



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

## Together we love; together we learn

### Newsletter

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2025

We have had a wonderful two weeks in school to start our final half term of this academic year. Last week we launched our collective worship by thinking about our final value of the year, 'perseverance'. Children reflected on ways they can persevere with challenges they face and shared lots of examples! This week we learned about Pentecost and the concept of the Holy Spirit, including what it can mean for us in our lives.

You should have today received the staffing arrangements for next year. We are looking forward to providing you with the opportunity to meet your child's new class teacher on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 3.30pm at the parents' presentation meetings. We would strongly encourage you to attend these meetings if you are able to. During the meetings, teachers will share important information about the curriculum and arrangements for next year.

A real highlight this week was the magnificent Year 1 class assembly! We thoroughly enjoyed their presentation of their learning about Africa and their beautiful singing and art work. Well done Year 1!

Children have been working incredibly hard over the past two weeks on their assessment tests. We are very proud of how much progress all the children have made this year and the results of their assessments will be shared with you in their end of year reports. Year one have also completed their phonics test this week and Year 4 their multiplication check. A busy start to the term!

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

Kind regards,  
Mrs M.A. Baker  
Head Teacher

Year 3 & 4 Athletics – Rescheduled

Unfortunately the Year 3 & 4 athletics competitions was cancelled by the organisers very late in the day on Thursday. Our sincere apologies for the inconvenience for parents which was outside of our control.

The event has been rescheduled for Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June. **If your child is NOT able to participate on the rescheduled date please email the office to let them know.** We appreciate this is very short notice and again apologise for the inconvenience.

#### Chew Toys

There has unfortunately been an issue in Year 3 this week with children bringing in chew toy necklaces. Children are not permitted to bring toys of any kind into school. If you believe your child needs support, please make an appointment to speak to Mrs Rose.

Sensory support equipment will only be permitted after discussion with Mrs Rose and if recommended by a medical professional. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

#### Year 6 Residential

Year 6 have had the most incredible week away at their residential visit to PGL. They have taken part in a range of outdoor adventurous activities including abseiling, laser tag, archery, zip wire, canoeing, fencing, aeroball and an assault course to name but a few! Our huge thanks to Mrs Facchino, Miss Newman and Mrs Miatt for taking the children, who I have no doubt had the best week ever!



## Well done Year 5!

A huge well done to our Year 5 students who represented our school at the area athletics on Wednesday. They all demonstrated exceptional sportsmanship and we are very proud of all of them!



## Inappropriate Computer Gaming

Unfortunately, it has been brought to our attention that some of the children are playing on inappropriate computer games unsupervised. This has resulted on more than one occasion of children replicating games of ideas they have viewed online through gaming platforms. Please could we remind you that age restrictions are in place for a very good reason, to keep children safe from inappropriate content.

Video game ratings are **mandatory under UK law**. The Games Rating Authority (GRA) – which is part of the Video Standards Council – rates games using the PEGI system. Games which carry a PEGI 12, 16 or 18 rating cannot be sold or hired to persons below the respective age bar.

**Fortnite is highly inappropriate for primary age children as it has an age 13+ rating. It is therefore illegal for children to be playing on this.**

For more information please click the link below:

[Children and technology: Age-appropriate usage advice | NSPCC](#)

Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

## FABs Summer Fair

Thank you all for your support with the Summer Fair last week! It was wonderful to see so many people there. Our special thanks to those of you who gave up your time to help to set up, run a stall, or clear away afterwards. It is only with parental help and support that we can hold these very special community events, to raise money for the children.

## Respectful Neighbours!

Mrs Burgess from Bright Horizons has asked me to remind parents to please closely supervise children after collection time and has asked that children do not play on the wall or gravel at the front of the nursery building. Thank you for your support with this.

## What we've been learning

### Reception

During the last two weeks Reception have immersed themselves into our new topic 'Beside the Sea' with such great interest and enthusiasm. Last week we had a very exciting day out at the Sealife Centre in Birmingham where we were amazed by the variety and size of creatures living in the sea, both big and small. We have begun to set up our submarine role play by drawing the animals we saw on our trip for our roleplay seascape wall. We have also enjoyed being imaginative outside by pretending to be sea creatures and making up our own fishy stories!

We read the book 'Don't Trust Fish' by Neil Sharpson which helped us to consider if the information in books is fact or fiction, or 'real or made up'. In maths we have been comparing length and size using words like longer and longest to make our comparisons. In forest school we found out the length of different creatures that live under the sea, and using a metre trundle wheel, metre stick and other ways to measure. We drew the creatures as best as we could to scale on the playground. It looked like an enormous ocean. We found out that some of us were exactly a metre tall, so that was helpful when drawing penguins!



## Year 1

In music we have been playing the African drums, learning to tap out a range of different beats in unison with each other. In Geography, we found out the similarities and differences between life in Kenya and life in the UK. We have started a new D.T project which is to design our own African animal puppets! We have been experimenting with sewing and had a go at using a needle threader before tying a knot in the end. We then used binka to practice running stitch and demonstrated our skills in perseverance!

In maths, we have been describing the position of shapes. In English, we have written really long stories about *The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig!* In art we have been creating African art sunset pictures which look amazing! We enjoyed sharing these in our class assembly with some songs too.

## Year 2

In maths we have been showing off all of our learning from this year and doing maths assessments and we have also learnt about money. We have been finding change and recognising different coins and notes. We have done problem solving and reasoning with money too.

In English we have been writing about *THE THREE LITTLE WOLVES AND THE BIG BAD PIG*. We had to decide what our wolves houses would be made from and what the Big Bad Pig did to knock them down. In Topic we have been learning about maps and map symbols. In D.T. we designed hot air balloons. In PSHE we have been leaning about looking after our school environment and our local environment too.

## Year 3

In English we have been writing stories about the Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig. We tried our best to use lots of great vocabulary and some speech too. We went on an amazing school trip! On our school trip we made lavender bags and watched somebody make butter with just their hands. We also saw piglets and farm animals too. It was really fun and we had such a good time. In Spanish we are learning how to say the names of different fruits. In art we were looking at portraits and will be doing some of our own portraits soon. In maths we have been doing assessments and learning all about money, including finding change.

## Year 4

In art we have been learning about Georgia O'Keeffe. We have been painting large flowers inspired by her. We used paint and pastels to blend colours. In English we have been writing our own version of *The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig*. We have published them and made them into an actual story. We have been brilliant this week at completing our big times table tests! We also completed our maths assessments and reading assessments!

## Year 5

In R.E. we have been explaining what ancient stories tell us about significant figures. In P.S.H.E. we have been beginning to understand the importance of how the opinions of others affects us and how we can make our own decisions.

In science we have been examining evidence about the shape of the Earth and had to find evidence for the earth being a sphere and the earth being flat. We definitely think it's a sphere! In Spanish we have been looking at objects in school in Spanish. In history we have been explaining why the Battle of Trafalgar is so significant in naval history.

In English we have been writing about *The Three Little Pigs* but the other way round so that it was *Three Little Wolves*. We went to share them with year 2. It was lovely to share our stories with them and to hear them read theirs too! In maths we have been calculating angles around a point. In geography we have been understanding how Anglo-Saxons have influenced our lives today.

## This Week's Prayer



Dear God,  
Help us to have the strength to work diligently and tirelessly. Help us to stay focused and committed to our tasks, even when challenges arise. Guide us in making wise decisions and using our time for good. Thank you for the opportunities we have to work hard and grow.  
**Amen.**

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”

Galatians 6:9

## Cake Sale

Thank you to Year 1 for providing such delicious cakes for the cake sale today, what a wonderful selection the children had to choose from! The money raised from cake sales really helps us to buy equipment for the children, so thank you for your support.

## Summer Term Dates 2025

Date & Time	Event
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Family Service @ St. Peter's Church 11am
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June 8.45am	Reception Class Assembly
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day & Family Picnic
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Warwickshire Transition Day
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Reports to Parents
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Reception Cake Sale
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July 2.45pm	Choir Concert
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Children of the World Day
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July 2pm	Year 6 show
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 5pm	Year 6 show
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2pm	Year 6 Leavers' service @ St. Peter's Church
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> September
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July