



# Newsletter



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Headteacher: Mr J Emery

Friday 27 June 2025



	w/b 16.06.25	w/b 23.06.25
Year 3	94.8%	99%
Year 4	97.8%	98.8%
Year 5	97%	96.8%
Year 6	97.7%	94.1%
TRJS Overall	96.8%	97.2%

So, Y4 and Y3 are the winners for the last 2 weeks! 5 minutes extra play! Thank you to all those families who plan holidays outside of term-time. Those children who are absent due to family holidays do have a big impact

on the overall attendance for that year group. Let's see if we can achieve our school target of 97.5%, then EVERYONE can have an extra playtime! Come on, guys, we can do it!

## HOT CHOCOLATE WITH MR EMERY

Congratulations to everyone who has received the **TRJS Weekly Values Award** and will share hot chocolate and biscuits with Mr Emery. Don't forget to be ready to tell us all about your hobbies and interests out of school. Oh, and jokes are always good!

Year 3	Ethan P, Orla C, Aemilia T, Harry G
Year 4	Avery S, Nathaniel R, Elsie B, Annabel R
Year 5	Sophie B, Jack S, William M, Oscar O
Year 6	Eva L, Alfie J, Megan W, Mallory O

## Heat Wave

As more hot weather is on the way, please provide your child with a hat, water bottle and sunscreen. Let's all be sun-safe!

## PE Kit

To help children stay cool, we will allow them to come to school in their usual PE kit on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week.

## Wrap Around

The codes for booking Early Birds and Night Owls for the Autumn Term 2025 will be sent out with the newsletter on Friday 11 July. A reminder to all parents that we ask you to pay in advance for places. In line with our policy, we ask that all accounts are in credit by the end of the Summer Term. If accounts are in arrears, we will not be able to accept the bookings for the Autumn Term. Thank you.



# September 2025

## Current Year 3

Y3 children will bring home a letter today, informing parents which class your child will be in next year.

## Current Year 4 and 5

Classes in Year 4 and Year 5 will move up as follows:



















4S will move to 5M

4H will move to 5P

5M will move to 6V

5P will move to 6M

## 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 5/6				Year 3/4			
	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



## Barton Music Makers Summer Concert

A small number of musicians from TRJS will be performing at this concert. Those parents have been contacted. 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. BMM are planning to help fund further music resources for TRJS next year. Watch this space! Tickets are available from Barton Post Office.

## TRJS Musicians Visit to TRIS

On Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, a selection of TRJS musicians visited Thomas Russell Infants to perform for them in assembly. We performed a range of pieces that really showcase the fabulous musicians we have in school. A small choir performed the Bob Marley and pop medleys from Young Voices; Sammy played Lazy Sunday on the Violin; Otis performed Sky Full of Stars on the keyboard; and Scarlette sang and played Hawaiian Rollercoaster from Lilo and Stitch. The children performed brilliantly, and all of their previous teachers were incredibly impressed by their ability. Otis then played Don't Stop Me Now by Queen to lead out the children, showcasing his amazing piano playing abilities.



## Music Night

All those children playing a musical instrument in the Music Night on Monday 7 July at 6pm have been given a letter. This includes the children who have lessons with Mr McCrone and Mr Turner, in addition to all those children who expressed a wish to sing in the choir (from Y3-Y6). If you feel your child would like to take part and has not got a letter, please let us know by Monday 30 June.

## Tuition

Over the last year, a growing number of parents have asked that their child is collected early from school to attend tuition. This means that children may miss important parts of the curriculum which disrupts their learning and that of others. We have a duty to deliver the full breadth of the curriculum and we cannot fulfil this duty if children leave early on a regular basis. Staff are also very busy looking after the children in our care and we do not have staff time to facilitate collecting a number of children from class earlier than 3.30pm. Thank you for your co-operation.

# Assemblies “Personal Boundaries”

This week we have covered some very important safety messages for children. Please talk to your children about the following:

- 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 have used the NSPCC resources “Pantosaurus” and read an audio book 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. We have watched the following book / audio video in their assemblies this week:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Yj1MreZqs](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Yj1MreZqs)

### Safe Secrets

- ✓ Fun
- ✓ Kept for a short time
- ✓ Never about private parts
- ✓ Never about someone else being hurt
- ✓ Never use threats



### Unsafe Secrets

- ✗ Make us feel yucky and unsafe
- ✗ Kept for a long time
- ✗ Might be about private parts
- ✗ Might be about someone being hurt
- ✗ Might use threats like: “I’ll hurt you if you tell.”



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.



## Football Success for Year 4

Barton Rovers Dinos U10s football team competed in the Chellaston football tournament last weekend. After a very long day of playing, they came away with 1st place in the shield competition and 3rd overall in the whole tournament. There were 24 teams taking part in the tournament, so all parents and players are extremely proud. They all showed amazing teamwork, perseverance and sportsmanship. Well done, everyone!

## Dates for the Diary (Summer Term 2025)

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 have been 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*



# 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



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!**



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# 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.



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



# 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!

