



NEWSLETTER

Newsletter 1

September 11th 2026



Year 6 Forest Schools

Diary Dates

Mon 14th Sept -Y6 the Robinwood residential

Messy Church 3.30 – 4.30pm

PTFA AGM and meeting in school 7pm

Tues 15th Sept – Y1 Class Worship in Church at 9.15am

Fri 18th Sept – Whole school Flu vaccinations

Y5 Forest Schools afternoon

Sat 19th Sept – PTFA Helping hand day
9.30am – 12.30pm

Tues 22nd Sept – Y2 Class Worship
9.15am in Church

Wed 23rd Sept – PGL meeting for Y4 parents 5.30pm

Fri 25th Sept – Y4 forest Schools afternoon

Sun 27th Sept – Harvest Festival Service at St. Lawrence Church – 10am
– Year 2 & Year 4 to present

Tues 29th Sept – Y2 & Y3 Visit to Lauren Child Event at Rossall School

Wed 30th Sept – EYFS Vision screening

Thurs 1st Oct – PTFA Film Night – details to follow

Fri 2nd Oct – Y3 Forest Schools afternoon

Sun 4th Oct – Children's Service in Church 10am

Mr. Crook's message

It has been an absolute joy to welcome everyone back to St. Lawrence for the start of a new school year. The school has quickly returned to its usual busy and happy atmosphere and I have been incredibly proud of how well all of the children have settled back into their routines. A particularly warm welcome goes to our new Reception children, who have made a fantastic start to school life. They have shown great confidence and enthusiasm and it already feels as though they have been part of our school family for much longer than just a few days! We have enjoyed several memorable events during our first week back. Rev. Ian led our annual Blessing of the School Bags service, a special opportunity to ask for God's guidance and blessing as we begin another year of learning and growing together. Our Year 4 pupils have also begun their swimming lessons at Swim Central in Fulwood. Swimming is such an important life skill, and the children have approached their first sessions with great enthusiasm and determination. Today saw the first Forest School session of the year, with Year 6 leading the way. The children thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to learn outdoors, work collaboratively and develop their confidence through a range of practical activities. This morning, pupils from Years 1 to 6 walked to church to take part in *Scores of Praise* gathering of the year, led by Rev. Lisa and Rev. Ian, celebrating 100 years of the Diocese. It was a lovely occasion for our school community to come together in worship and reflection. Thank you, as always, for your continued support. The enthusiasm, positivity and excellent behaviour shown by the children this week have made for a fantastic start to the term, and we are all looking forward to the exciting weeks ahead.

TREVOR TOMLINSON

It was with great sadness that we learned of the passing of Trevor Tomlinson during the summer holidays. Trevor was a much-loved and highly respected member of the Barton community whose connection with St. Lawrence Church of England Primary School spanned almost a lifetime. Having moved to Barton from Bilsborrow at the age of six, he became part of a family legacy that has stretched across four generations of our school. His mother attended St. Lawrence, followed by Trevor himself, then his four daughters, and later his two grandchildren. For many members of our community, Trevor was synonymous with service, commitment and integrity. He served as a school governor from 1985, dedicating nearly forty years to supporting and guiding the school. Throughout that time, he offered wise counsel, thoughtful challenge and unwavering support, always placing the interests of children and the community at the heart of every decision. Trevor's connection to the school was deeply rooted in its history. His father played an important role in the design and construction of the current school building and helped oversee the move from the old school. In many ways, the Tomlinson family has helped shape not only the physical foundations of our school but also the values and spirit that continue to define it today. Those who knew Trevor will remember him for his honesty, fairness and strong moral principles. He was a man of great integrity whose actions consistently reflected the values he believed in. It was our privilege a couple of years ago to rename our Integrity Award as the Trevor Tomlinson Integrity Award in recognition of his outstanding service and the example he set for generations of children and families. Trevor's contribution to St. Lawrence and to Barton cannot be measured simply by years of service. His legacy lives on in the school he cared for so deeply, in the community he helped strengthen, and in the many lives he touched through his kindness, wisdom and dedication. On behalf of everyone at St. Lawrence, we extend our heartfelt condolences to Trevor's wife Linda and all of his family and friends.

Flu Vaccinations – If you would like your child to receive the flu vaccine in school this year, please complete the form sent to the primary email account for your child. This year the request will come direct from Vaccinations in Schools. Please check your junk mail if you do not appear to have received it. Flu Vaccinations will take place on Friday 18th September.

Rainbows/ Brownies - 1st Barton Rainbows (for girls aged 5 & 6) and 1st Barton Brownies (for girls aged 7 to 10) have places available now. We meet on a Tuesday evening in the school from 6pm. Sign up and find out more via this link: <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-a-child/>

Governor's 100 club – Support school while having the chance to win cash prizes throughout the year!

Each month, our 100 Club draw creates four lucky winners, with prizes of £5, £10, £15 and £25 plus an additional quarterly jackpot prize of £35!

As a Church of England school, the Governors are required to contribute 10% (including VAT) towards the cost of all maintenance and building projects. The money raised through the 100 Club helps us meet these obligations and ensures we can continue to maintain and improve our school environment for all our children.

Membership costs just £15 per ticket, per year, and you are welcome to purchase as many tickets as you wish, increasing your chances of winning while supporting the school.

It's a simple way to help our school community and be in with a chance of winning every month! Tickets are available on Parentpay now. Thank you for your support and good luck! 🍀

Messy Church - Messy Church will be returning on Monday 14th September!

Our fantastic volunteers have planned plenty of fun crafts, games and creative activities for the children to enjoy. If you're new to Messy Church, it's a special after-school session held on selected dates, giving children the opportunity to stay and take part in a variety of engaging activities with their friends. Collection time is 4.30pm. To book a place, please sign up on ParentPay.

PTFA AGM - Our PTFA AGM and Cheese & Wine Evening will take place in school on Monday 14th September at 7.00pm, and everyone is welcome!

There are so many ways you can support our PTFA, and it doesn't have to be a huge commitment. Whether you can help regularly or just lend a hand from time to time, every contribution makes a difference. We would love to see as many people as possible there, so please come along and support our fantastic school community.

HELPING HAND DAY - We would like to invite parents and grandparents to our **Helping Hand Day** on **Saturday 19th September from 9.30am to 12.30pm**.

There are lots of small jobs around school that would make a big difference, and there will be tasks suitable for everyone. If you can spare a few hours, we would greatly appreciate your help. A man with a van would be extremely welcome to be able to do a tip run!

As an added bonus, our wonderful PTFA will be providing **brews and breakfast butties** for all volunteers!

DESIGN OUR NEW PTFA LOGO - Our PTFA thinks it's time to give our logo a fresh new look, so we're launching a **Logo Design Competition**!

Entry forms are available through our school spider message or paper copies are available from the school office. Entries cost **£1 each** and must be submitted by **2nd October**.

We can't wait to see your designs and discover some creative new ideas for our PTFA logo!

OUT OF SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS



- Ellie (Year 1) and Lucas (Year 3) walked 31 miles in August to raise money for Birmingham children's hospital. Well done Ellie!
- Aryan (Year 1) received a medal for his Muay Thai inter club.
- Oliver (Year 6) completed his charity fundraising of running a mile a day for a month over summer. His target was to raise £500 for Cancer Research but he smashed that and raised £783! Well done Oliver!