



Great Barford, Church of England, Primary Academy



Autumn term — 2018

Friday 7th Sept 2018

Weekly Diary 10th-14th September 2018

Monday	Assembly—demonstration from our drumming teacher
Tuesday	Normal school day
Wednesday	Drop in Reception 9-910 Years 1 – 6 3pm
Thursday	School Photographs—Please see page 2
Friday	Normal school day

As of next week we will be resuming our paperless communication via email and text messaging.

We will also be adding letters and newsletters to our school website so please check regularly just in case you have missed anything.

Our email address is:
www.gbpa.org.uk

Our website calendar will be updated shortly with a list of dates for this term.

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to all of our pupils and their carers. We hope that you have all had a wonderful break, and the children are ready for a year of both hard work and exciting opportunities.

It has been an incredibly busy summer at Great Barford Primary Academy. The school has been a hive of activity with builders, decorators and a host of workers creating our EYFS and KS1 area. It is now complete and we can begin preparing it for the children to move in after the October half-term holiday.

The staff have been very busy preparing classrooms on both sites ready for the children and they are looking wonderful.

We are well on our way to completing the project and the final move creating a Primary School that our children deserve.

We hope you join us in looking forward to an exciting year ahead.

Could all dinner money come to school in a named envelope so the children can hand them in to the school office in the morning. Dinners can be paid for on the day or in advance. Children can no longer pay for their meals at the counter at lunchtime.
Nursery—£1.85/day Years R, 1 and 2—Free
Years 3 and 6—£2.10 per day



**Our value for this half term
is 'Generosity'**

Church of England Status

We are now officially a Church of England School and look forward to growing together through Learning, Friendship, and Worship.

'Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness'. Colossians 2:7



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Morning Procedures

The pedestrian gates will be open on both sites at 8.30 am every morning.

Nursery, Reception and Year 1 and 2 children will be entering the old lower school site through the usual main entrance. An adult must wait with the children on this playground until the children enter school when the doors are opened between 8.45 and 8.55.

Years 3, 4 5 and 6 will enter the new primary school site through the new site main entrance and follow the path through the staff car park, and past the gym where the children will then enter the playground gate. Parents will not be able to enter the playground at the beginning of the day. Children will be supervised by staff until the doors close at 8.55.

Any messages can be given to the member of staff at the door or gate or through the offices on both sites. To talk to a member of the teaching team please make an appointment through the offices.

Gates at the end of the school day

The electronic pedestrian gates will be deactivated at 3.15 to allow access to pick up the children. Please push the gate to open after this time.

The electronic car gates will be locked. No access to or from the school by car will be permitted between 3.15 and 3.40. This is to ensure the safety of our children. Please do not be offended if you are not allowed access during this time.

Gym equipment—new site

The outdoor gym equipment will be fenced in, in the near future as it is only suitable for year 5 and 6 children.

We have explained during our assemblies that there will be no access to the equipment before or after school and that there will be opportunities to use it during the upper key stage 2 gym lessons.

Outdoor equipment —old site

The trim trail and climbing apparatus on the playground and field must not be used before and after school. This is to ensure the safety of the children.

Scooters and bikes

The children are welcome to come to school on their bikes or scooters, we have shelters on both sites. The children have been told that they must push their bikes or scooters once they enter school property. They must not be ridden on the school playground or along the school drive.

Thank you for all the support and positive feedback that you have given us this week. We really appreciate all of your kind words. We have worked really hard over the last year, planning for our move and it is great to know that we have been able to deliver the school that our children deserve. The contractors handed over the final part of the new building on Monday and we are now busy planning for the second part of the move in October.