



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

Together we love; together we learn

Newsletter

Friday 3rd October

This week during collective worship we have focused on God's creation and the wonderful world we live in. We discussed how it feels sometimes to stand still and have moments of awe and wonder, perhaps when visiting a beautiful place in nature.

As part of our harvest celebrations, we have also reflected on how fortunate we are to have such a wide variety of fruits and vegetables to choose from and enjoy, and indeed any food to eat at all, when others around the world sadly do not.

Thank you for your generosity in providing so much food for the Stratford Food Bank. They have been to collect this today and are incredibly grateful for the donations.

Thank you also to those of you who were able to join us for our harvest celebrations today. We are very proud of all of the children for their singing, poetry and art work.

I had the great pleasure of accompanying Year 2 to Warwick Castle this week. Their behaviour was exceptional and other guests and staff commented on their excellent manners as well. Children were most absorbed in learning more about the history of the castle, as well as the incredible birds of prey show. One child commented "This is the best day of my life!". It is joyful moments like this which remind me that I have the best job in the world!

Kind regards,

Mrs M.A. Baker
Head Teacher



Barford Bonfire – Saturday 8th November



Tickets for the Barford Bonfire are now on sale! These can be ordered via parent pay or from the village shop. Please do come along and support this excellent annual event. Friday 7th November will be a non-uniform day and we would be most grateful if children could bring in some chocolate for the chocolate tombola.

We will need a huge team of parent volunteers to enable this popular event to be successful. Please do consider giving up a small amount of your time on Saturday 8th November if you are able to – further details to follow.

What we've been learning

Reception

Last week in Reception we really enjoyed reading 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.

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 used giant feet to measure journeys. In music we have been exploring pitch using our voices and learning our action songs for the Welcome and Harvest services.



Year 1

Over the last two weeks in year 1 we have been learning so much! In D.T. we were looking at toys that moved up and down. We looked at some puppets and a rabbit that moved up and down in a hat. In PSHE we were learning about which parts of our body are private. In history we did a timeline of toys from the Victorian times right up to today! We found out that children have always loved cuddly toys.

In English, we have been re-telling the story of 'Lost in the Toy Museum' and learning to use adjectives in our writing. We have used words like big, spotty and white! In science, we have been labelling the parts of a tree and the parts of a plant. In maths we have been using crocodiles to eat the bigger number and we have also been comparing numbers. With Mrs Baker we made some cheese scones and got to do some cutting and grating.

Year 2

Over the last two weeks, with Mrs Baker we made mini pizzas! We could choose our toppings. We had tomato sauce, cheese, tomatoes, olives, chicken and ham! They were super yummy! On Tuesday this week, we went to Warwick Castle on a school trip! We watched the Falconer's Quest show and the trebuchet launch. We explored the Time Towers and we found out that

Warwick Castle has been involved in several conflicts over the years! It was such an amazing day!

In English we have written a recount of our school trip. In maths we have been comparing numbers with the more than and less than sign and equals to sign. We are moving onto adding and subtracting numbers. In P.E. we have been doing yoga and learning some calming poses.

Year 3

In English we have been busy writing a diary entry about the book 'Stoneage boy'. We tried to include lots of emotion and feeling in our writing as well as some amazing vocabulary! We also wrote a recount about our wonderful trip to Compton Verney. We got to cook with Mrs Baker last week! We made jelly - we used jelly blocks and combined them with hot water in a bowl. We then had to put in some fruit that we had cut up ourselves and let it set. It was so juicy and refreshing.

In history we have been understanding how people in the Bronze Age lived. We looked at an example of a house, drew it and labelled it. In maths we have been adding and subtracting 1s 10s 100s. We have also been comparing and ordering numbers up to 1000 and estimating numbers on a number line. We have been doing lots of guided reading and spellings and we have been practising for Harvest Assembly. We hope you enjoy our song in the Harvest Performance!

Year 4

In English we have been learning about the Egyptian Pharaoh, Tutankhamun. We also have been continuing to read our book called 'Secrets of the Sun King'. Currently, Lil and her friends Tulip and Oz have just arrived in Egypt. We have written informal letters as though we are the characters in the story and had to think about how they were different to our formal letters.

This week we are writing a newspaper report about Tutankhamun's tomb being discovered by Howard Carter. We have had a go at slow writing and editing too. In guided reading we have been doing lots of reading with our teachers, comprehension activities, handwriting and silent reading. We love getting the opportunity to read our books.

In science we have been making hand pipes and learning about how sound is formed. We have also been enjoying our brass lessons where we also make sound!

One of our favourite things this week though has been cooking with Mrs Baker. In cooking we made potato owls with lettuce and jacket potato and carrot for the beak and olives for eyes and yummy cheese. They were delicious!



In Maths we have been learning to round numbers to the nearest 10 and 100 and today we are going to be rounding to 1,000. On Friday we are going to test our timetables!

Year 5

In Year 5 we have been learning so much and we are definitely enjoying it! In science we have been learning about Newton metres and carrying out experiments with them. Yesterday we did an experiment with Mrs Newman's shoes! We had to see how much friction each shoe had. In my group's experiment we found out that the walking boot had more friction.

In maths we have been learning about rounding numbers up to 10,000 and we also have been doing our arithmetic sheets.

In English we have been reading 'Rainplayer' and writing diary entries from the point of view of one of the characters called Pik. In one section of the story, an Aztec god Chac doesn't give rain to the people for a year so Pik challenges Chac to a game of Pok-a-Tok (a game a little bit like football, but you can't use your feet). Luckily he wins!

Year 6

In science we have been investigating how refraction changes the direction in which light travels. In history we have been debating whether King Henry VIII deserved the title 'Father of the Navy'. In English we were writing a soliloquy about lady Macbeth's thoughts on King Duncan's murder'.

In geography we have been learning about the counties of the UK. We really enjoyed this lesson! In PSHE we have been thinking about our Network hands and thinking about our trusted adults. We have also been preparing for our Harvest Festival and can't wait to tell you about our trip to Stratford next week!

This Week's Prayer

Thank you, God, for the wonderful world you made. Thank you for all people of the world. Thank you for all animals and living creatures. Thank you for all the plants and things we can eat. Help us, Lord, to look after your world and everything in it. Help us to share the things we have and to think about others who do not have as much as we do. And bless us and our families with your love, today and always. **Amen.**

"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously".

2 Corinthians 9:6

Barford: A Farming Community



Step Back in Time at Barford Memorial Hall! Join us on **Sunday, 12th October from 11am to 3pm** for **Barford: A Farming Community**, a heartwarming celebration of our agricultural heritage.

Discover captivating family stories, explore historic maps, and enjoy live demonstrations of spinning and rug making. Marvel at fascinating artefacts and a large-screen display of old photographs, while hearing firsthand memories from local farm workers about how life on the land has evolved. Admission is free (donations welcome), and tea, coffee, and biscuits will be served. Come share in the nostalgia and community spirit!

Autumn Term Dates 2025

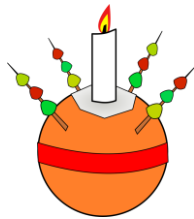
Well Done Alice!



We are incredibly proud of Alice in Year 3 who has been successful in gaining a main role in a London Theatre production. Performing at His Majesty's Theatre in Haymarket, she played the role of "Kai" in a production called 'Across the Line'.

Alice always shines on stage and it is wonderful to hear that she is sharing her talents with the world!

Save the date – Christingle at the Cathedral



I am delighted to announce that we have been given the opportunity to take the whole school to Coventry Cathedral for a Christingle service on Wednesday 10th December. Parents are welcome to attend if they are able to transport themselves there. More details to follow.

Date & Time	Event
Tuesday 9 th September 8.45am	Reception Teas & Tissues
Wednesday 10 th September 8pm	FABs AGM via (teams)
Thursday 11 th September	Year 4 Mr Egypt Day
Friday 12 th September	Year 6 Cake Sale Year 3 visit to Compton Verney
Tuesday 16 th September	Family learning workshop – New Reception parents
Wednesday 17 th September	New Reception Reading & Phonics Meeting
Thursday 18th September	Year 5 Maya Day
Friday 19 th September	Flamenco Workshop
Sunday 21 st September 11am	Family Service & St. Peter's Church – all welcome
Friday 26 th September 2.30pm at school	New Reception Welcome Service
Friday 3 rd October 8.45am – KS1 2pm – KS2 Both at school	Harvest Festival
Wednesday 15 th October	Individual & Sibling School Photographs
Friday 17 th October	Divali Day
W/B 20 th October	Year 6 – PGL
Tuesday 21 st October	Parents Meetings (teams)
Wednesday 22 nd October 8.45am	Year 2 Class Assembly
Wednesday 22 nd October	Parents Meetings (teams)
Friday 24 th October	INSET DAY

INSET Dates for Academic Year 2025 to 2026

Below are the INSET days for next academic year:

Friday 24 th October
Monday 5 th January
Monday 1 st June
Monday 20 th July