



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

Together we love; together we learn

## Newsletter

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October



This week in collective worship we have been discussing the meaning of Harvest, which has of course been celebrated for hundreds of years. We talked about how fortunate we are nowadays to have such a huge variety of fruits and vegetables from all over the world as part of our everyday diet. We explored how this was not always the case, with communities relying on a good harvest to provide them with their food. We read the well-known story of 'Stone Soup' and reflected on the importance of sharing.

This has become an important part of our harvest reflections – considering those who do not have as much as we do, and how we can show compassion to them by sharing what we have.

It has been wonderful to see this compassion in action this week as you have all kindly donated food for the Stratford food bank; thank you for generosity. Thank you also for coming along to our Harvest celebrations today; I am sure you will agree the children were exceptional!

We have welcomed some inspiring visitors into school this week, with Year 5 experiencing a 'Maya' information day and Year 3 learning all about Stone Age tools; more information on this from our reporters below.

This week we have been reviewing our homework policy. Further information regarding changes to homework are detailed in a separate letter which you should have received today.

Our new school council met this week to discuss how we can improve our lunch times. Our school councillors then held a class council so that all the children can share their ideas. I am looking forward to hearing their suggestions next week!



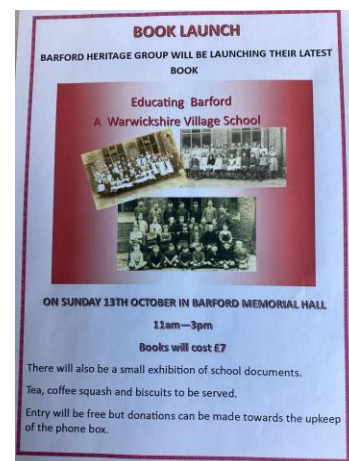
Next week we are excited to be holding our termly writing week, where each class will focus on an inspiring text called 'The boy with flowers in his hair'. It is a wonderful story and I hope your child will share it with you at home!

Very best wishes for a lovely weekend,

Mrs Mary Baker  
Head Teacher

### History of Barford School Book Launch

The Barford Heritage Group have published the long awaited book 'Educating Barford'. There is a special launch event which is open to all on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October from 11am to 3pm at the Memorial Hall. Entrance is free and books will cost £7.



## European Day of Languages

Thank you all for your support with European Day of Languages last Friday. The children looked magnificent in their country colours and thoroughly enjoyed their day. They all sang brilliantly in their 'Eurovision' contest and the winners were Portugal! Well done everyone, and our huge thanks to Mrs Del Rio for organising such a fabulous day.



## FABs AGM - Update

Unfortunately we did not have any parents join us for the FABs AGM last Friday. A new date of **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm** at the Joseph Arch has been arranged – please do come along and support us if you are able to!

## What we've been learning

### Reception

Last week in Reception we really enjoyed using the book 'The Colour Monster' by Anna Llenas to explore our own feelings. In art we learned to draw a recognisable picture with paint and used paint to fill a space, creating the most wonderful colour monsters which are on display in our room.

This week Reception were really excited to welcome families into class for our first Stay and Play session. Parents and children shared the children's learning journals and chose pieces of learning they were proud of together, adding a 'proud' sticker to their book. Then the children enjoyed showing their families around our classroom and playing where they like to play. The rain didn't stop our fun!

This week we have been reading 'The Smartest Giant in Town' by Julia Donaldson. We imagined what it must be like to be as tall as a giant, and we drew ourselves as giants in our class Drawing Club. In our maths we

have been observing ways of making four and played lots of practical games to explore it.

In forest school we made leaf litter collections of four items each. We have also been very excited about our new role play which is a pizza café. We used cardboard to create pizza bases and toppings, and we made menus. In PE this week we really challenged ourselves with co-ordination games in tennis and by improving our skipping skills in dance.



### Year 1

In English this week we have been reading the story 'Dogger' and making lost posters to help Dave to find Dogger. We had to describe what Dogger looked like and make sure we remembered our capital letters, full stops and finger spaces!

In maths we have been thinking about place value and whether numbers are equal, smaller or larger. We have also been adding on one more or taking away one less. We also ordered numbers from smallest to largest.

In D.T. we have been investigating levers and sliders. We have learned how to put a guide on the back and made a gingerbread man that goes back and forth. We developed our scissor skills, learning to cut close to the edge. We used 2 characters on our designs.

In P.E. we have been practising our jumping skills! We have been learning to log on by ourselves in our computing lessons. In P.H.S.E. we have been learning about how our bodies are private and belong to us.

### Year 2

In Year 2 we have been learning all about place value in maths. We have been counting in 2s, 5s, 10s and even

3s! We had fun exploring the place value of money and how we could use coins to total a given amount.

In English we have been writing instructions on how to look after an elephant. We have even been making elephants out of paper and tape in art! In P.E. we have been doing yoga which is great fun. In P.H.S.E. we have been learning how to keep our bodies safe. We have also enjoyed learning our Harvest songs and making pizzas with Mrs Baker!

### Year 3

In Year 3 we have been learning how to play netball in P.E., practicing our accurate throwing and catching. We have continued to enjoy our brass lessons with Mrs Pugh as well as learning our Harvest Songs in music.

In English we have been learning to write a newspaper report. In maths we have been revising our place value by adding on ones, tens and even hundreds to a given number.

In P.H.S.E. we have been learning about our early warning signs and how it might feel inside our bodies when we start to become worried. We have also made our network hands so that we can think carefully about who our safe adults are.

On Thursday we had an exciting visitor, Mr Kirby, who told us all about Stone Age tools and we were excited to find out about how seasonal changes affected life for people in the Stone Age.

We had a fantastic trip last week to Compton Verney where we learned even more about the Stone Age. We built dens, made fires and even made bread! It was a brilliant trip!



Finally in science we are learning about the different types of rocks and how to identify them. We made documentaries about how fossils were created.



### Year 4

In English in year 4 we have been studying poems as part of national poetry day. We looked carefully at a poem all about using our voices to speak out and identified the rhyming words as well. In handwriting we have been learning the tricky joins for 'j'.

We have continued to enjoy our Ancient Egyptian topic and have started to learn all about the Rosetta stone. In music with Mrs Pugh we have been learning how to read notes, as well as how to change the volume of our playing.

In maths we have been learning about ascending and descending numbers. We have been writing our questions and trying to solve them. We have also been ordering numbers using dice.

In science we have been learning about our ears and what is inside the inner ear. We also learned about how we hear sound. In P.E. we have been learning netball skills, and also using our new orienteering course around the school grounds.

We have been enjoying our art lessons and using blending to add detail to our drawings of vegetables. In geography we have been learning all about rivers and where they start and end!

In Spanish we have been learning our song for Eurovision which was so much fun. All the countries did exceptionally well!

In R.E. we have been learning about what Christians might believe. We have also been writing prayers ready for our Harvest festival.

## Year 5

In year 5 we had a really exciting Maya day! After that we wrote a recount of the day in English and explained what we did.

In P.H.S.E. we created our network hands, where we thought about who our safe adults are in school and at home. In R.E. we have been exploring world views of how people felt about Jesus.

In music we have been enjoying our feel good Friday sessions. In P.E. we have been learning football skills, including how to dribble.

In maths we have been practising our arithmetic and revising calculations such as division and multiplication. In art we have been looking at different techniques such as cross-hatching and the tree bark technique. In Spanish we have been learning how to say the names of pets.



## Year 6

In class this week we have been doing a poem for the Harvest Festival. In English we have been writing a Macbeth based recipe inspired by the witches, including the most disgusting ingredients we could think of such as dried toenails and troll snot! For poetry day, we also studied a poem about our inside voices and how important it is to speak out and say what you have to say.

In maths we have been rounding to the power of 10. In science we made a periscope which was great fun; we used a cardboard box and mirrors.



In Espanol we have been learning how to order in a café. We also learned that we have Spanish pen pals that we are going to write to! Finally, we have really been enjoying our swimming lessons!

### Autumn Term Dates 2024

<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
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.