



Barford St. Peter's C.E. (V.A.) Primary School

Together we love; together we learn

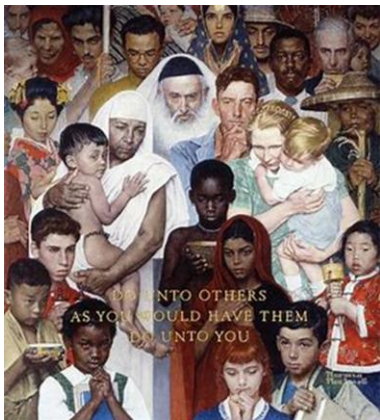
Newsletter

Friday 23rd May 2025

It has been a very short but fun filled half term here in school! During our monitoring activities over the past two weeks, it has been particularly wonderful to notice children's excellent attitudes to learning around school, as well as their ability to persevere with more challenging tasks. We are very proud of the progress they have made so far this year.

In collective worship this week we have revisited our school value of respect. We considered how we can be respectful at home and at school, including showing good listening when the teacher is talking, and being thankful if we are given food as part of a lesson. We talked about how we might make others feel if we are disrespectful and children were encouraged to imagine themselves in the other person's shoes!

We also looked at the UN golden rule from Matthew 7.12 "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you". We reflected on stopping to think before we speak or act.



I would like to wish you all a wonderful half term break and look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 2nd June.

Kind regards,
Mrs M.A. Baker
Head Teacher

School Uniform Reminders

Please could we remind you that our school uniform policy is for children to **wear black school shoes**. Children should also wear grey, black or white socks. We are proud of how smart Barford St. Peter's children look in their uniform and would appreciate your support with this. If you would like financial support with purchasing uniform, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Baker.

Well done Year 6!

We were immensely proud of Year 6 last week for completing their SATs tests with such a calm and conscientious attitude. I have no doubt they all did their absolute best. As they embark on their final term at Barford St. Peter's, they have many exciting events and experiences to look forward to. Well done Year 6!

Mobile Phone Ban & Smartphone Free Childhood

Thank you to all those of you who completed the consultation on banning mobile phones from the school site. 100% of parents were in favour of this policy change and therefore the new policy will be implemented from September. We will shortly be sending out information in relation to how parents can sign the smartphone free childhood agreement.

FABs Summer Fair

You will have received information this week about the FABs Summer Fair on Friday 6th June. Please could we ask you to sign up to help as we currently have very few volunteers.

School Council have voted for the stalls they would like to have at the fair, and this includes a Teddy Bear Tombola. Please could children bring a pre-loved teddy or toy into school to donate for this stall during the week beginning 2nd June? Thank you.

What we've been learning

Reception



Last week, we read the story 'Katie in London' by James Mayhew and had a wonderful time finding out lots of facts about the landmarks of London. We talked about our own journeys to school and retold them. We then made a large junk model map of London and created journeys around it. In English we retold the story about Katie in our own words.

In maths we have been looking at decomposing numbers between 7-10, playing games and learning lots of number facts!

This week we have been on imaginative journeys, making up bus adventures based around the story 'The Naughty Bus' by Jan and Jerry Oke. In the story, a boy takes his toy bus on an adventure around his home. Our class naughty bus caused quite a commotion overnight in class, which we then wrote incident reports about.

This week in maths we have been rehearsing our number bonds for 10 and counting quantities in the outdoor environment.

Our RE learning has been focused around what we mean by 'British values' and what it means to be a good citizen. We have read 'The Golden Rule', and we discussed how we treat other how we want to be treated whoever they may be.



Year 1

In year 1 we have been really enjoying our Africa topic. In English we have been writing our own versions of Handa's Surprise with new fruits and animals. We have also been writing riddles for different African animals.



In maths we have been learning about halves and quarters and being able to recognise these in shapes and quantities. In music we started learning some songs for our class assembly as well as having a go at playing the African drums. We also had a great time on our trip to the safari park on Wednesday! We saw so many different animals including giraffes, zebras, rhinos and meerkats.

Year 2

In year 2 in maths we have been learning all about fractions. We have now moved on to measuring in grams and kilograms as well as learning about capacity. We also did an investigation and had to order containers from the smallest capacity to the largest.

In English, we have been learning about Amelia Earhart and her role in flying history. We have been pretending to be her and have been doing a bit of hot-seating. Our writing has been a biography and an explanation text about her. In science, we have been learning about healthy diets. In art, we have been creating tonal backgrounds with paint and have then made weaved balloons to stick on.

Year 3

In English, we have been learning about how to save bees and how bees help us. We have then been writing our own explanation texts about them. We have also been studying persuasive texts and finding the features. In maths, we have been learning about Roman numerals as well as doing some investigations. In art, we have been learning about block printing and have made our own patterns. They are really bright and colourful! In guided reading, we have been sharing some lovely texts and working in our carousel groups.

Year 4

In English, we have been writing an advert for a holiday to the Amazon. This links to our rainforest topics. We worked in partners to plan and write it using a Chromebook. It was really fun working with somebody else on a piece of writing. We were able to share our ideas and learn from each other. In maths, we have been dividing by 10 and 100, and converting the answers into decimals. It has been tricky, but we have all worked hard to find the answers. We have also been exploring rainforests and finding out lots of different information about them including their climate and the animals that can be found there.

Year 5

In Year 5 this week we were busy preparing for our amazing assembly, making sure we projected our voices, sang loudly and spoke clearly. We know that all the parents, staff and other students enjoyed it! In maths we have been looking at data in statistics, learning how to interpret and read tables and line graphs - we have even drawn our own line graphs.

In English, we have continued to look at the story 'We Sang Across the Sea' and have written informal letters in role, imagining we are writing to family in the Caribbean. Computing has been really fun, continuing to develop our learning of binary code; we worked out how binary code adds together to create a coded message that can be sent from robots in space to Earth.

In PE we have developed our athletics by practising many events such as hurdles, javelin, long jump, triple jumps as well as short and long-distance running.



Year 6

In Year 6 we have been learning about the causes and consequences of the Civil Rights Movement and considering this period of history from the perspective of different groups of people. In English, we have been studying the poem Caged Bird by Maya Angelou and considering her use of metaphors to reflect the segregation experienced by African Americans as a result of Jim Crow laws in the south.

In Geography, we have been locating the continent of North America and identifying the 50 states of the USA and their capital cities. In addition to recapping what is meant by physical geography and human geography we have also been comparing and contrasting the topography of both the UK and USA using a range of topographical maps highlighting areas of high and low relief.

This half term has also seen the start of rehearsals for our very exciting Year 6 production- Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies!

This Week's Prayer



Dear God,
Thank you that you value and love each one of us just the way we are. Please help us to always treat others with respect, knowing that you love us all. Help us to embrace differences between us and allow us to see the value and brilliance in each individual person.

Amen

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.”

John 13:34-35

Summer Term Dates 2025

Date & Time	Event
Friday 6 th June	Non uniform day (donations of bottles, cakes or filled jam jars please!)
Friday 6th June 3.30pm	FABs Summer Fair
Monday 9 th June (all week)	Year 1 Phonics screening test Year 4 Multiplication Check
Wednesday 11 th June 8.45am	Year 1 Class Assembly
Friday 13 th June	Year 1 Cake Sale
Sunday 15 th June	Family Service @ St. Peter's Church 11am
Wednesday 18 th June 8.45am	Reception Class Assembly
Friday 27 th June	Sports Day & Family Picnic
Wednesday 2 nd July	Warwickshire Transition Day
Friday 4 th July	Reports to Parents
Friday 11 th July	Reception Cake Sale
Friday 11 th July 2.45pm	Choir Concert
Monday 14 th July	Children of the World Day
Tuesday 15 th July	Year 6 show
Tuesday 16 th July	Year 6 show
Thursday 17 th July 2pm	Year 6 Leavers' service @ St. Peter's Church
Friday 18 th July 9am	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

INSET Dates for Academic Year 2025 to 2026

Below are the INSET days for next academic year:

Monday 1 st September
Friday 24 th October
Monday 5 th January
Monday 1 st June
Monday 20 th July