

Train Up a Child



One hundred and eighty years ago, in September 1844, the foundation stone was laid for the Church School on Queen Street as part of a ceremony that must have brought Barton to a standstill.

Today, the building has been described by Historic England as “one of the most important schools in England” and so it’s an important part of the town’s heritage.

As part of Heritage Open Days in September we are going to re-create the ceremony of 6th September 1844 on **SUNDAY 8 SEPTEMBER**.

It will start at St. Mary’s Church at 2pm and we will walk in procession along Burgate to Queen Street for a re-creation of the laying of the foundation stone ceremony.

Children will take part in what was called an “Exhibition Lesson” in the Joseph Wright Hall at 2.30pm where an audience will hear about Mr. Wilderspin’s System and which will be demonstrated by the children.

Refreshments will then be served in the Playground Garden at the Wilderspin School Museum and there will be an opportunity to view the real Infant Schoolroom of Mr. Wilderspin and the the school museum.

Spectators may watch the procession and join the audience in the Hall or just watch the Exhibition Lesson in the Hall at 2.30pm.

Refreshments in the Museum Playground will be served from 3pm and the children will be ready to go home or visit the museum from 3.30pm.

The event is being organised by education staff and volunteers from the Wilderspin & National School Museum assisted by colleagues from the Braton Heritage Project who will supervise the children.

Parents and family members are warmly welcome to join in the fun and celebrate Heritage Open Days 2024.

These plans may change over the summer and we’ll update everyone involved in September and let everyone know the final itinerary and register everyone taking part.

If you would like your child to be part of the Heritage Open Days fun and take part in the event on 8 September please fill in the form and return it to the Wilderspin School Museum or email the details to us at: bookings4wilderspainschool@gmail.com



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Parent’s or Guardian’s Name: _____

Contact details: email address: _____

telephone number: _____

mobile number: _____

Child / children’s name(s):

_____ Age: _____ School attended: _____

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