



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

Together we love; together we learn

## Newsletter

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2024



A very warm welcome back to the new academic year! I hope that you have all had a wonderful summer holiday making special memories together as a family.

It has been joyful to welcome the children back to school this week; they all look incredibly smart and have demonstrated their usual outstanding behaviour.

This week in collective worship we have been thinking about our Christian value this term; kindness. We spent time reflecting on how we can use our 'kind hands' as well as our kind hearts and voices to show our kindness to everyone at school, at home and in our community. Children have been creating their very own 'kind hands' templates in class which will be displayed in the entrance. Well done everyone!

You should have received your child's curriculum letter and knowledge organiser today which outlines what your child will be learning this term. The email address for contacting your child's class teacher will be available on the curriculum letter. As you know we value our excellent working relationship with you as parents, so please do come and talk to us if you have any questions or concerns about your child.

Very best wishes,

Mrs Mary Baker  
Head Teacher



### FABs Summer Fair – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September

Please do come and join us from 12pm for some fun and food! We look forward to seeing you there.



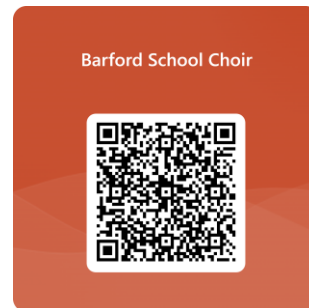
### Clubs

We are looking forward to starting extra-curricular clubs for children to attend from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September. If your child would like to join any clubs, please sign up using the forms link below no later than Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September.

<https://forms.office.com/e/FRJJJytVbM>

### Choir

Mrs Rose is incredibly excited to start choir again this term! Please use the QR code below to sign up. Choir will be at the same time as last year, 8.30am on Wednesday mornings.



### FABs AGM

The FABs AGM will take place on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm at school. We are desperately in need of more support for our small FABs team, so please do come along if you are able to. Alternatively, if you cannot come to the meeting but are able to offer even a small amount of support, please complete the forms link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/qFMJhuqcqZ>

### Holiday and Unauthorised Absence Fines

We wrote to you previously to explain that unauthorised absences, including holidays during term time, will now incur a fine. Holidays in term time are not acceptable and have a very detrimental impact on children's education.

## Uniform

The children have come back into school looking exceptionally smart; thank you for your support and co-operation in ensuring children take pride in their appearance. Just a reminder that school ties are strongly encouraged and are available from the school office.

Please could I just remind all parents that bracelets are not part of school uniform unless they have religious (or medical) significance. Taylor Swift bracelets are not permitted. Air up water bottles and smart watches are also not permitted.

## Mobile Phones

There is an increasingly large quantity of evidence outlining how harmful mobile phones are for children. For example, an Ofsted report in 2021 into abuse and harassment states that **nearly 90% of girls**, and nearly 50% of boys, said being sent inappropriate images or videos of things they did not want to see, happens a lot or sometimes to them or their peers. We strongly implore you to not give your primary school child a mobile phone and safeguard them to enjoy their childhood.

## Ofsted

You may have read in the news this week that Ofsted are no longer grading schools with an overall 'one word' judgement. We are expecting to have an Ofsted inspection some time this half term. Once we have been notified of the inspection (which will now always be on a Monday), we will write to inform you and also ask for your views about school via 'parent view'.

We are looking forward to welcoming Ofsted to Barford and showing them how proud we are of our wonderful school community.

## Thank you!

The staff and I would like to say a huge thank you for your incredibly kind and generous gifts at the end of term. Your gifts and thoughtful cards are so very much appreciated by all of us.

### **Message from Mrs Horsman:**

*A very big thank you for my lovely gifts. I was touched by your generosity. Teaching your wonderful children has been an absolute joy. I have many treasured memories from my days at Barford. I wish you all a very happy and successful academic year.*

### **Message from Mrs Gourlay:**

*Thank you to all the parents for your lovely gifts at the end of term - I was overwhelmed with your generosity. It was a pleasure to teach your wonderful children and I wish you all the very best for this academic year.*

## Year 6 Cake Sale

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September will be the Year 6 cake sale! We would be really grateful if year 6 could bring in cakes to sell at break time. Please could all children bring in £1 in cash if they would like to buy a cake.



## Autumn Term Dates 2024

Date & Time	Event
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	FABs Summer Fair
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 4 visit from Mr Egypt
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September 9am	Reception parents 'teas and tissues'
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 2 visit to Royal Pump Rooms
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 6 cake sale
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> September 9am	Reception Welcome Service @ St. Peter's Church
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 3 visit to Compton Verney
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	Individual & Sibling Photographs
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Barford Eurovision Song Contest!
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Science specialist visit
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	National Poetry Day
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> October KS1 – 9am KS2 – 2pm	Harvest Festival @ St. Peter's Church
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 4 class assembly
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Divali Day
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Parents' meetings (on-line)
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Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Halloween Disco
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	INSET day
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> October to Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Half Term
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6 SATs & PGL residential meeting
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Non uniform day
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Barford Bonfire
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November 11am	Remembrance Service @ St. Peter's
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Year 5 cake sale
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November 2pm	Advent service @ St. Peter's church
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December 2pm	Christingle Service @ St. Peter's church
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Theatre trip to Smeds & Smoos @ Warwick Arts Centre
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 to Dick Whittington Panto @ Belgrade theatre
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2pm	KS1 Christmas Show (Rec, Yrs 1 & 2)
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 5pm	KS1 Christmas Show (Rec, Yrs 1 & 2)
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Christmas Show (years 3, 4 & 5)
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Christmas Show (years 3, 4 & 5)
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 1pm	Christmas service @ St. Peter's church followed by Christmas Fair at school.