

SIR JOHN BARROW SCHOOL

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WEEKLY SNIPPETS

Friday 9th October 2026

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

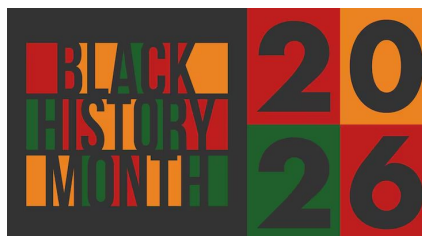
Another busy week here at SJB where the time has just flown by!

October has, for many years, been recognised as 'Black History Month' - a time when in schools across the country, we make sure that the true diversity of our shared histories are known and shared and celebrated.

This week in assembly we talked about the significant role in history that Neil Armstrong had and talked about how his story was known by many people. We also then talked about Katherine Johnson and the incredibly significant role she played in the NASA missions and how, without her, there wouldn't have been Apollo moon landings...

I was really pleased and proud at the way the children engaged with this subject and their mature attitude in assembly and afterwards. It is so important to us all at SJB that we teach the children about the diverse and exciting world they live in. It is also important to recognise and value the heritage of everyone who has contributed To our world history over the years!

Mr. Reddy and the SJB Team!

Dates for Diaries
Week commencing:
Monday 12/10/2026

MON	MATHS CLUB Year 6 3:15pm - 4.00pm Mr Maher MULTI-SPORTS Years 3 & 4 3:15pm-4.00pm Coach Tom
TUES	KS2 CHOIR 3:15pm-4:00pm Miss Sadler
WED	ATHLETICS Years 2-6 8.00am Mr Maher
THUR	TAG RUGBY/ DODGEBALL Years 3-6 8.00am Mr Maher DANCE WITH LOUISE Years 3&4 3:15pm-4:00pm FOLK CLUB Years 4-6 3:15pm-4:00pm Miss Sadler
FRI	RUNNING CLUB Whole School 8.00am Mr Maher GRAMMAR CLUB Year 6 3:15pm-4:00pm Mr Maher

Dates for Diaries

Lots more to follow, please keep checking...

- ★ 14.10.26: Year 1 Ford Park visit
- ★ 16.10.26: Poetry Performance
KS1 - 2.00pm and **KS2** - 2:30pm
- ★ 20.10.26: Parent/Carer Meetings
- ★ 22.10.26: Parent/Carer Meetings
- ★ 23.10.26: Year 6 Trip to the lakes
- ★ **23.10.26: Break up for half-term**
- ★ **02.11.26: Back to school!**
- ★ 10.12.26: Early Years Christmas Concert@Ulverston Methodist Church - 5.00pm
- ★ 15.12.26: KS2 Christmas Concert@Ulverston Parish Church - 5.00pm
- ★ 16.12.26: KS1 Christmas Concert@Ulverston Methodist Church - 5.00pm
- ★ 18.12.26: Break up for the Christmas Holidays!

Please remember our Spring Term starts for ALL children and staff on Monday 4th January 2027!



THIS WEEK'S PLAY UPDATE:

This weeks Golden Welly winners...

**Year 1
and 6**

Autumn has officially arrived but we won't let the weather dampen our OPAL fun! It was a bubble bonanza at the start of the week, Year 1 have been boogieing on the dance floor and some lovely ladybird houses have been built in the tyres.



2026-2027

SATURDAY SERIES



**OUR POPULAR SATURDAY SERIES
IS BACK FOR A SECOND YEAR!**

**REGISTRATION FROM 1PM
COURSES CLOSE 3.30PM**

NEXT EVENTS:

OCT 10TH CUNSWICK SCAR

NOV 14TH BIRKRIGG/SEA WOOD

**FAMILY ADVENTURES - LINE
COURSES FOR NEWCOMERS &
FAMILIES**

**JUNIOR LEAGUE - RUN SOLO OR
IN PAIRS TO SCORE POINTS**

**SCORE COURSE - FOR A BIGGER
CHALLENGE**

**ODDS AND EVENS SCORE - FOR
EXPERIENCED ORIENTEERS**

EVERYONE WELCOME!



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Barrow Full



BARROW'S DAY OF THE DEAD

Fiesta

26th October - 1st November



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Supported using public funding by
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ALL activities are **FREE**, at **BARROW TOWN HALL**,
are **FOR ALL AGES**, and are **DROP-IN** (just turn up!)
unless stated differently below.

For **[BOOK NOW]** activities, please visit:

www.BarrowFull.org.uk



26 Oct	From 10am	Told by Marigolds Storytelling+Craft Workshops (Drop-in til 4:30pm)
27 Oct	From 10am	Told by Marigolds Storytelling+Craft Workshops (Drop-in til 4:30pm)
Wed 28 Oct	From 10am	Arts, Crafts & Mexican Tasting Workshops (Drop-in til 4:30pm)
	From 10am	Told by Marigolds Storytelling+Craft Workshops (Drop-in til 4:30pm)
	1pm + 3pm	Mexican Folk Dance for Beginners (1 hour) [BOOK NOW]
	2pm	Salsa Dance for Beginners (1 hour) [BOOK NOW]
	2:30pm	Piñata-making Workshop (2 hours) [BOOK NOW]
	6pm + 7:30pm	Chilli-tasting Experience (Over 18s) (1 hour) [BOOK NOW]
	6pm + 8pm	Salsa Dance for Adults (Over 18s) (1 hour) [BOOK NOW]
	6:30pm	Piñata-making Workshop (Over 18s) (2 hours) [BOOK NOW]
	6:30pm	Wixárika Bead Art: Colours+Tradition (Over18s) (2.5hrs) [BOOK NOW]
	7pm	Mexican Folk Dance for Adults (Over 18s) (1 hour) [BOOK NOW]
Thu 29 Oct	From 10am	Told by Marigolds Storytelling+Craft Workshops (Drop-in til 4:30pm)
	From 10am	Arts, Crafts & Mexican Tasting Workshops (Drop-in til 4:30pm)
	10am,12+2pm	Salsa Dance for Beginners (1 hour) [BOOK NOW]
	11am, 1+3pm	Mexican Folk Dance for Beginners (1 hour) [BOOK NOW]
	10am + 2pm	Piñata-making Workshop (2 hours) [BOOK NOW]
Fri 30 Oct	10am + 4pm	Film: Coco (1h45m) (Nan Tait Centre, Abbey Rd) [BOOK NOW]
	1pm	Film: The Book of Life (1h30m) (Nan Tait Centre) [BOOK NOW]
Sat 31 Oct	From 10am	Arts & Crafts Workshops (Drop-in til 4:30pm)
	From 10am	Barrow's Ofrenda: Add Your Loved Ones + Crafts (Drop-in til 4:30pm)
	11am+ 12pm	Talk: What is Day of the Dead? (30min)
	12:30pm	Phone Box Exhibition Launch (next to Library, Abbey Rd)
	1pm + 3pm	Performance by Barrovians and artists from Mexico & the UK
	1:30pm	Sharings: Poems, Dances, Songs by Local People (Drop-in til 3pm)
	3:30pm	Told by Marigolds Exhibition Launch
Sun 1 Nov	From 10am	Arts & Crafts Workshops (Drop-in til 1:30pm)
	From 10am	Barrow's Ofrenda: Add Your Loved Ones + Crafts (Drop-in til 1:30pm)
	From 10am	Day of the Dead Face Painting (til 2:30pm) (£3 - Pay on Day)
	From 10am	Told by Marigolds Exhibition (Drop-in til 1:30pm)
	10:30am, 11:15am, 12:15pm + 1pm	Storytelling: Tales from Mexico (30min)
	12pm	Talk: What is Day of the Dead? (30min)
	From 1:30pm	Day of the Dead Fiesta! Dance & Music (2hrs) (Town Hall Courtyard)

OCTOBER EVENTS

SAT OCT 10	COSY AUTUMN CERAMICS 10-10PM SWARTHMOOR HALL GENERAL CERAMIC PAINTING, DRINKS DURING AND FESTIVE BABY / TODDLER PRINTS
SUN OCT 18	AUTUMN WITH DOULA DIARY 10-10PM THE DUNES HOTEL DOULA DIARY, AUTUMN & CHRISTMAS FATE WITH BABY PRINTS AVAILABLE & BIDDINGS THROUGH LEAVING AT 10.15 & BABY ONLY
FRI OCT 23	PIZZA AND PAINT AT THE DUNES 4-9PM THE DUNES BABY PLATES, PUGS AND A SUN HANDTHROWN PIZZA & DRINK
MON OCT 26	PIZZA, PAINT AND PLAY 11AM SCOTTED BAR PUGS OR PUMPKIN LANTERNS & DRINK

OCTOBER EVENTS

TUE OCT 27	HALLOWEEN AT LEVENS HALL 7-10PM LEVENS HALL HALLOWEEN CERAMICS, DRINK DURING AND FESTIVE BABY / TODDLER PRINTS (BAUBLES ETC)
THURS OCT 29	HALLOWEEN CERAMICS 1-8PM BLOOMING KITCHEN - ELLES CADDIS CENTRE CERAMIC PUMPKIN LANTERNS AND AFTERNOON TEA
SAT OCT 31	HALLOWEEN AT SWARTHMOOR 10-10PM SWARTHMOOR HALL A FANCY SPOOKY (AND GENERAL) DRINK PLUS DRINK IN BABY / TODDLER PRINTS

AMIGOS CERAMIC EVENTS

SUN OCT 25	AMIGOS PAINT, NIBBLE AND SIP 5-9PM AMIGOS CHOOSE FROM BABY PLATES, PUGS, BOMBS AND PUMPKIN LANTERNS
SUN NOV 15	AMIGOS PAINT, NIBBLE AND SIP 5-9PM AMIGOS CHOOSE FROM BABY PLATES, PUGS, BOMBS AND BAUBLES
MON DEC 21	FATHER CHRISTMAS EVENT 10PM - 12.30PM AMIGOS CERAMIC PAINTING, SANTA'S GUTTER, NIBBLES AND MUGGED WINE ADULTS + CHILDREN'S EVENT

NOVEMBER EVENTS

SAT NOV 7	GENERAL CERAMIC PAINTING 10-10PM SWARTHMOOR HALL RANGE OF HANDTHROWN TO PLATE, PERFECT FOR THOSE BABY / TODDLER PRINT BAUBLES TOO!
SUN NOV 8	FLOW AND GLAZE w/ SALT.CO 1 PM SALT.CO, PORTLAND HAUX PUGS / BABY PLATES AND SUN FLOW TUGAL, SEE
FRI NOV 13	BABY PRINTS 10AM-11 PM TAKES A VILLAGE GARDEN W/ AND SPORTS CLUB BAUBLES AND PLATES
SUN NOV 15	AMIGOS - PAINT, SIP AND NIBBLE 5-9PM AMIGOS CHOOSE FROM A RANGE OF CERAMICS - NIBBLE & MUGGED WINE - PROSECCO



NOVEMBER EVENTS

THURS NOV 19	PAMPER AND PAINT WITH EDEN 4PM - 10PM SWARTHMOOR HALL BAUBLES AND GLOWED FACIAL POLY BODIES
SAT NOV 21	BEAT THE RUSH CERAMICS 10-10PM SWARTHMOOR HALL BAUBLE PAINTING, CHRISTMAS PLATES, BABY / TODDLER PRINTS
THURS NOV 26	PAMPER AND PAINT WITH EDEN 4PM - 10PM SWARTHMOOR HALL BAUBLES AND GLOWED FACIAL POLY BODIES

DECEMBER EVENTS

THURS DEC 10	THE DUNES - FESTIVE BASH 4-9PM THE DUNES FESTIVE BAUBLE PAINTING AND SUN HANDTHROWN PIZZA & DRINK
SAT DEC 12	CHRISTMAS CERAMICS 10-10PM SWARTHMOOR HALL RANGE OF FESTIVE DESIGN, CHRISTMAS PLATES, BABY / TODDLER PRINT BAUBLES / PLATES



DECEMBER EVENTS

WED DEC 2	CHARNLEYS - SIP AND PAINT 4-7 PM CHARNLEYS FESTIVE BAUBLE PAINTING, NIBBLES AND PROSECCO £20
THURS DEC 3	CHARNLEYS - SIP AND PAINT 4-7 PM CHARNLEYS FESTIVE BAUBLE PAINTING, NIBBLES AND PROSECCO £20
FRI DEC 4	CHARNLEYS - SIP AND PAINT 4-7 PM CHARNLEYS FESTIVE BAUBLE PAINTING, NIBBLES AND PROSECCO £20
SAT DEC 5	CHARNLEYS - SIP AND PAINT 4-7 PM CHARNLEYS FESTIVE BAUBLE PAINTING, NIBBLES AND PROSECCO £20



YEAR 6 BOYS NEEDED!



Join our Rugby League **TEAM**



**TRAINING ON
THURSDAYS**



**GAMES ON
SUNDAYS**

**MAKE RUGBY FRIENDS
READY FOR UVHS**



**MAKE
FRIENDS**



**HAVE
FUN**



**KEEP
FIT**



**BUILD
CONFIDENCE**



Contact Jamie on
07895 105328

UPTHEULVIE!!





Onside Sports Football and Multi Sports Camp

Monday 26th - Friday 30th October



9am - 3pm



£20 per day or £80 for the week



**Venue:
UVHS**



**Ages
4-12**

-  Each camp will run **9am-3pm** (group drop off and collection times will be confirmed on booking).
-  We have use of a multiple sports hall, 3g (UVHS) and playing fields so if the weather is poor the camp will run as normal.
-  Participants will require appropriate sports kit and trainers. Also, a packed lunch and still drinks will be needed for their lunch break.



**DATES:
MON 26TH - FRI 30TH
OCTOBER**



**TIME:
9AM - 3PM**

For further info please contact Gavin Butler



T - 07887940150



E - Gav@onsidesportscoaching.co.uk



F - Onside Sports coaching Development





October half term fun on the farm @ Holme Bank Farm, Urswick

Tuesday 27th October 9-12 or 1-4

Wednesday 28th October 9-12 or 1-4

£60 per 3 hour session

Drop your child off and I will give them the experiences of caring for the guinea pigs, hens, rabbits, tortoise, sheep and calf and explore the woodland area.

Small groups of 2-3 children to 1 adult to ensure safety and an individualised approach to meet individual needs.

Please contact:

Sam (SEND teacher and Mental Health in the Outdoors practitioner): 07368268699

You can also follow me on Facebook- Growing Confidence for the Future

For ages 3+





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What do school governors do?

- Governors work together as a team, making collective decisions to ensure that all pupils receive an education that empowers them to learn and achieve their full potential.
- Governors define the school's strategic direction through setting annual improvement plans focused on priority development areas.
- Governors raise standards across the school by regularly monitoring performance against agreed targets.
- Governors oversee the school's budget and a three-year 'value for money' balanced financial plan.

What skills are needed?

No special skills are required. The only essential requirement is a keen interest in the strategic management of the school and in the education of the pupils, as well as the time and willingness to get involved. The following are very welcome: professional experience and/or qualifications and/or soft skills (e.g. interpersonal skills, team-working, the ability to constructively challenge and data interpretation). These will be very useful to consolidate the Governing Body's expertise. No experience of the role is required - training is provided in a variety of ways: at GB meetings, from a buddy governor, online resources and group events with other governors from local schools.

Who can be a governor?

You can if you are aged 18 or over and have a minimum of 6 hours a month to spare. It is not necessary to be a parent of a child in school, or to have any connections to SJB. The most important things which a volunteer can bring to the role are time, commitment and enthusiasm. Many local employers are willing to allow employees time away from work to carry out governor business or training.

What are the benefits of being a school governor?

There are many varied and valid reasons why people take on the role. It is mutually beneficial – children benefit from better life chances and the community these are the next generation of Ulverston adults; it also gives you the opportunity to develop new skills and to fine-tune existing skills.