NEWSLETTER

Newsletter 7 October 23rd 2026



PTFA Great Barton Bake Off

Mr. Crook's message

What a fantastic week it has been at St. Lawrence's! We have enjoyed a number of wonderful events across school this week. Our Year 3 and Year 6 Writing Cafés were a great success, and it has been lovely to receive so much positive feedback from parents and families. These events provide a wonderful opportunity for children to share and celebrate their learning, and we look forward to continuing them throughout the year. Thank you to all parents who attended Parents' Evening this week. We greatly value the strong partnership between home and school and appreciate the opportunity to discuss your child's progress and development. We were also delighted to welcome families to our Year 6 Class Worship, where the children shared their learning and reflections with confidence and pride. There has also been plenty to celebrate in sport. Our Year 5/6 hockey team represented the school brilliantly at their tournament, and we were thrilled to secure another victory in the Year 5/6 football league. Yesterday, we rounded off the week with an amazing PTFA Great Barton Bake Off. We were overwhelmed by the number of children who took part and produced such fantastic cakes. Thank you to everyone who baked, everyone who came along and bought cakes after school, and our judges who had the incredibly difficult task of choosing the winners. We will announce the winning cakes after the holiday break. A huge thank you to our children, staff, parents, governors and PTFA volunteers for helping to make it such a memorable week in school. We wish everyone a happy and restful half-term break.

Diary Dates

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

Thurs 12th Nov – 5pm Robinwood meeting for Y5 Parents

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

Y5 Forest Schools afternoon

Tues 17th Nov – Y2 Class Worship in Church 9.15am

Fri 20th Nov – Y4 Forest schools afternoon

Tues 24th Nov -Y3 Class Worship in Church 9.15am

Thurs 26th Nov – PTFA Autumn disco – details to follow

Fri 27th Nov – Y3 Forest schools afternoon

Sat 28th Nov – Christmas Fayre – Barton Village Hall

DOGS ON THE PLAYGROUND

We would like to let parents know about a small change to our arrangements at the beginning and end of the school day. From now on, we are asking that dogs are not brought onto the school playground at morning drop-off or afternoon collection, including dogs that are being carried or kept on a lead. This is not because of any concerns or incidents, and we are very grateful to the responsible owners whose well-behaved dogs have accompanied them on the school run. However, some children are frightened of dogs and others may have allergies, and the busy nature of the playground means that keeping dogs outside the school grounds is the simplest and fairest approach for everyone. We would also be grateful if dogs could not be tied immediately outside the school gates, as children still need to pass through this area. Thank you for your understanding and support in helping us ensure that the start and end of the school day remains welcoming and comfortable for all children.

ONLINE SAFETY

This week we are sharing a useful guide from National Online Safety called *Supporting Children to Deal with Upsetting Content*. As children increasingly access news, social media, videos and online content, they can sometimes encounter stories or images that leave them feeling worried, confused or upset. The guide offers practical advice for parents and carers on talking to children about difficult events, helping them process their feelings, building resilience and knowing where to find support when they need it. We encourage all families to take a few minutes to read the guide and discuss any questions or concerns with their children.

OCTOBER HALF-TERM GROUPS

Please find attached an at a 'Glance Poster' from the Preston Community Team listing all on offer, including half-term Halloween events at Moor Nook and Riverbank.

BARTON PRE-SCHOOL - We have expanded our 2 year old provision to support the new funding for children available to most working families this September. Therefore, we have places available for 2-4 year olds from September 2027. As we are a term time only setting you can book a completely free place with no added extras if you qualify for funding.

To book your child's place or for further information on our Preschool, please contact Mrs Greenhalgh on 01772 864953 or you can email at bartonpreschool@gmail.com.

As more and more families are qualifying for the funded hours places can fill up quickly, so get your space reserved so as not to miss out.



Children in Need

Get ready to go spotty for a good cause! We are inviting all pupils to come to school in non-uniform on **Friday 13th November** 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!

Remembrance Sunday

On Sunday 8th 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.

OUT OF SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS



- Evelyn (Year 6) achieved 6th place at the Royals Dance competition at the weekend performing her improvisation routine.