



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

Together we love; together we learn

Newsletter

Friday 21st November

This week we have been reviewing children's learning in maths, writing, PHSE and art. It has been wonderful to celebrate the progress children are making in these subjects and a joy to listen to them speak so confidently about their learning.

In worship this week we have been thinking about our value of thankfulness. We listened to the Sikh story of Duni Chand and the Silver Needle, and reflected on being thankful for what we have, and giving generously what we are able to.

We also thought about groups we belong to and how important it is to feel we belong. We imagined ourselves inside a huge circle and thought about everyone inside our circle: family, friends, school and other groups such as church or beavers. We then acted out the story from Luke chapter 17, where Jesus heals 10 people with leprosy and only one says thank you to Jesus.

We are really looking forward to welcoming you to the parent sharing events over the coming weeks, as well as the forthcoming Christmas activities. Don't forget to sign up to help at the Christmas Fair which will take place at 3.15pm on Friday 5th December.

Best wishes for a peaceful weekend,

Mrs M.A. Baker
Head Teacher



Cold Weather!

As the weather becomes much colder, please make sure that children come to school with a warm coat, hat, scarf and gloves. Please name everything as this will help if things go missing.

Uniform reminders

Please could we remind you that children should be wearing **grey trousers**, skirts or dresses as per our uniform policy. Black leggings are not part of our school uniform and are not permitted. Thank you for your support in ensuring our children take pride in their appearance.

Myton Hospice Appeal

A huge thank you to all of you who were able to support the Myton Hospice Appeal. They were overjoyed with the huge total raised which was £541.70! This will really make a difference to people who are in need of hospice care – thank you for your generosity.

Children in Need Cake Sale

Thank you to the wonderful Year 5 parents and children for their donations of cakes last Friday, and to all of you who donated £1 to buy them. We raised over £200 for children in need which is fantastic!

Final Day of Term – Friday 19th December

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our Carol Service at St. Peter's Church on Friday 19th December at 1pm. After the service, school will be closed from 2pm and all children should be collected from school no later than this time. There will be no after school club on this day.

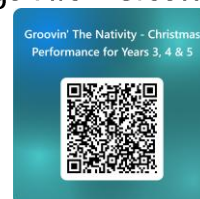
Christmas Shows

Just a reminder if you have not already requested tickets for the Christmas performances, please do so using the link below. No younger babies or children are permitted in the performances, so please do come along to the dress rehearsal if you do not have any child care options.

Key Stage One – Angel Express



Key Stage Two – Groovin' Nativity



Blue Sky

Thank you to those of you who have given permission for children's photographs (no names) to be posted on Blue Sky as we make the transition from X. If you haven't already done so, please use the link below:



You can follow us on @barfordstpeters.bsky.social

Tiger Who Came to Tea – 4th December

Just a reminder that KS1 children will need a packed lunch on Thursday 4th December. You can order a school packed lunch using the link below, no later than Friday 28th November, or provide your own.



Flu Nasal Spray

Compass Health Team will be in school on **Thursday 11th December** to give children the flu nasal spray vaccine. It is unfortunate that this is so late in the term but sadly this is outside of our control. Compass should have written to you directly via text message with a link to complete. You will then be able to provide consent if you wish your child to have the vaccine.

What we've been learning

Reception

This half term Reception Class have really started to explore their joy of communicating through drawing and emergent writing. Each week we have a session called 'Drawing Club' where we talk about the stories we have been reading in class and we take ideas on a paper journey linked to our book theme. Sometimes we create secret story codes using the letters we know. This week we have been reading the traditional tale, 'The Gingerbread Man'. The children loved exploring their

own versions of the story and some wrote 'zig-zag' letters to help the Gingerbread Man escape the fox!

We made our own gingerbread men as well as a big one for our class. We were amazed to find that he had run away the next day, and after lots of investigation, we tracked him down to Mrs Hancock's kitchen!

In maths we have been looking at the composition of small numbers. This week we explored what we understand about the words 'whole' and 'part'. We made fantastic gingerbread men picture jigsaws which had six parts to make a whole puzzle. We cut them up and reassembled them. We also explored all the other toys and games in class which had lots of parts to them and had lots of fun playing with jigsaws.

In our PE we have also been practising our dance and the songs for our Nativity show. In RE we have been looking at places of worship across different faiths.



Year One

In English we have been looking at the book 'Orion and the Dark.' It's about a little boy who is afraid of the dark but goes on a journey to overcome his fear. In class, we made a prediction in what the book was about by looking at the front cover, looked at how the little boy was feeling throughout the story and wrote about our own fears and how we overcome them. This week, we have been looking at one of the settings from the story and will be writing a setting description.

In maths we have been looking at number bonds to 10! Identifying number bonds to 10 practically and pictorially. We have discussed finding these systematically, added numbers together and tried hard to reason.

In science we discussed how we know it's autumn and drew a picture to show our understanding of this. In History, we have started our 'Gunpowder Plot' journey by looking at Guy Fawkes and how we still remember him today. In Art we used pastels to identify primary colours and mix these to make secondary colours. We

had lots of fun doing this! In PSHE we looked at what a family is and had a go at drawing our own. We also discussed friendship qualities and which ones we thought were important as a class- Kindness was our top quality! In Music we have started singing for our Christmas Show.

This week we also enjoyed learning to spread and mash to make yummy egg sandwiches with Mrs Baker. Spreading is a really tricky skill and we will keep practising!

Year 2

In maths, we have been telling the time using little clocks! We have been talking about the hour hand and the minute hand and have learned to tell the time in quarter hours.

In English, we have been writing letters to King Charles II asking him for help to put out the fires during the Great Fire of London in 1666. We asked him for more fire hooks to use to pull down houses and make breaks to help stop the fire. We have also been practising joining our handwriting and we are getting really good at it!

In Science we have been looking at different materials. We designed a Teddy Bear using the best materials we could think of- not glass! We have also been thinking about which materials are soft, rigid, flexible and transparent. In topic, we have been ordering the events of the Great Fire of London. In art, we have been describing the colours of the great fire of London using chalk and pastels. We also experimented with charcoal and thought about the different textures we could create, but it was a bit messy!

In R.E. we have been thinking about the bible and learned that it is actually lots of different stories, poems and songs. We learned that it has an old testament and a new testament, and recalled some of the bible stories which we know.

Year 3

In English we have been retelling the story 'Escape from Pompeii'. The main task was to use conjunctions like and, but, because and although. In maths we have been adding and subtracting numbers using the column method. You have to make sure the numbers are all in the correct place value column! In art we have been looking at the art of Auguste Rodin and writing our opinions about the artwork.

Year 4

In maths, we have been exploring area. This is when you look at different shapes and work out the inside value.

In P.E. we have been doing hockey. Today we have been passing and we did a match too! In music we have continued to play our different brass instruments like a trumpet.

In English we have been writing a diary entry. We started by doing some slow writing and thinking really carefully about our vocabulary. Then we finished the rest of our diary entry using our own creativity. We have also started our D.T. project. We were cutting out different Christmas decorations and sticking them in our books. We picked two we liked and stuck them in and one we didn't like and stuck that in our books too. We wrote lots of comments about why we did and didn't like them. We have also been practising the Christmas play and the songs- we can't wait to perform it to you!

Year 5

In maths, we have been learning on a place value chart to multiply numbers by ten, one hundred and one thousand. Next, in English we have been learning about Charlie and the Chocolate Factory pretending we have never read the book before or watched the movie. We are trying to create our own characters and describe the place that they are in. We are focusing on using some really great vocabulary! We have also been doing the nativity. It's called Groovin' Nativity. There are seven amazing songs and we've been working hard learning our lines and acting them too!

Year 6

In maths, we have been doing long division and we have also been doing word problems that involve fractions. In English, we have been writing our plans for our narrative writing. We have been creating a cohesive story and also thinking about the vocabulary that we want to use. In Art, we have been starting to sketch our Tudor portraits of ourselves in Tudor clothing such as a coif or rings. In geography we have been looking at hamlets, villages, towns and cities and in history we have been learning about Henry VIII!



Protective Behaviours

Last half term, the children took part in our Protective Behaviours lessons, learning that everyone has the right to feel safe at all times and that they can talk with someone about anything, no matter how small or difficult it feels. They explored a wide range of feelings and learnt to recognise Early Warning Signs that show when something does not feel safe. The children also developed their understanding of body awareness, personal space and privacy, and used stories and role-play to practise problem-solving strategies.

They learnt how to identify trusted adults who can be part of their personal support network and how to recognise safe and unsafe secrets. We encourage parents to talk with their children about these ideas at home, helping them build confidence in speaking up and knowing how to seek help whenever they need it. The link below will take you to a document on our website all about Protective Behaviours should you wish to find out any more information.

[Protective Behaviours – What is it?](#)

Growth Mindset

In our assembly on Monday, we will be exploring how we can develop a 'Growth Mindset'. The children will be asked to create posters or images that promote a growth mindset for a display in school. This is an optional activity but something they may ask for your support with. The posters need to be returned Mrs Feldman at school by Wednesday 10th December. Thank you in advance for your help with this.



This Week's Prayer

Dear Lord,

Teach us to offer you a heart of thanksgiving and praise in all our daily experiences of life. Teach us to give thanks for the groups we belong to, for the ways they enrich our lives and care for us. Teach us to be joyful always, and to give thanks in all circumstances.

Amen

One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. ¹⁶ He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.

¹⁷ Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?" ¹⁸ Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."

Luke 17: 15-20

Autumn Term Dates

Date	Time	Year	Event	Location
25.11.25	2.45pm	6	Parent Share	Year 6 classroom
26.11.25	2.30pm	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
5.12.25	9am	KS2	Dress Rehearsal	School Hall
	10.30am	KS1	Dress Rehearsal	
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