



# Newsletter



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## September 2025

It is this time of year when we think about looking ahead to next year and a new class in September. Moving Up Day is on Tuesday 1 July, when Y6 will be up at the big school, Y2 will join us for the day and each year group will spend the day with their teacher for next year. Please find an overview of Teachers and Teaching Assistants for September 2025 below.

For Maths next year, we will have 3 teaching groups in each year for the mornings. Miss Branson will teach a group in both Y3 and Y4, and Mrs Rollins will teach a group in both Year 5 and 6.

Each year, the leadership team consider whether class groups should remain as a class, or whether a change is advised. The benefit of having 2 classes in each year is that we have the opportunity to change groups if needed. Sometimes we feel that the children need a change, other years we feel the class are working well together and are best to stay put. For September, this is our plan:

### Current Year 3

We feel that the current Year 3 classes would be best to re-organise. We have asked the children their preferences in terms of friendships and used our knowledge of the needs and personalities of the children to mix the classes up for September 2025. We will write to all Y3 parents next week to inform you which class your child will be in for Year 4.

### Current Year 4 and 5

On balance, we feel that the classes in Year 4 and 5 are settled and work well together, so we are keeping the class groups as they are.

## Dancing Queen

Ella Tooth in Year 4 competed in a dance event called Elite at St George's Hall in Liverpool. Dancing in the under 10 category, Ella and her pair's partner won 1st place in slow pairs and 2nd place in fast pairs. She then qualified to dance in the fast grand final.

In slow Ella came 4th place, and in the fast grand final Ella came 1<sup>st</sup>! Because Ella won, she then had to dance against all the other age categories of the Junior Championship winners (up to 12 years of age) and Ella won; she was the overall championship dancer of the weekend.

Wow, Ella; what a fantastic achievement. You certainly looked like you were having fun!























## Barton Music Makers Summer Concert

A small number of musicians from TRJS will be performing at this concert. Last year we received funding from BMM to allow us to purchase 60 Ukeleles so that all Year 5 could have the opportunity to learn to play this instrument. Thank you to BMM for your generous support to promote the enjoyment of learning music.

Tickets are available from Barton Post Office.

## Class Organisation 2025-2026

Base Classes:							
Year 6		Year 5		Year 4		Year 3	
							
Miss Murfin	Mrs Vardy	Mrs Preston	Miss Marston	Miss Sinclair	Mrs Hiatt	Mrs Khalid	Miss Hurdman
6M	6V	5P	5M	4S	4H	3K	3H
When we split into 3 classes:							
Year 6				Year 4			
	Mrs Rollins will teach in Y5 and Y6.				Miss Branson will teach in Y3 and Y4.		
Teaching Assistants are:							
Year 6		Year 5		Year 4		Year 3	
							
Mrs Vydelingum	Mrs Shorthouse	Mrs Graves	Mrs Windsor	Mrs King	Mrs Alcock	Mrs Cozens	Mrs Watling

### Mrs Light

Mrs Light will be leaving TRJS at the end of term after nearly 2 years teaching in the Year 4 team. She has been a fantastic addition to TRJS and we thank her for her positivity and enthusiasm. She is taking on further work for the BBC around the content for BBC Bitesize in Geography. We will all miss her!

# Assemblies “Personal Boundaries”

We wanted to make parents aware that our assembly topic next week is ‘Personal Boundaries’. It covers the statutory Relationships and Health objectives:

- that each person’s body belongs to them, and the differences between appropriate and inappropriate or unsafe physical, and other, contact.
- how to respond safely and appropriately to adults they may encounter (in all contexts, including online) whom they do not know.

We will be exploring the difference between safe and unsafe secrets. This will be supported by the use of NSPCC resources Pantosaurus as well as an NSPCC approved book / audio video called ‘Some Secrets Should Never Be Kept’. The book covers the very sensitive topic of inappropriate touching. The recommended age of use is 3 – 12. All year groups will be watching the following book / audio video in their assemblies next week: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=4YjJ1MreZqs](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4YjJ1MreZqs)

Safe Secrets	Unsafe Secrets
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Fun</li><li>✓ Kept for a short time</li><li>✓ Never about private parts</li><li>✓ Never about someone else being hurt</li><li>✓ Never use threats</li></ul> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✗ Make us feel yucky and unsafe</li><li>✗ Kept for a long time</li><li>✗ Might be about private parts</li><li>✗ Might be about someone being hurt</li><li>✗ Might use threats like: “I’ll hurt you if you tell.”</li></ul> 

We know it is vitally important to give children the information to keep themselves safe, the confidence to know that they are ‘the boss of their body’ and the bravery to speak up if they do need help.

## Loom Bands

A group of Year 5 children are very busy making and selling loom band items for charity. Kid’s Village is a charity that has acquired 35 acres of land in Wychnor and plans to build accommodation for children with cancer to experience the countryside. It is great to support a local charity. Well done, guys! Please see the poster below regarding the quiz night. Please be aware that we ask that children take any loom bands home and do not bring them into school, as they can become a distraction and a source of disagreements. Thank you.

## Personal Fans

While we appreciate that the weather is very warm, we ask that children do not bring in personal fans or equipment. We have seen a large number of battery devices which we do not allow in school. They can become a distraction. A wet hanky/flannel would suffice to help cool you down. Thank you.

## Dates for the Diary (Summer Term 2025)

Water Workshops	w/b 23 June
Y3 to Library	Monday 23 June
New Y3 Parents Meeting	Tuesday 24 June 6pm
Y5 to Birmingham Museum	Thursday 26 June
Y4 to Twycross Zoo	Monday 30 June
Y6/7 Transition Day	Tuesday 1 July (Y3,4 and 5 will also move up to their next class)
INSET DAY	Friday 4 July (school closed to pupils)
Micro-bit Workshops	w/b 7 July (Y3,4,5)
Music Night	Monday 7 July 6pm (musicians and choir will be invited)
Samba Drumming Workshop	Tuesday 8 and Wednesday 9 July
Reports out to Parents	Friday 11 July
Y6 Leavers' Party	Friday 11 July 4.45-6.15pm
Y6 Leavers' Performance	Friday 18 July 10am
Last Day of Term	Friday 18 July

## Term Dates for 2025-2026

Please find the term dates below. We ask all families to avoid booking family holidays during term time. There are over 12 weeks of the year available for a family holiday. Thank you for supporting your child to be their best by ensuring that their attendance is as good as it can be.

Have a good weekend.

*J Emery*



**QUIZ NIGHT**

Gina & Jamie Gratton are raising funds for an incredible challenge – a **Vietnam to Cambodia Bike Ride**, all in support of **Kids Village**, a local charity creating the UK's first holiday village for children with critical illness.

*Kids Village*

**FRIDAY JULY 18<sup>TH</sup>**  
7PM - 11PM  
**BARTON**  
VILLAGE HALL

**£10 PP**  
**INCLUDES PULLED PORK BAP**  
**TEAMS OF 4-6**

FOR TICKETS PLEASE CONTACT  
GINA - 07716383886

**QUIZ | RAFFLE | BAR | PRIZES**



# Thomas Russell Junior School



## Term Dates 2025 -2026

### Autumn Term 2025

<b>Inset day</b> (School closed for pupils):	Monday 1 September
<b>Inset day</b> (School closed for pupils):	Tuesday 2 September
<b>Term Starts for pupils:</b>	Wednesday 3 September
<b>Inset Day</b> (School Closed for pupils):	Friday 24 October
<b>Half Term:</b>	Monday 27 October – Friday 31 October
<b>Term Ends:</b>	Friday 19 December
<b>Holiday:</b>	Monday 22 December – Friday 2 January

### Spring Term 2026

<b>Term Starts:</b>	Monday 5 January
<b>Half Term:</b>	Monday 16 February – Friday 20 February
<b>Term Ends:</b>	Friday 27 March
<b>Holiday:</b>	Monday 30 March – Friday 10 April
<b>Easter Sunday:</b>	Sunday 5 April

### Summer Term 2026

<b>Term Starts:</b>	Monday 13 April
<b>May Day:</b>	Monday 4 May
<b>Half Term:</b>	Monday 25 May – Friday 29 May
<b>Inset Day</b> (School closed for pupils):	Friday 3 July
<b>Term Ends for Pupils:</b>	Friday 17 July
<b>Inset Day</b> (School closed for pupils):	Monday 20 July
<b>Holiday:</b>	Tuesday 21 July – Monday 31 August

**HOLLAND SPORTS CLUB** New Clubhouse Fundraiser

# JASE'S 'ALL IN' 120 MILE RUN AROUND BARTON!

23-25 JULY '25

Jase Rollins - Barton Rovers



▶ EQUIVALENT OF HOLLAND SPORTS CLUB TO WEMBLEY  
▶ JOIN THE CHALLENGE FOR 1 MILE OR ALL 120!

**SUPPORT HIM EVERY STEP OF THE WAY!**

SCAN TO DONATE!



[www.hollandsportsclub.org.uk/new-club-house](http://www.hollandsportsclub.org.uk/new-club-house)

**FOR YEARS 3 to 6**

**sport stars UK**

# AFTER SCHOOL CLUB AT Thomas Russell Junior School

Golf  
Wednesday  
3:30pm to 4:30pm

7 Weeks - £33.25  
ALL our After School Clubs now accept childcare vouchers!

Book your place **HERE**







**WOW**

Thursdays 9.15am  
Tatenhill Village Hall, Tatenhill

Join us for ● play, ● laughter, ● chatter, ● singing, ● dancing, ● friendship, ● informal worship, ● tea & coffee and ● homemade cake.

Spread the word - open to all ages from newborns to great grandparents.

No need to book!  
Turn up and just enjoy the fun!  
Donations ☺ welcome.



BARTON ST. JAMES CHURCH INVITES YOU TO:

# TRIBE AT ST JAMES

Every Sunday Morning!

## COME JOIN US!

**10:30 TRIBE**

Tribe runs during our 10:30am service – 30 minutes of crafts, games and fun for children, while adults enjoy the service!

