



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

## Together we love; together we learn

### Newsletter

#### Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September

One of the many joys of being a head teacher is how many times every day I witness our amazing children living out our Christian values. We are incredibly proud of the kindness, care and compassion our Year 6 children have shown their Reception buddies since they have started school. We are also very proud of Reception for settling into school so well! It was wonderful to formally welcome our Reception children and their families into our Barford St. Peter's family at the welcome service today.

This week in collective worship we have been thinking about tolerance. Children listened to the story of 'The pirates next door' and created prayers and poems about tolerance which is one of our British values.

We were also delighted to have an assembly this week from Severn Trent Water. They explained the water cycle to children, as well as how we can all save water at home, for example by turning off the tap whilst brushing their teeth. Well done to our Year 4 volunteers who helped with the assembly!

You will have received information this week regarding our 'European day of Languages' celebration next Friday, which will be a non-uniform day. If you do have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

A letter regarding school fund has also been sent out this week – please do consider whether you are able to make a contribution to this as every little really does help to buy resources for the children. As always, the Autumn term is full of exciting events so please do check the diary dates on the newsletter.

Very best wishes,

Mrs Mary Baker  
Head Teacher

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

Huge thanks to all those of you who were able to come along and support the FABs Summer Fair, despite the weather! I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to the FABs team and everyone who gave up so much of their time to help to plan, organise, prepare, run and clear up the event. We really do need more support to be able to run events, particularly the Bonfire. Additional information of how you can help is coming out today.

#### Clubs

Thank you to those of you who signed up for clubs which have started this week. I would like to offer my sincere apologies to those of you who experienced administrative frustrations with signing up for clubs, as well as any confusion in relation to payments and the duplication of booking places for Barford Bright Stars. Thank you for your feedback in relation to these issues which we have taken on board to ensure a smoother process next time.

#### Protective Behaviours – Taking Care Project

This week children have started their P.H.S.E. learning about how to keep themselves safe. This is a vital part of our curriculum and one which we welcome your support with at home. If you would like additional information about our Protective Behaviours curriculum please follow the link below:

[Protective Behaviours Training Partnership - We All Have The Right To Feel Safe Booklet](#)

#### 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>

## What we've been learning (by our brand new reporters!)

### Reception

Reception class have settled so well into Barford School! Our topic this term is 'All about Me!' and we have spent the last two weeks getting to know each other and finding out about our likes, our families, our classroom and our wider school.

In Religion and World Views we read about the story of St. Peter and the fish. We learned about why St. Peter is special at our school and we made a lovely community display to show we are all part of a big family.

In our English we have been reading 'A Squash and a Squeeze' by Julia Donaldson. We have been acting out the story and we made up our own versions with different animals during Drawing Club. We have enjoyed our first two forest school sessions. We have followed our new orienteering signs to find animals, and we have spent time in the forest school exploring our own interests.

We are starting to understand and follow routines and we now know how important it is to look after our own belongings, especially getting changed for PE!



### Year 1

We have been enjoying our start to year one. In history we have been learning about toys. We went on a school trip to St John's Museum and we got to play with lots of old and new toys; it was really fun! In English, we have been reading a book called 'Lost in the Toy Museum' and we have started retelling the story. In maths we have been writing numbers up to 10 and

practising counting to 10. In science we have been learning about the parts of a plant and tree.

### Year 2

In year 2 our learning theme is all about Samuel Lockhart and his elephants. In English we have been learning about Elmer the Elephant and have written our own stories about Elmer visiting Leamington Spa!

On Friday we went on a trip to the Royal Pump Rooms in Leamington. We looked around the museum and saw lots of amazing artwork. We also took part in a clay workshop to make our own clay elephants. After lunch we walked to Jephson Gardens to see the 3 graces.

In our maths learning we have been using number lines and using our place value knowledge to find missing numbers. We have also been use part whole models to show how many tens and ones are in a number.

### Year 3

This week in year 3 we have continued our topic on 'The Stone Age' by learning all about the Lascaux paintings. We even worked carefully with pastels to create our own version of the paintings. In English we have been writing about the discovery of the paintings. In guided reading we have been reading 'Stig of the Dump'.

In science we have been learning about the different types of rocks. These are sedimentary, metamorphic and igneous! In P.H.S.E. we have been learning about our early warning signs when we don't feel safe.

In maths, we have been learning about the place value of numbers and in P.E. we have been developing our netball skills as well as high intensity training (HIT). In history we have been creating timelines including the stone age and iron age.

### Year 4

Last Monday a special visitor called 'Mr Egypt' came to our school. He greeted us with an Egyptian song and even did some Egyptian dancing! He told us all about his special job as an archaeologist and allowed us to handle some very special Egyptian artefacts. We even learned about mumification which was really quite gruesome!

This half term our topic is all about Ancient Egypt. We have been learning about Egyptian writing which was called 'hieroglyphics', and the Egyptian number system. We have also been learning about the river Nile and have located it on a map.

## Year 5

In maths we have been learning about place value for numbers up to 1,000,000. In Religion and World Views we have been exploring statements about Jesus and considering and reflecting on our own views about Jesus.

In P.E. we did circuits and have also been developing our football skills. In computing we thought carefully about how reliable the information we see online and in advertisements is.

In English we have been writing balanced arguments and in history we have been exploring the differences between Mayan pyramids and Egyptians pyramids.

## Year 6

In Year Six, we are studying our topic, 'The Tudors' and enjoyed an amazing Macbeth workshop at the RSC in Stratford upon Avon. We learned about the characters and their personalities. We rehearsed various scenes by freeze frames and other dramatic techniques. Afterwards, we walked around the town and completed three different geographical surveys. We loved interviewing different tourists and discovering why they were visiting the historic town.

In maths, we have been multiplying and dividing by the powers of 10 using Gattegno charts.

In Art we worked on our shading skills. But the highlight for Year 6, has been having Reception buddies and getting to know them.

## Year 6 Cake Sale

Thank you to Year 6 for providing such a wonderful range of delicious cakes for our cake sale last week, which made an amazing £200! This money has already been put towards buying maths homework books for the children.



## Macmillan Coffee Morning

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September we will be holding our annual Macmillan Coffee morning at 10am. Please do come along and join us for a cup of tea and piece of cake! In a break from tradition, we **will not** be inviting the children to sit with parents this year due to all the exciting European Day of Languages activities which we have planned for them, and as such the morning will be adults and non-school age children only.

## Well done Charlie!

Congratulations and well done to Charlie in year 5 who completed an incredible 10k run to raise over £600 for Shipston home nursing charity. What an amazing achievement!



## Scooters and Helmets

I was horrified this week to witness on my way into school two year 5 boys almost get knocked down while scooting across the road in front of a car, without wearing any helmets. Whilst we trust children in years 5 & 6 to travel to and from school by themselves with parental permission, please could I urge that you support us to keep them safe by ensuring they wear helmets? Mrs Rose has discussed this with children in school. The traffic is very unpredictable on Church Street and it really is essential that children wear helmets for scooters or bicycles.

In addition, please could we remind you that children should push bicycles and scooters once on the school grounds to avoid any collisions. Thank you.

## Teepee!

A huge thank you to the Williams family for giving up their time to install our brand new teepee which was kindly donated by our Year 6 class of '24. It looks absolutely brilliant in the forest school area!



## Autumn Term Dates 2024

Date & Time	Event
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.