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NEWSLETTER

19th November 2026

CHRIST CHURCH, BARKISLAND
EVERYONE WELCOME!
CHURCH SERVICE
Sunday 22nd November– 11am Morning Worship

Long Service

A huge congratulations to Mrs Ayrton and Miss Harrison! Mrs Ayrton has worked for Calderdale Council for an incredible 25 years, and Miss Harrison has been at Barkisland for 25 years too!

Both are fantastic achievements and a testament to their dedication, hard work and commitment. They are both a real credit to the school, and Miss Harrison is an invaluable asset to our kitchen.

Thank you both for everything you do. Here's to celebrating these wonderful milestones!

Rehearsals

Please be aware that over the coming weeks, Christmas rehearsals and events, including RE Day, may impact the delivery of some lessons. We ask parents and carers to be understanding and flexible during this busy period, as the usual timetable may be subject to some changes. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Children in Need



Thank you for all your generous donations we raised a massive £274.33p for Children in Need!

After School Collections

We have reminded children this week that they must see a familiar adult before leaving the school / staff member. As the evenings are getting darker and visibility is becoming more limited, we kindly ask that all parents and carers come into the **KS2 playground** to collect their children.

KS2 children exiting via the KS1 exit need to stay by the door until they see a familiar adult. We have had a few near misses where children have not seen an adult, have wandered into the playground and become distressed when they cannot find anyone. We also need to ensure that any important messages are passed directly to parents and carers.

This procedure is in place to safeguard and protect our children, ensuring that collection arrangements remain safe, clear and consistent. We appreciate your support and cooperation in helping us keep our children safe.

Reception 2027 Intake – Application Forms

Children born between **1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023** are eligible to apply for a primary school place in Calderdale. Applications open on **18 November 2026** and must be submitted by **15 January 2027**. School place offers will be announced on **16 April 2027**. Parents and carers are encouraged to apply before the deadline. To apply, visit Calderdale Council – School Admissions.

Live links to letters here!

DATES FOR THE DIARY

NOVEMBER	
Wed 25th	RE Day Cross Country Competition Finals
Thu 26th	Winter Art Morning in School Children will work in mixed-age groups across different classrooms to create a winter scene. Their artwork will be displayed on the boards around school, showcasing their creativity and teamwork.
DECEMBER	
Wed 2nd	KS2 Christmas Jumpers In
Fri 4th	EYFS Christmas Crafts and Story
Tue 8th	KS1 Christmas Production (9:30am and 1:45pm) EYFS Christmas Production (10:15am and 2:30pm) More info to follow.
Wed 9th	KS2 Christmas Production (9:15am, 10:30am and 1:45pm) More info to follow.
Tue 15th	Christmas Parties
Wed 16th	Christmas Dinners – children can wear Christmas jumpers or something purple to celebrate advent.
Fri 18th	Pantomime in School – Dick Whittington
JANUARY	
Mon 4th	STAFF TRAINING DAY
Tue 5th	School re-opens to children

⚠️ **Event Postponed** ⚠️ Due to unforeseen circumstances, we unfortunately have to postpone our Barkisland Pre-Loved Market scheduled for Thursday 26th November. We are so sorry for any disappointment! We're working hard to rearrange this for a new date and will share an update as soon as we have one. If you've already booked a stall, we'll be in touch directly. Thank you so much for your understanding and continued support for the BSA! 💛


Christ Church Barkisland
Christmas Market
Saturday 28th November
2pm - 4pm
Admission £2.00
(Includes a mince pie and a drink)
Guest appearance by a 'Special Visitor'
Books
Tombola
Toys
Cards
Crafts
Bran-Tub
Cakes
Bric-a-Brac
Raffle for Maurice Jagger Centre & Forget-Me-Not all other proceeds to Church funds


TODDLER BOUNCE & RHYME
DROP-IN SESSION WITH SONGS AND RHYMES FOR GROWN-UPS AND TODDLERS.
THURSDAYS
10.15
CENTRAL LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES
TERM TIME ONLY
Calderdale Council


Scouts Skills for Life
BARKISLAND SCOUT GROUP
ADVENTURE FRIENDSHIP SKILLS COMMUNITY
NEW MEMBERS WANTED!
Join Beavers, Cubs or Scouts and be part of something amazing!
EXPLORE LEARN MAKE FRIENDS HAVE FUN!
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
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Barkisland School Association
Barkisland
PRE LOVED
MARKET
Great quality pre-loved items: bargains and a sustainable way to shop!
Stalls are £10
Spaces are limited so book early!
Thursday 26th Novemb
6.15pm to 8
POSTPONED
much more!
Give pre-loved items a second life
Find unique gifts and bargains
Refreshments available
It's a BSA
Email:
barkislandschoolassociation@outlook.com
– to book a space or for more information –
Refreshments available


Barkisland School Association
Barkisland
PTA invite you to our
Social Event
Join us for a drink!
Come along, meet the team, find out what we're all about and share your ideas.
We'd love to welcome new members and hear new ideas!
Thursday 3rd December 26
7pm
Barkisland Cricket Club
Let's make 2026–2027 a successful year!