



# St. Ambrose Barlow

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Friday 15th July 2022

Dear Parents,

The St Ambrose Barlow Summer Fete was a huge success! Thank you to everyone who attended last Saturday – it was your support that made it so. There are far too many people to thank individually! However...

- Thank you to all the staff, parents, children and friends who ran a stall.
- Thank you to all the businesses and individuals who donate prizes for our raffle or donated goods to be sold.
- Thank you to the parents and staff who turned up from as early as 9am to help set up. Thank you to the parents and staff who stayed behind afterwards to help clear up. We were finished by 4pm – an incredible feat!
- Thank you to all those who worked behind the scenes, procuring goods or organising the pamphlet, or giving up their time on the day to collect cash, restock the bar, run to the butchers for more burgers, buy buns and anything else I've forgotten.
- Thank you to everyone for coming, spending time with our pupils and staff and family in our grounds. Thank you for spending your money (especially in the current climate) and helping to raise funds for your children.

The summer Fete is just one day but takes weeks (dare I say, months of planning). We

will learn from what went well and next year it will run again. I hope you found the prices reasonable. I cannot think of many places where a burger could be bought for £2-50... or a glass of Prosecco for £2, come to that!

***\*\*A grand total of £5,300 was raised!\*\****

Friends of St Ambrose Barlow (FoSABS) cannot function without its members. We will hold an AGM in September and EVERYONE IS invited. We can share future plans and have a committee consisting of chair, secretary, and treasurer elected for the coming year.

### Golden Book

**Reception:** Albie Sweet for trying really hard to apply his phonics in his writing recently. In Literacy and RE, Albie has contributed great ideas and produced fantastic pieces of work. Albie has grown in independence and has such a positive attitude towards his learning. Keep up the hard work, Albie!

**Year One:** Sonny Chow was a welcome arrival to the class this term and has been a ray of sunshine since! He has a brilliant work ethic and loves to learn new things. He has worked hard to learn new sounds and is even starting to blend short words - which is fantastic! Thank you for all of your hard work, Sonny!

**Year Two:** Year Two have been looking at classic poetry in their literacy lessons and Maeve Henvey enjoyed *The Owl and the Pussycat* by Edward Lear so much that learnt the whole thing off by heart! She has a super imagination and Year Two are currently planning their own adventures

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for the owl... I can't wait to see what happens in your story, Maeve!

**Year Three:** Jude Goddard for planning and writing a fantastic non-chronological report about Sharks. Jude recalled his knowledge when writing his report ensuring everything was included, as well as making sure it was beautifully presented! Well done, Jude!

**Year Four:** Lucas Cuzick for always providing maximum effort in all that he does whether it be a piece of writing, events at Sports Day or playground activities. He always demonstrates our school values and virtues to the highest standard.

**Year Five:** Erin Fegan has been working really hard across all subjects and puts all her effort into everything she does. She was fabulous in the keyboard concert on Thursday. She sang and played the keyboard beautifully. Erin has flourished this year. Keep up the hard work, Erin.

**Year Six:** Ronan Pickering for having endless enthusiasm and a perfectly positive attitude to all that he does! Ronan can always be relied upon to make others smile and always has something kind (or funny!) to say to cheer others up!

### **Summer Fete Raffle winners**

**Samsung Tablet:** Chrissi/Lily Year 5 (ticket 251-255)

**Raja Monkey Voucher:** Tommy Fitzpatrick Rec (ticket 91-95)

**£50 cash:** Layton Parson (ticket 921-925)

**2x EFL tickets:** Krystal Year 5 (ticket 456-460)

**Hydra Facial:** Lily Lai Year 5 (ticket 291-295)

**Zoe Lloyd blowdry:** Laura Murphy (ticket 111-115)

**Meditation session:** Geraldine Martha & Hope's Mom (ticket 951-955)

**Urban Angels voucher:** Sarah Currington (ticket 661-665)

**Barbers Haircut:** Angelina Slattery (ticket 711-715)

**Gloss Nails:** Logan Reception (ticket 56-60)

**£30 carvery voucher:** Miss Traynor

**Pom Pom voucher:** Cate Goddard (ticket 866-870)

**£40 Cineworld:** Angelina Slattery (721-725)

**£40 restaurant voucher:** Miss Humphries

**Aston Villa Kit:** Brendan Bloomer

**Swimming course:** Sonny Fitzpatrick Year 3 (ticket 516-520)

**2 day village pass:** Ethan Reception (ticket 21-28)

**Birthday cake & Book:** Finley Rec (ticket 256-260)

**Wax Melt Hamper:** Ellie Year 5 (ticket 456-460)

**Personalised Balloon arch:** Oliver Healy Year 3 (ticket 776-780)

**Personalised T-shirt set:** Laura Murphy (ticket 956-960)

**Family Ticket to Lottie land:** Nicolas Grange Year 3 (ticket 41-45)

**Shellac Nails:** Ann Bloomer

The raffle alone raised an amazing £1865! Thanks to all who purchased tickets and congratulations to the winners!

We have a small number of leftover prizes, such as a Dishoom breakfast or crate of Bathams beer, which can be rolled over to Christmas.

### **£50 winners**

- i) #42 Bella and Charlie Mills (Rec and Yr 5)
- ii) #30 Emily Healy (Year 1)

### **Kids Zone @ SAB Breakfast & Afterschool Clubs**

Both new clubs will be opening on Wednesday 7th September 2022. Information was emailed out to all parents. If you have any queries or wish to know further details or to pick up an application form, please see the office. This is run in-house by school staff and is not intended

as competition to any other existing provider but merely for the convenience of any working parents who require care either before school or after school.

Morning club will be £1 per day and children will be provided with toast and a drink provided by our own school cook. Afterschool club is £5 per hour and children can attend for one hour or so.

### **Cake Sale**

Year Six are selling any leftover cakes from the Summer Fete on Monday. They will be sold to the children and available during break and lunch for a bargain price of 10p! Everything must go.

### **Reports**

The attendance register, up until Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July, will be printed at close of the day today and the reports will be sealed and given out via the children on Monday afternoon. This is a slight change to the previous date of Friday 15<sup>th</sup> but I hope you understand that due to circumstances, a slight delay is necessary.

**\*\*If you require an additional copy posted to another parent, please contact the school office\*\***

Staff will be available on Monday after-school to talk through the report if you wish. Think of it as a very relaxed final parent consultation - no appointment is necessary. Mr Clinton will also be available. You can buy a cake from Miss Traynor and Mrs Fayaz at the same time if you wish for the bargain price of 10p! By this point, they may even be being given away....

### **St Ambrose Barlow 'Commonwealth' Sports Day**

This was another huge success and will now be a permanent fixture in the calendar. I will give plenty of notice so parents and extended family can book the

day off work, if needs be. I do want to make it a day, rather than a morning or afternoon. It was a lovely atmosphere at lunch when parents and children ate together – there was a real community feel! The search for a venue (where we can peg the gazebos down) starts now...

The result are as follows:

St Oscar Romero:	1500
St Josephine Bakhita:	1360
St Maximillian Kolbe:	1250
St Theresa of Calcutta:	1160

**Dad's race:** Arlo Williams's Dad.

**Mum's race:** Liam Lynch's Mum (very closely followed by Hayden and Alesha's Mum).

**Female Teacher race:** Miss Ball (closely followed by Miss Newman!)

**Male teacher race:** Mr Clinton. This matter is now closed and I will be taking no further questions and making no more comment... hahaha! My hamstring will hopefully have recovered by the start of the new academic year.

### **A message from Father Paul...**

*"We have some wonderful news to share! We have been awarded a grant of £10,000 from the National Lottery to help us to understand how we - and our buildings - can best serve our local community.*

*To start this project I would kindly request that you take a few minutes to fill out this survey: <https://forms.gle/vL5WjPCxosHw4Jwv9>*

*Also, make sure you put Saturday 24th September (the day after Fr Paul's birthday) from 2 - 4pm in your diary as we will be holding an exciting event in our Hall. As part of this project, we also have funding to recruit a community outreach worker for 6 hours per week for the next 6 months. Watch this space for more information and how to apply!"*

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Also, please take part in the Summer Reading Challenge 2022. *"Join the Gadeteers on a reading adventure exploring science & innovation. Do pop in and sign up at your local library and get going with the Gadeteers."*



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## Year Six Leavers' assembly

In order to say goodbye to Year Six properly, parents of leavers are invited into school on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July for a special assembly at 9am. The children will have a small party afterwards, in the playground with music and dancing. Parents are again welcome to come in at 3pm to take photos and make plans for the summer.

## Academic Dates for 2022-2023

Wed 7<sup>th</sup> September - Fri 16<sup>th</sup> December

Wed 4<sup>th</sup> January - Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> April

Tues 24<sup>th</sup> April - Tues 25<sup>th</sup> July

**Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Sept:** School closed to pupils

**Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Sept:** School closed to pupils

**Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Oct:** School closed to pupils

**Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan:** School closed to pupils

**Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Apr:** School closed to pupils

## Birthdays this week...

Happy birthday to Sam in Year Three who was eight on Monday. Happy birthday to Caoimhe in Year One who is six today, and happy birthday to Henry in Year Three who is eight today! Happy birthday to Cody in Year Four who is nine tomorrow and happy birthday to Dylan, in Year Three who is eight on Sunday.

## July dates for your diary

**Mon 18<sup>th</sup> July:** Reports given out

**Wed 20<sup>th</sup> July:** Year Six Leavers' Assembly in School Hall 9am

**Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> July:** Leavers' Mass 9:30am at St Ambrose Barlow Church

**Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> July:** Break up for Summer at 2pm

I wish you all a happy and blessed weekend. See you on Monday morning for the final four days of the academic year.



Mr Clinton

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