



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

Together we love; together we learn

Newsletter

Friday 11th July

It has been wonderful to welcome so many of you into school over the past two weeks for our final parent sharing events of the year. It is such a joy to see children feeling so proud of sharing their learning with you.

Over the past two weeks I have spent much of my time in the kitchen, making iced raspberry yoghurts with year 1, honey bread and bruschetta with year 3, tomato salsa with year 4 and burgers and cookies with year 6!



The children never cease to amaze me with their cookery skills and it is such a pleasure to watch their confidence grow when using new techniques. They are also developing an excellent knowledge of the nutritional value of foods as well.

I wish you all a wonderful weekend in the sunshine!

Mrs M.A. Baker
Head Teacher

Children of the World Day

On Monday 14th July we will be holding our Children of the World Day. Children will take part in a range of exciting activities as they visit different countries including Brazil, Canada, France and Japan. Children are welcome to come into school wearing non-uniform in any bright colours.



FABs AGM – All Welcome

We're excited to let you know that the date for the FABs Annual General Meeting (AGM) has been set for **Wednesday 10 September, 8pm**. The meeting will take place online via Teams, making it as easy as possible for everyone to join from the comfort of home. You can access the meeting using the link below:

FABs AGM Teams Meeting Link:

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Meeting ID: 316 762 055 518 3 **Passcode:** NQ2VM3rM

Please do join us if you are able to – a little support really does mean a lot!

50 Years of Governance

Last Friday 4th July we held a special celebration for Mrs Ann Fawcett as this year marks 50 years that she has been a governor of Barford St. Peter's School, a most incredible achievement. Mrs Fawcett's dedication to the school and to generations of children is unparalleled and inspirational.



We welcomed back Mrs Delany, Mrs Gardiner and Mrs Ocroft, as well as previous Chairs of Governors to join in the celebration. Our thanks to the school choir, who provided an outstanding performance for all our special visitors.

Books

Children will be bringing some of their books from this academic year home with them on Thursday 17th July. Please could you send in a carrier bag on Thursday to help with carrying them? Most curriculum books will be passed up to your child's new class teacher to continue with next year.

Uniform Reminders

There are a lot of children wearing bracelets in various forms to school. Please could I remind you that in line with our school uniform policy, children should only wear a simple watch or simple stud earrings. No other bracelets or necklaces are permitted, unless for religious reasons, and children will be asked to remove them. Thank you for your co-operation.

What We've Been Learning

Reception

The Reception children have been very creative learners over the last two weeks. We have been following the story of 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' by David Armitage, where Mrs Grinling needs to find a way to get the lunch basket down a wire to her husband at the lighthouse without the seagulls eating it.

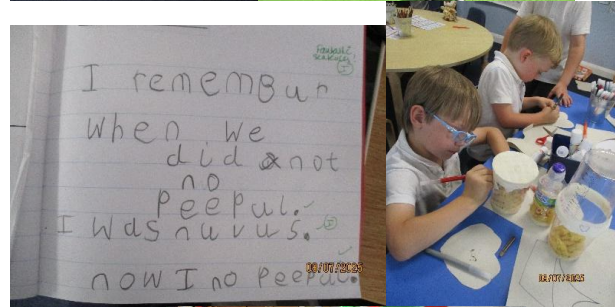
We found out how a pulley works and we set up our own pulley outside to send messages back and forth from the cottage to the lighthouse. In maths we had some tricky problem solving where we had to work out how many items had been taken out of Mr Grinling's lunch basket by looking at what was left. We used our number bonds for 10 to help us. In music we have had so much fun this week finding out about the different sections of an orchestra and learning about tuned and untuned instruments.

We all had the opportunity to play glockenspiels. We then worked together playing boom-whackers, which are tuned tubes you strike to make a sound. As a team we were able to play 'Twinkl Twinkl Little Star' with them!

We then went on to create our own non-tuned instruments out of junk and performed together as a percussion orchestra to songs we know, changing the dynamic and tempo each time. It was lots of fun.

In our writing this week we have been reflecting on our year in Reception and how we have changed. The children all wrote about very heartwarming memories

and how they have grown in confidence since they started school last September.



Year 1

In art we have been creating our own seaside pictures. In P.E we have been doing tennis and football rounders! In science we have been naming all of the different seasons and in maths we have done the months of the year and days of the week!

In English we have been writing stories about 'The Lighthouse Keepers Lunch.' In history we have been learning about the seaside in Victorian times, including what they used to wear and do in their leisure time when they visited the beach.

Year 2

In art we have been making hot air balloons. We blew up our balloons then used papier mâché to cover them and waited for them to dry. When they were dry we painted them in bright colours!

In English we have been doing poetry. In science we have been finding out facts about Rachel Carson. In maths we have been finishing our topic on graphs and

also completed our flash back Friday last week. In computing we have been learning about programming using a microbit. We had to tell it to do lots of different things and do some debugging to work out why things weren't working. In P.E we have been doing football rounders and have been loving it!

Year 3

In English, we have been learning about Robin Hood. In maths, we have been going on TT Rock Stars to practice our timestables. In guided reading we have been finishing our group texts.

This week we have had two sessions of cookery with Mrs Baker. In the first session we made honey banana loaf and then on Friday we made 3 different kinds of bruschetta. It was great fun and we are getting really good at weighing, chopping and mixing!

Year 4

On Monday we went to the Botanical Gardens in Birmingham. We got to hold a snake, stick insects and a cockroach. We had to do a sheet and fill in different ones from the botanical gardens in the greenhouses we had different sets of plants we had to write down answers to. It was such a great trip and we learnt so much!

In Art we have been we've been collaging pictures of the Botanical Gardens and making collages out of them.

Year 5

In D.T. we have been designing our own cars and after that we have been making them. We had to persevere as it was quite challenging to make them.

In English we were writing a newspaper report on an expedition to Antarctica. In maths we were understanding kilograms and kilometres.

In R.E. we have been exploring how ancient stories can be used for philosophy for life today. In geography we have been researching polar biomes. In music we have been playing call and response rhythms using percussion instruments. In history we have been knowing that ships were used for bringing back goods from around the world. In P.S.H.E we have been understanding how Parliament works.

Year 6

We have been visiting our new secondary schools and meeting our new teachers! It's such an exciting new chapter but we are both nervous to be starting a new and sad to be leaving our Barford family. We will always have such fond memories. Most of our time has been spent rehearsing for our end of year show. We performed Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies to the school on Tuesday and they really enjoyed it. We've had so much fun rehearsing and performing.

In PSHE we have been looking at basic first aid. We know what to do if someone is choking or unresponsive and can put them in the recovery position. We've also learnt some CPR. In English we have been producing a Bear Grylls survival guide and thinking about all of the things we might need to survive in the wild. This is our last newsletter and we just wanted to say thank you for reading about what we've been doing every two weeks. We will miss you all!

This Week's Prayer



Dear Lord,

Help us to release our pride and ego, replacing them with a spirit of gentleness and meekness. Grant us the strength to see ourselves as you see us, no more and no less. Teach us to embrace our strengths and weaknesses with grace, knowing that true humility is not self-deprecation but a deep understanding of who we are. Thank you for the opportunity to grow in humility, and may it reflect in our thoughts, words, and actions.

Amen

"Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up."

James 4:10

Summer Term Dates 2025

Date & Time	Event
Monday 14 th July	Children of the World Day
Tuesday 15 th July 2pm	Year 6 show
Wednesday 16 th July 5pm	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