



# WEEKLY Newsletter

w/b 23 March 2026

What a term it has been, filled with so many highlights along the way. It has been wonderful to see so many parents joining us this week for our Holy Week daily worships. This is always a very special time of year, and I would like to thank all of the classes and teachers for delivering these so poignantly.

Thanks to everyone who came along and supported our Family Easter Bingo. It was a brilliant event with a great atmosphere, and we're delighted to share that we raised an amazing £528. This will go directly towards funding our Forest School, helping us continue to provide outdoor learning experiences for the children. We really appreciate your support.

## Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evening slots will be available in the first week back after Easter. Further information on how to book your appointment will be shared shortly. These meetings 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> April are a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress, celebrate their achievements, and look at next steps together, so we encourage all families to attend.

## Staffing Update

I have now officially handed over the keys at Sabden, and their new headteacher will be starting after Easter. I will therefore be back at Barrow full-time and am very much looking forward to being back home with everyone.



In other news, Mrs Tate (Oak Class teacher and SENCo) has been offered a secondment at another primary school as Acting Deputy Headteacher. This is a fantastic opportunity for her and very well deserved. She will be leaving Barrow on 1st May for two terms, returning after Christmas.

Mrs Rodriguez (Year 1 teacher, currently covering Mrs Walker's maternity leave) is an experienced deputy and a qualified SENCo. During Mrs Tate's absence, Mrs Rodriguez will step into the SENCo role and will become the third member of the Senior Leadership Team alongside myself and Mrs Porter. She will continue teaching Year 1 until the end of this school year to ensure consistency for the class. A supply teacher will cover Reception for six weeks until Mrs Walker returns from maternity leave. At that point, Mrs Walker will resume teaching in Reception to finish the year with the children.

Miss Parkinson will remain in her full-time role throughout, providing valuable consistency.

This is a wonderful opportunity for Mrs Tate, and we are all very proud of her as she goes to spread "the Barrow Way" a little further.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to me directly. I will ensure that this transition is as smooth as possible for everyone and, as always, will keep the children at the heart of every decision we make.

Wishing you all a happy Easter when the times comes.

Nicola McArdle



# DIARY

*Dates*

- Tue 14 Apr - 6.00pm Parent evening booking slots live
- Tue 21 Apr - Parents' Evening
- Wed 22 Apr - Parents' Evening
- Wed 22 Apr - Year 1 trip to Marin Mere
- Thu 23 - Tue 28 Apr - Scholastic Book Fair
- **Mon 4 May - Bank holiday - school closed**
- Sun 10 May - 9.00am Primary Parkrun Takeover (more information to follow)
- Sun 10 May - 10.30am Clitheroe URC Service Reception & Y2 - All welcome
- W/b 11 May - Year 6 SATs
- Tue 19 May - Year 6 Sea Life trip
- Wed 20 May - Year 3 trip to Ribchester Museum
- Fri 22 May - 1.00pm - Sports Day
- **Fri 22 May - 3.30pm School closes for half term**

Reception had lots of fun hunting for eggs and tricky words at the care home



## THIS WEEK

*in Pictures*

Huge congratulations to our amazing swim team who took part in the Ribble Valley Swimming Gala at Edisford Pool



We're very proud of our Easter Worships



### Star Awards



### Headteacher Awards



# THIS WEEK in Notices

## After School Clubs

Summer 1

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Multi Sports Key Stage 1 3:30 - 4:30 (x5) £15 Progressive Sports Book via ParentPay	Creation Station Planet Key Stage 1 & 2 3:30 - 4:30 £36 Book via Creation Station	Cricket & Rounders Key Stage 2 3:30 - 4:30 (x6) £18 Progressive Sports Book via ParentPay	Football Year 3 & 4 3:30 - 4:30(x6) £18 Progressive Sports Book via ParentPay
Coding Year 5 and 6 £5 Mr Briggs Book via ParentPay	American Football Super Charged Coaching Key Stage 2 (14 max) (6 weeks - starts 14/4/26) 3:30 - 4:30 £36 Pay Mr Mulhall direct		Musical Theatre Key Stage 1 3:30 - 4:15 £24 PRIMA Dance Book via QR code
Reading & Writing Club Cost includes a copy of their published book. Key Stage 2 £23 Mrs Porter Book via ParentPay			

School lunches - a reminder to please book your school lunches which are now available up to the end of the school year, with a new menu available from w/c 20th April



Our clubs each have limited spaces and are filled on a first come, first served basis. If your child would like to join a club, please book as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.  
All clubs start on w/c 13 April.

**SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS** Every book you buy earns **FREE BOOKS** for our school!

## COME TO OUR BOOK FAIR

AND FIND YOUR NEXT FAVOURITE READ!

**3 BOOKS FOR THE PRICE OF 2**

**GO ALL IN!** Scan to pay securely online!

DATE: Thursday 23rd - Tuesday 28th April    TIME: 3:00pm - 3:50pm  
LOCATION: Barrow URC Primary School - School Hall

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## EASTER HOLIDAY CAMP

**30th MAR-10th APR**

- For children aged 4-11 years
- Venues across Lancashire
- Fun activities & free play zones
- Delivered by our fully trained staff
- 20+ Sports and other activities

**SCAN NOW**



When sending lunches and snacks into school, please be reminded that we are a nut-free school. This is to help keep all children safe, particularly those with severe allergies. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

## Parent drop-in session

with Rachel Dent (school nurse) and Mary Stones (Children and Family Wellbeing)

special guest Gemma Holden (The Growth Mind Project)

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2.30-3.30pm**  
**The Nurture Hub**

You are welcome to drop in to ask any questions, seek advice or next steps for any worries regarding your child. Please contact the office to book a time slot.

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## PTA 100 CLUB

Join our 100 Club today!

### FoBS

Friends of Barrow School

**£20** for the remaining 10 months (Just £2 per month!)

**50% of all money raised back as PRIZES!**  
The more members we have, bigger the prizes!

**Why join?**

- ✓ Support our PTA and school
- ✓ Chance to win monthly cash prizes
- ✓ Easy and affordable way to give back

Join now to be included in the **MARCH DRAW!**

Treasurerforfobs@gmail.com  
Message Sue on 07977 582607

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## March Update

We're delighted to share the latest update for Barrow URC Primary School - and what a fantastic month it's been!

**£15.72** Donations raised    **1** New supporter    **30** Shops completed

If you haven't signed up yet, now is the perfect time!

**How it works:**

- 1 Sign up to easyfundraising
- 2 Shop online as normal
- 3 Retailers donate to the school for free

**Sign Up Today and Start Making a Difference for Free!**

Let's keep the momentum going and make March even bigger and better. Every click, every shop, and every supporter counts!