



NEWSLETTER

Newsletter 5

October 9th 2026



School Ambassadors

Diary Dates

Mon 12th Oct – Parents' Evening

Tues 13th Oct – Y4 Class Worship in Church 9.15am

Fri 16th Oct – Y1 Forest Schools afternoon

Mon 19th Oct – Parents' Evening

Tues 20th Oct – Y6 Class Worship in Church 9.15am

Library bus

Thurs 22nd Oct – PTFA Great Barton Bake Off

Fri 23rd Oct – EYFS Forest Schools afternoon

School closes for half term at 3.30pm

Mon 2nd Nov – School Reopens
Messy Church – from 3.30pm

Fri 6th Nov – Y6 Forest Schools afternoon

Sun 8th Nov – Remembrance Service in Church 10.30am – Y6 to present

Tues 10th Nov – Y1 Class Worship in Church 9.15am

Library bus

Wed 11th Nov – Y6 to Bilsborrow
Remembrance service

Fri 13th Nov – Children in Need –
Wear Yellow (non-uniform)

Y5 Forest Schools afternoon

Mr. Crook's message

It has been another busy and successful week at St. Lawrence, with many opportunities for our children to shine both in and out of the classroom. A particular highlight was welcoming parents into school for our Writing Cafés in Year 1 and Year 4. It was wonderful to see families sharing in their children's learning and celebrating the fantastic progress being made in writing. Thank you to everyone who attended and supported these special events. We have also been incredibly impressed by the quality of the speeches delivered by our prospective Team Captains. The confidence, leadership and passion shown by the children demonstrated just how much talent we have throughout the school. Our sporting successes have continued this week. The Year 5/6 girls represented the school brilliantly at their football tournament, finishing in a fantastic joint second place. Meanwhile, our Year 5 and 6 boys have made a superb start to their league campaign, winning their first three matches of the season. We are very proud of the commitment, teamwork and determination shown by all of our players. Another special moment this week was Year 3's class worship. The children spoke with confidence and shared their learning beautifully, giving parents and staff an opportunity to celebrate all that they have achieved. As always, I would like to thank our children, staff and families for continuing to make St. Lawrence such a positive, supportive and vibrant school community. We look forward to another exciting week ahead.

Stars of the Week

Nursery – Penny and Asher

E.Y.F.S. – Florence and Charlotte

Year 1 – Theo and George

Year 2 – Henry Ha. and Noor-al-Haya

Year 3 – Alina and Bella

Year 4 – Eliza and Ivy

Year 5 – Zack El. and Woody

Year 6 – Teddie and Teddy

Headteacher's Award

Kiara (Year 2), Sophie (Year 4) and
Sophie (Year 5)

Reading Award: Maisoon, Izzie, Henry
He, Tom, Joshua H (Year 2) and Archie
(Year 3)

Music Award: Pippa, Tiana and George
(Year 5)

SAFEGUARDING - Keeping children safe is our highest priority at St Lawrence. We have recently produced a new safeguarding leaflet for parents, carers and visitors, which explains our safeguarding procedures, identifies our Designated Safeguarding Leads and outlines what to do if you have a concern about the safety or welfare of a child. The leaflet also provides important guidance for visitors to our school and reinforces the message that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. We would encourage all parents and carers to take a few moments to read it.

MOBILE PHONES - A reminder that in line with current Department for Education statutory guidance, St. Lawrence Primary School operates as a mobile phone-free environment. We ask all parents and visitors to support us in maintaining a calm, safe and focused school by keeping mobile phones out of use whilst on the school site. The **only exception** is during designated events in the hall, such as class worships, performances and celebrations, where parents may take photographs **of their own child**. At all other times, the school site should remain mobile phone-free. This supports our safeguarding responsibilities and helps to protect the privacy and wellbeing of all children. Parents are also reminded that images containing other children should not be shared on social media without permission.

ONLINE SAFETY - As part of our ongoing commitment to keeping children safe online, we have shared National Online Safety's latest guide for parents and carers on **YouTube**. While YouTube can be a fantastic source of entertainment, creativity and learning, it is important that families are aware of some of the potential risks, including inappropriate content, contact from strangers, online scams and excessive screen time. The guide provides practical advice on using features such as Restricted Mode, privacy settings and Google Family controls, helping parents to support safe and positive use of the platform at home. We encourage all parents and carers to take a few minutes to read the guide and discuss online safety with their children.

PARENTS' EVENINGS - We will be holding our Parents' Evenings over two evenings this term:

- Monday 12th October 2026
- Monday 19th October 2026

Appointments will be available in 10-minute slots and can be booked via School Spider. If you wish to discuss anything in more depth that is likely to take longer than the allocated 10 minutes, please contact the school office to arrange a separate meeting with your child's class teacher. This ensures that every family receives their full appointment time and that the evening runs as smoothly as possible.

Booking is now open, and we encourage parents to book early to secure a convenient appointment time. We look forward to discussing your child's progress and achievements with you.

THE GREAT BARTON BAKE OFF - Thursday 22nd October

Calling all-star bakers! Dust off your mixing bowls and get ready to impress our expert judging panel with your delicious homemade creations. Prizes will be awarded across a range of categories, so whether you're a master cake maker or a budding baker, there's a chance to win!

After the judging, all entries will be available to purchase at our after-school cake stall, giving everyone the opportunity to enjoy the tasty treats on display.

 Entry fee: £2 per bake

We can't wait to see your amazing creations. Get baking and let the battle for Barton Bake Off glory begin!  

PTFA EASY FUNDRAISING - Turn Your Everyday Shopping into Free Funds for School!

Did you know that you can raise money for Barton St Lawrence CE Primary School PTFA every time you shop online, at absolutely no extra cost to you?

Easyfundraising partners with thousands of retailers who will make a donation to our school whenever you shop through their site. Whether you're buying groceries, clothes, holidays, gifts or everyday essentials, those donations soon add up and make a real difference to our children.

Simply scan the QR code or visit Support Barton St Lawrence PTFA and click "Support This Cause" to create your free account.

It costs nothing, takes just a couple of minutes to sign up, and every purchase helps support fundraising for our school. Thank you for helping us make a difference!  



OUT OF SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS



- Harry (Year 2) won player of the match at Myerscough last weekend. Well done Harry!