



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

Together we love; together we learn

Newsletter

Friday 7th November

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term. This term is always filled with lots of exciting activities and opportunities for children as we prepare for Christmas.

We were very fortunate to be visited on Monday by Claire from the Myton Hospices. Claire explained the very important work that nurses at the hospice do to help people who are very poorly. We are very proud to be able to support Myton Hospices in any way possible and explained to the children that even if they are able to donate a very small amount they would be really grateful.

We have also launched our new value for this half term of 'Thankfulness'. As we start to think about remembrance, I shared with children how incredibly humbled and thankful I am by the wonderful poppies which children created over half term. These are going on display in the front entrance and will look spectacular. Each poppy is unique and special; thank you all for your support with this.

Curriculum letters will be coming out to you today. Please do take a look at what your child is learning this term and ways you can support at home.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

Mrs M.A. Baker
Head Teacher



Barford Bonfire – Saturday 8th November



We are looking forward to welcoming everyone to our community Bonfire on Saturday. Gates open at 5pm and fireworks will commence at 7pm. I would like to extend my thanks to the incredibly dedicated team of FABs who have worked so hard to make sure the event runs smoothly, and to those of you who have offered to help on the evening as well.

Sporting Super Stars!



We are incredibly proud of our mixed Year 6 hockey team who played in a tournament on Wednesday against 5 other schools. They won 4 out of their 5 matches, a fantastic achievement. Well done everyone!

Our girls football team also played exceptionally well against St. Anthony's on Wednesday and fought hard for a 2-1 victory. Special mention to Phoebe who managed to play on with a broken finger. What a brave girl!

We have two boys football matches to report – firstly just before half term our Year 5 boys team played Bishops Tachbrook and won with a whopping 10 goals to 2! An amazing result!



On Monday our Year 6 boys team played St. Augustine's. The odds were against them despite playing very well indeed. We are proud of you boys!



We have lots more netball and football matches lined up and are in need of some new kit. If you or anyone you know might be able to sponsor a new kit please do get in touch with the school office. Thank you.

Blue Sky

We have made the decision to move our school social media account to blue sky. Our new address will be [@barfordstpeters.bsky.social](https://bsky.app/profile/barfordstpeters.bsky.social)

If you could let us know whether you give permission for your child (photo only, no names) to be published on blue sky, via this link, we would be very grateful.

[Blue Sky Social Media Account – Fill in form](#)



Our X account will run up until July, at which point it will be deleted. All photographs for the upcoming Portsmouth residential will be posted onto Blue Sky.

What we've been learning

Reception

This week we have been reading the book 'Room on the Broom', by Julia Donaldson. In English we have been learning how to use a grapheme chart to help us when writing during our play. Our role play has been a witch's house, and we have enjoyed using our segmenting sounds skills to write potions for the witch. In our weekly Drawing Club we all decided to draw the dragon or the witch's broomstick. We wrote code words using our phoneme mats to scare the dragon away.

In maths we have been carefully counting ingredients to put into spells using our tuff tray play. We also designed new broomsticks using collage materials to help the witch choose a new one. We have really enjoyed developing our story play outside and on Wednesday we decided to make a show where we all took turns to perform our own talents.



Year 1

In English we have been learning about writing a firework poem and we used words to describe the fireworks like 'sparkly'. In maths we have been using part whole models and learning how we can use three different numbers to make fact families. For example if you add $3 + 4 = 7$ we know that $4 + 3 = 7$. We have also been learning about adding 0.

In science we have been learning all about the seasons and thinking about how the weather and our environment changes in Autumn, Winter, Spring and Summer. We looked at a special piece of work where we drew pictures to represent each month and thought about which months are in each of the four seasons.

In art we have been looking at the artist Mondrian. We looked at the patterns in his art work and found out

that he only used primary colours in his paintings. We also learned that he liked to take a lot of time with his work.

We are very excited to go to St. John's Museum next Thursday to learn more about toys and life in the past!

Year 2

In the week before our holiday, Year 2 had a fantastic day creating model castles with working drawbridges. We started this half-term by presenting our castles to William the Conqueror! William the Conqueror (otherwise known as Mrs Stock) was impressed with our fantastic designs and our great attention to historical details such as battlements and arrow slits. We even considered where would be the best place to build our castles!

We were sad to say goodbye to our castles topic but we were very excited to start finding out about the Great Fire of London. We have been ordering the key events of the fire and using expanded noun phrases to create setting descriptions based on the images we have been looking at. We have been practising our adding skills and solving reasoning challenges. We have also explored thankfulness and remembrance in RE. In our PSHE lesson we talked about what makes our families special. This was a really lovely moment for Year 2 and we would like to take this chance to say thank you to all of our fabulous families for being so wonderful!

Year 3

In English we have been writing a setting description about Mount Vesuvius from the perspective of someone who was living in Pompeii. We used lots of adjectives to describe the scene.

In maths we have been developing our understanding of column addition and subtraction and learning how to exchange, for example using more tens to supplement the ones.

In our learning theme we have been learning about natural disasters. In Spanish we have been learning about how to write the date.

In science we have been looking at the different types of skeletons including endoskeletons, which some animals and humans have, and exoskeletons which other animals have, such as ladybirds and crabs!

Year 4

In English we have been writing a story about a character and a setting and we have drawn the character. We have been learning about the Romans and we could choose whether to be a soldier, a servant or a merchant or a child to write from their perspective. We wrote our plans in sections and we are now writing this out as a story.

In maths we have been developing our understanding of rounding numbers up to thousands. We have also been thinking about using different methods of subtraction, including column subtraction and thinking about which of the methods was the easiest and which was the hardest!

In R.E. we have been considering kind words and learning more about Ghandi and the good work that he did.

In P.E. with Mr Taylor we have been developing our hockey skills, including passing and dribbling. We also played a fun game where we could only use 4 cones to get to the other side of the hall.

Year 5

In maths this week we have used our timestables knowledge to think about and calculate common factors.

In English we have started to read Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl and have been studying the character's personalities. We then created our own characters ready to describe them next week.

In science we have started our unit of learning about Earth and Space and have looked at evidence about whether the earth is round or flat; we all agreed the earth is a sphere!

In history, we have been learning about how cocoa beans came from the Americas to Europe. We thought it was amazing that chocolate bars have only been around for about 200 years; before this people drank chocolate in liquid form.

We finished our week with an amazing trip to Cadbury world, during which we learned all about how chocolate is made, as well as how it is marketed and how to target specific audiences.

Year 6

In maths we have been developing our understanding of long division and then applying this method to solve word problems. In English we have been debating whether King Henry VIII was a good king or a tyrant.



We have continued our learning about King Henry VIII in history as well. In art we have been sketching kings from the past, using a range of techniques and exploring the effects of different types of pencils.

In Spanish we have been learning about the different parts of the house.

This Week's Prayer

Dear Lord,

Thank you for all the courage shown by men, women and children in wartime. We pray that you help everyone to live peacefully together, in this country and around the world.

Amen

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid” **John 14:27**

Autumn Term Dates

Date	Time	Year	Event	Location
7.11.25	All Day	5	Cadbury World	
7.11.25	All Day	All	Non-uniform day for a chocolate donation	
8.11.25	Gates open 5pm	All	FABs Barford Bonfire	School Field
13.11.25	All Day	1	Visit to St. John's Museum	
14.11.25	10.30am	All	Year 5 Cake Sale	Hall
14.11.25	2pm	1, 2 & 3	Fire of London Workshop	Hall
20.11.25	2.45pm	1	Parent Share	Year 1 Classroom
21.11.25	Various	Pre-booked open morning for New Reception 2026		
25.11.25	2.45pm	6	Parent Share	Year 6 classroom
26.11.25	2.45pm	2	Parent Share	Year 2 classroom
27.11.25	2.45pm	5	Parent Share	Year 5 classroom
28.11.25	2.45pm	4	Parent Share	Year 4 classroom
4.12.25	2.45pm	3	Parent Share	Year 3 classroom
4.12.25	1pm	Rec, 1 & 2	Tiger that Came to Tea	Warwick Arts Centre
8.12.25	2pm	KS1	Christmas Show	School Hall
9.12.25	9am	KS1	Christmas Show	School Hall
10.12.25	10am	Whole School	Christingle	Coventry Cathedral
10.12.25	5pm	3, 4 & 5	Christmas Show	School Hall
11.12.25	2pm	3, 4 & 5	Christmas Show	School Hall
12.12.25	2pm	Pre-school	Pre-school Nativity	School Hall
16.12.25	1.15pm	KS2	Peter Pan Theatre Trip	Spa Centre
17.12.25	12pm	All	Christmas Lunch	School Hall
19.12.25	1pm	All	Christmas Service	St. Peter's Church