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NEWSLETTER

15th October 2026

CHRIST CHURCH, BARKISLAND
EVERYONE WELCOME!
CHURCH SERVICE
Sunday 18th October – Morning Worship, 11am

Cross Country Competition

We had a fantastic morning at Ryburn yesterday for the first round of Cross Country competitions! We had 40 children representing our school, and they all ran brilliantly, giving 100% effort throughout represented throughout the school. Well done to everyone who took part – you should all be very proud of yourselves! Thank you to Mrs Stott, Mrs Goldthorpe and Mrs Mitchell for supporting.

You can find all the photos taken, here.





Education Welfare Officer (EWO)

Following our termly meeting with the EWO, we are pleased to share the positive feedback regarding attendance. Thank you for your continued support in promoting good attendance. However, we would like to remind families that holidays during term time should be avoided, as they can impact children's learning. Unauthorised term-time holidays may result in a penalty notice. Please see the attached information for further details.

October Holiday Club

Booking is now open on School Spider for our October Half Term Holiday Club!! **Booking closes 20th October.**

Reading Evening

Thank you to everyone who took part in the EYFS reading evening, if you missed it the PowerPoint presentation can be found here.

Parents Consultation

A reminder: parent consultation slots will **close on Monday 19th October @ 12pm** please book on or make any amendments before then. The online Teams links will be sent out after bookings have closed.

Live links to letters here!

DATES FOR THE DIARY

OCTOBER	
Wed 21st	Virtual Parental Consultations AM Face to Face Parental Consultations PM
Fri 23rd	SCHOOL CLOSES FOR HALF-TERM
NOVEMBER	
Mon 2nd	STAFF TRAINING DAY – Holiday Club Availble
Tue 3rd	SCHOOL RE-OPENS TO CHILDREN
Wed 4th	SEND Coffee Morning 9:15-10:15am (booking available on School Spider)
Mon 9th	Individual and Sibling Photographs **PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE FROM OCTOBER 14TH **
Wed 11th	Flu Vaccinations in School Rec – Y6
Thu 26th	Winter Art Morning in School

Christmas Cards and Gifts

Please be aware that the children's Christmas card designs have been sent home. The letter can be found here. Cards and gifts can now be ordered online. The deadline for orders is **Wednesday 21st October at 12 noon**.

Water Bottles

A polite reminder for children to please bring a named water bottle into school with a sports cap lid. We sell these on School Spider from £1.50.

Cool Milk

If your child is above 5 years old and would like milk at school for more information and to sign up please follow this link:
https://coolmilk.com/parents/

Black Heroes of Mathematics Youth Festival 2026

Black Heroes of Mathematics Youth Festival
Wednesday 7 and Thursday 8 October | 10am & 2pm
FREE 50-minute online maths workshops

The Festival connects young people with world-class Black mathematicians through interactive sessions, fun activities and inspiring stories. Discover how maths shapes the world around us.
Open to UK upper primary and lower secondary classes (ages 8–14).

Wednesday: **Discover David Blackwell with Nira and Juliet**

Thursday: **Get Smart About A.I. with Jason and Herb**



Click the buttons below to book your FREE place.
Join us for both days!

- Wed 7 Oct, 10am (Secondary)
- Thurs 8 Oct, 10am (Secondary)
- Wed 7 Oct, 2pm (Primary)
- Thur 8 Oct, 2pm (Primary)

For more info email: maths@big-ideas.org

BIG IDEAS

Barkisland Scout Group

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ADVENTURE FRIENDSHIP SKILLS COMMUNITY

EXPLORE LEARN MAKE FRIENDS HAVE FUN!

NEW MEMBERS WANTED!

Join Beavers, Cubs or Scouts and be part of something amazing!

OUTDOORS ADVENTURE SKILLS FOR LIFE

BEAVERS Ages 6 – 8
Play, learn, make friends and try new things!

CUBS Ages 8 – 10½
Explore, learn, do more, be your best!

SCOUTS Ages 10½ – 14
Take on challenges, Gain independence, make a difference!

CAMPING & OUTDOORS · ADVENTURE · TEAMWORK · FRIENDSHIP · NEW SKILLS · MAKE A DIFFERENCE

JOIN THE ADVENTURE AT BARKISLAND SCOUT GROUP!

Call Alison Meadows
+44 7594 662733

Barkisland Holiday Club

WOODLAND WONDERS

Monday 26th - Friday 30th October & Monday 2nd November



-Monday 26th -
Autumn nature hunt
Paper plate hedgehogs
Autumn leaf printing
Cricket

-Tuesday 27th -
Fox & rabbit tag
Fox den building
Fox crafts
Basketball

-Wednesday 28th -
Make a bug hotel
Animal handprint painting
Woodland animal charades
Pinecone target throwing

-Thursday 29th-
Woodland wands
Create your own woodland fairy tale
Nature bingo

-Friday 30th-
Autumn baking
Autumn crown making
Woodland olympics
Squirrel nut collecting game

-Monday 2nd-
Sunflower crafts
Scarecrow crafts
Scarecrow tig
Football



Please bring a **nut free** packed lunch

We provide breakfast and an afternoon snack

8AM - 6PM £30 Per day, per child

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@barkislandkids

Bookings on School Spider close 12 noon on Tuesday 20th October

Calling all young people

HEALTHY HOLIDAYS CALDERDALE

Free holiday activities and food sessions

HALF TERM FUN

26th October - 30th October 2026

Join #HealthyHolidaysCalderdale for a variety of activities during October Half Term!

Calderdale VISION · Calderdale Council · ACTIVE CALDERDALE · COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR CALDERDALE

Christ Church Barkisland

Sunday 18th October
11am morning worship.

Sarah Kingston will be talking about her impending Inca trail trek in Peru for Overgate Hospice and we will have a cake stall after the service to add to her fund raiser.