a school and community to mark this important day of reflection and gratitude.

EYFS Parent Information Evening – Support Your Child at Home

We warmly invite all EYFS parents and carers to join us for our EYFS Support Your Child at Home session on Wednesday 11th November, from 6:00 to 6:30pm.

During this session, Ms Lonsdale will explain how phonics is taught in school and share simple, practical tips and resources to help you support your child's phonics and early reading development at home.

It's a great opportunity to learn more about how we teach early literacy and how you can make a real difference in your child's learning journey. We hope to see you there!

Poppy Appeal – We are proud to support the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal. A selection of official poppies, wristbands, and other commemorative items are now available for purchase at Main Reception. Please come and browse the items and make a donation in the collection box. Every contribution goes directly to the Royal British Legion, helping to support veterans and their families.

🎄 **It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas... Cards!** 🎨

We know it's early to mention Christmas, but when it comes to creating beautiful, personalised cards, a little head start goes a long way! Children have been busy designing their festive masterpieces, and we're excited to share them with you. Nursery and all year groups have now completed their designs, and photocopies have been sent home along with details on how to place your order. The company we are using this year have lots of different products on offer and these cards/ gifts make wonderful keepsakes and are a lovely way to spread holiday cheer to friends and family.

✨ **Order by 22nd October to guarantee delivery in time for Christmas — and as a bonus, the school receives a small commission from each order!**



Children in Need – Friday 14th November Get ready to go spotty for a good cause!

We are inviting all pupils to come to school in non-uniform and wear something spotty or yellow to help raise money for *Children in Need*. Whether it's polka dot socks, a spotty shirt, or a full-on yellow outfit – let's make the school a sea of spots and yellow! Donations are paid through Parentpay and will go directly to supporting children and young people across the UK. Let's show our support and have some fun while we're at it!

Messy Church - Messy Church takes place once a month in school and is held on a Tuesday from 3.45pm in year 3 classroom for about an hour. Usually on the first Tuesday but may vary to fit in with the school calendar.

Our theme this year is BEE - so watch out for the variety of ways of BEEING! In October we explored Be Thankful. After enjoying some food we heard the story of the 10 lepers when only one went back to say thank you. We thought about what we were thankful for then after an action song collected leaves to make leaf print clay casts. We wrote on thank you prayer leaves for a tree which is now in church and made pumpkins of gratitude. Finally everyone enjoyed making and eating their own fruit kebab. In the celebration at the end we sang the new song learnt by the school choir "I am thankful", said a prayer together and ended with the Messy Grace.

Messy Church is free of charge and everyone is welcome! Just pop along and join in. It is particularly suited to families, but welcoming to all ages. The next one is on Tuesday 4th November when we will be finding out about BEE....BRAVE.

