



NEWSLETTER

Newsletter 20

February 13th 2026

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

BARTON'S GOT TALENT



Mr. Crook's message

What a fantastic week it has been in school! Our children have enjoyed a wide range of enriching experiences that showcase both their talents and their enthusiasm for learning. Year 5 and Year 6 have engaged brilliantly with our Money Matters lessons, gaining valuable life skills and showing great maturity in their discussions. On Tuesday, six of our Year 1 children represented the school superbly in a Mini Skills competition - they approached the challenge with excitement and real determination. Year 1 have also been looking forward to their Forest School session this afternoon, where they will continue exploring, creating and learning in the great outdoors. A special congratulations must go to our Year 5/6 football team, who have advanced to the quarter finals of the Dick Kerr Cup after a dramatic win on penalties. We are incredibly proud of their teamwork, resilience and sportsmanship. However, the highlight of the week has undoubtedly been the phenomenal PTFA Barton's Got Talent Showcase. Every child who took part showed amazing dedication in preparing their act and remarkable courage performing on stage in front of an audience. They were truly inspiring. A huge thank you to all the helpers, organisers and supporters who made the event such a memorable celebration of our children's gifts and confidence. Thank you for your continued support. We are proud of every child, every day and this week has been a wonderful reminder of just how special our school community is. Have a great half-term!

Upcoming Dates

Sun 15th Feb – Messy Adventures in St Lawrence Church 10am

Mon 23rd Feb – Parent's Evening 3.45 – 6.30pm

Tues 24th Feb – Y3 Class Worship at St Lawrence Church – 9.15am

Fri 27th Feb – EYFS – Forest Schools afternoon
PTFA Krispy Kreme sale

Tues 3rd March – KS2 trip to Halle for Youth in Manchester

Wed 4th March – Residential trip meeting for Year 5 parents – 5.30pm

Thurs 5th March – World Book Day

Fri 6th March – Y4 Forest Schools afternoon

Tues 10th March – Y5 Class Worship at St Lawrence Church – 9.15am

Wed 11th March – Year 6 Parent meeting – SATs 5.30pm

Fri 13th March – Y5 Forest Schools afternoon
PTFA Mother's Day Shop

Non -Uniform day – Easter prize donations

Sun 15th March – Mother's Day service in St Lawrence Church 10am – EYFS to attend

Tues 17th March – Y6 Class Worship in St Lawrence Church 9.15am

Wed 18th March – Y3 to Let's Go Sing concert

Thurs 19th March – PTFA Bingo Barton Village Hall 5.30pm

Fri 20th March – Y6 Forest Schools

Tues 24th March – Y4 Class Worship at St. Lawrence Church – 9.15am

Fri 27th March – School closes at 1.30pm

Mon 13th April – School re-opens

Fri 17th April – EYFS forest schools

JOHN ENGLISH

This week, our school and church community lost a much-loved friend, neighbour and faithful member of St. Lawrence Church, John English. John was a familiar and cherished presence in our community life – a warm, gentle and kind-hearted man. Many will remember him standing with dignity and pride as he laid the wreath at this year's Remembrance Service. John's connection to our school was especially meaningful. As the proud grandfather of former pupils James, Matthew and Liam, he followed their journeys with joy and enthusiasm. I will always remember just how proud he always was of his grandchildren. It was lovely to see how proud he was watching Matthew return to school in the summer to present the trophy to our winning Sports Day team. His beaming smile that day captured the pride he carried for his family and for our school community. John will be deeply missed – his kindness, his generosity and the gentle way he supported those around him. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Margaret, his family and all who knew and loved him. May they find comfort in the many memories he leaves behind and in the knowledge that he made a lasting difference in the lives of so many.

VALUE AWARDS

Congratulations to this term's Value award winners -

ARTICULATION - Michael - Year 1

CONFIDENCE - Noah - EYFS

FORGIVENESS - Charlotte - Year 2

GENEROSITY - Hiba - Year 3

HAPPINESS - Lola - Year 3

INDIVIDUALITY - Zack El. - Year 4

INTEGRITY - Aisha - Year 5

JOY - Milo - Year 1

JUSTICE - Henry Ha. - Year 1

KINDNESS - Henry S. - Year 5

RESILIENCE - Sofia - Year 5

SERVICE - Lilly - Year 6

Football Raffle – Thank you to everyone who took part in our fantastic football raffle. We're excited to announce the lucky winners are -

- 2 x Carabao Cup final hospitality tickets at Wembley – **Emily Smith**
- Team signed Manchester City shirt – **Gail Haythornthwaite**
- Team signed PNE shirt – **Helen Ball**

Book Fair – Thank you to everyone who supported the book fair. We are delighted to share that we have raised an amazing £300 worth of free books. This will make a fantastic contribution to our ongoing commitment to improving and expanding our reading collection.

Messy Adventures - This **Sunday 15th February 2026**, there will be Messy Adventurers get together at St. Lawrence Church at 10am. Children are all invited to come and have fun, celebrating love, bible stories and decorating cupcakes. It promises to be a good time for the children. We look forward to seeing you all as we start a restful half-term holiday.

Krispy Kreme Doughnut sale – **Friday 27th February** – The PTFA will be selling doughnuts in the playground after school from 3:30pm, priced at £2.00 each. *Cash preferred.*

World Book Day – Thursday 5th March is World Book Day. Children are encouraged to come dressed as their favourite book character. They will also bring home a £1.00 book token in preparation for the day. Please use this token in participating shops to purchase one of the eligible books. Please also see the lovely letter sent home today about the upcoming Readathon starting on World Book Day.

Non-Uniform day – There will be a non-uniform day on **Friday 13th March**. We are asking children to bring in prizes for our Easter Raffle and Bingo Night. Donations can be anything Easter-themed - from an Easter egg to seasonal crafts - whatever you wish to contribute.

Bingo night – We will be holding a Family Bingo Night on **Thursday 19th March** at Barton Village Hall. Doors open at 5:30pm. Tickets cost £6 per person or £20 for a family of four. Each ticket includes entry, one bingo book (covering all games), and a cold drink.

There will be lots of fantastic prizes to be won and plenty of fun for everyone! Hot food and drinks will also be available to purchase throughout the evening. The Easter Raffle will be drawn at the end of the event.

Company Charitable Donations - Did you know many companies offer charitable donations or sponsorships? If your workplace participates, we would be grateful for your support! These contributions help fund events and projects that directly benefit our children in school.

If your employer offers charitable giving opportunities, and you'd like to connect us, please contact Mrs Higham at bursar@st-lawrence.lancs.sch.uk.

OUT OF SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS



- Frank in Year 3 received Player of the match on Saturday. He is a defender for the U8 Whites Myerscough team and.....
- William in Year 4 got player of the match in his rugby game last week - Garstang vs. Burnley.
- Andreas in Year 2 received player of the week for scoring four goals and helping Myerscough draw 4-4 when they were 3-1 down at half time!