



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

Together we love; together we learn

## Newsletter

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January

Welcome back to the new term and a very Happy New Year to you all. I hope that you had a wonderful Christmas break. This week has certainly been interesting with the weather, and we are very thankful that it has not caused disruption to school.

This week we have launched our school value for this term which is 'respect'. We thought about what it means to respect people, places and things, focusing on the story of Jesus and the Temple.

We also spent time this week in collective worship reflecting on how we can respect and celebrate our differences, and how incredibly boring it would be if we were all the same! Children provided some very thoughtful contributions as always. We then read the classic story of 'Elmer'.

Today you should have received your child's curriculum letter, which provides an outline of what they will be learning this term. In addition to this, we have lots of exciting events planned for the term, so please do check the dates list at the end of this letter. We will look forward to seeing you over the coming weeks.

Very best wishes,

Mrs M.A. Baker  
Head Teacher

### Spring Term Clubs

You should have received a letter this week confirming your child's place at any clubs you have requested. We do still have availability at board games, mindful colouring and story club. If your child would like to attend any of these please do fill out the link below.

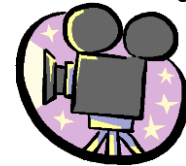
[Spring Term 2026 Clubs – Fill in form](#)



### Uniform Reminders

Please could we remind you that nail varnish and jewellery are not permitted as part of our uniform policy. Children should also not be bringing lip gloss into school. If your child requires lip balm due to the cold weather please discuss this with their class teacher so it can be kept safely in school.

### FABs Movie Night



Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January will be the FABs movie night! Films will be as follows:  
Rec & Year 1 – Madagascar  
Year 2, 3 & 4 – Lilo & Stitch  
Year 5 & 6 – Elio  
The movie night will run from 3.15pm to 5.15pm.

To purchase tickets please do so via parentpay. Tickets will cost £7 which includes one slice of pizza and a cup of popcorn topped with sweets and mini marshmallows!

Children will have access to their water bottles. Children are welcome to bring onezies and pillows! Please collect children in years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 from the back playground, and children in Reception and Year 1 from the Reception gate on the front playground.

### Year 5 & 6 Poetry and Music Assemblies

Please note that Year 5's poetry and music assembly date had been changed due to Bikeability. Year 5 will now take place on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 8.45am.**

Year 6's poetry and music assembly will now take place on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January.** Sincere apologies for any inconvenience.

## Lost Scooter

This lovely scooter has been at the school gate since before Christmas. Does it belong to anyone please?



## Young Voices & Choir Updates

We were so disappointed that Young Voices was cancelled this week due to the weather. We understand that this will be rearranged and will let you know as soon as we hear anything. **Choir will go ahead as usual on Thursday morning (15<sup>th</sup> January).**

## What we've been learning

### Reception

The children have returned full of enthusiasm for our new topic, Amazing Animals. We talked about animals in groups and all chose one to draw and label. We cannot wait to see where our new topic takes us! This week we read the story 'Night Monkey, Day Monkey' by Julia Donaldson. We have been finding out about day and night, and the animals that are awake and asleep at different times. We found out about a wide range of monkeys and in art drew and carefully pastel shaded our own monkey pictures.

In Maths we are looking at subitising (just knowing without counting) small numbers as well as playing track games that help us learn about counting on from a number. We have also been playing in our role play vets, considering how to ask questions to find out what might be wrong with different animals. In Music we have been looking at action rhymes and how actions help us to remember songs. As well as performing to 'Row Row row your boat' with instruments and actions, we all enjoyed taking part in our freestyle circle, dancing in 2's and 3's to different pieces of music.

In PE we started gymnastics and this week. We talked about the different parts of our bodies we use to move

and thinking about how different animals move, we imitated them in our jungle gym.



### Year 1

Our new learning theme is 'The Polar Regions' and in English we have been reading the story of 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers. We thought about the penguin and his personality. We also made some predictions about what we thought might happen in the story!

In science we have been thinking about different materials that objects are made from, for example clothes are made from fabric because it is stretchy and flexible.

In art, we looked at some of the art work from Eric Carle and wrote about some of the features of his work. In P.H.S.E. we started to think about our health and well being and ways we can stay healthy.

In maths we have been thinking about naming and describing 2D and 3D shapes.

In P.E. we have been learning to develop some of our dance movements which was great fun!

### Year 2

Our new learning theme is all about the United Kingdom and in geography we were learning about the different countries which make up the United Kingdom. We used a large piece of paper and in our groups tried to draw the United Kingdom and show where each country was.

In maths we have been learning how to add and take away sets of ten for two digit numbers, for example 25 + 30, or 54 – 20. We have been using a number line to help us. We tested our knowledge on a quiz where we only had 5 seconds to answer the questions.

In English we listened to the story of 'Katie in London' and thought about all of the features of London as our capital. We have been thinking about the characteristics of Katie and wrote these down.

We have been using hit the button to practice our calculation skills in our early morning work!

### Year 3

Our new learning theme is Ancient Greece and in English we have been looking at the Greek myth of 'Theseus and the Minotaur'. We acted out the story and we have been writing down our ideas to plan our own story.

In maths we have been practising our skills in multiplying by 3 and 4. In art we have been looking at traditional Greek vases and we used different sketching pencils to sketch the patterns for them.

In P.E. with Mr Taylor we did some different types of jumps to develop our gymnastic skills. In Spanish we have been learning the names of different animals.



### Year 4

Our new learning theme is all about the Industrial Revolution in Victorian times. In English we have started to learn about Oliver Twist and watched some film clips. We thought about how it might feel to live in a work house in Victorian times. We wrote about how Oliver might feel and about his appearance as well.

In maths we have been learning about how to multiply numbers by ten and practicing our calculation skills. In P.E. we worked with a partner to develop our skills in balancing as part of our gymnastics work.

In Spanish we have been learning about different activities and how to say we like these, for example, I like skipping or ice skating.

In history we looked carefully at timelines and thought about what life was like before and after the industrial revolution.

### Year 5

Our new learning theme is about the Anglo-Saxons and we have been learning about how they came to Britain after the Romans left. We identified on a world map which countries they came from and why, thinking about push and pull factors.

Our new text is 'Beowulf' which is about a monster who is half man and half monster. Beowulf is trying to save the city so that everyone can live in peace.

In maths we have been learning about fractions and how to convert them so that they have a common denominator, and then ordering them from smallest to largest. We have also been learning about mixed number fractions and equivalent fractions, including how to simplify them. We also learned that the larger the denominator the smaller the fraction actually is!

In R.E. we have been learning about what Christians believe about saints. Some of the qualities which are important in saints are being helpful, kind, generous, and respectful, which are qualities we should all follow!

In music we have been learning an African song which we worked together to sing acapella.

### Year 6

This week we have started our learning theme all about World War II and in English we have been reading the classic text of 'Goodnight Mr Tom' by Michelle Magorian and have read up to chapter 2, where William arrives at Tom's house.

In P.E. we have started to learn about how to play hockey and learned how to tackle and played a mini match. In Spanish we were learning about the vocabulary related to sports.

In science we are going to be learning about electricity and we thought about identifying risks from electrical appliances. In geography we used a world map to identify the allied and axis forces in World War II.

In music we were listening to and appraising pieces of music from Vera Lynn such as 'We'll meet again'. We also listened to 'Pack up your troubles'.

In maths we have been starting to think about our SATs tests and have been revising our calculation and reasoning skills.

## This Week's Prayer

Dear Lord,

We thank you that you made us all in your own image, unique and wonderful in our own individual way. Let us celebrate our differences and know that you love each and every one of us, no matter what. Lord let us know that being different is wonderful and respect each other always.

**Amen**

"So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets."

**Matthew 7:12**

## Spring Term Dates 2026

*Please note dates may be added or timings changed closer to the events. Please read each newsletter carefully for updates.*

Date	Time	Year	Event	Location
5 <sup>th</sup> January	INSET DAY			
15 <sup>th</sup> January	9am to 10.30am		Phonics Family Learning Course	Hall
16 <sup>th</sup> January	10.30am	All	Year 4 Cake Sale	Hall
<b>21<sup>st</sup> January</b>	<b>8.45am</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Poetry and Music Class Assembly</b>	<b>Hall</b>
22 <sup>nd</sup> January	9am to 10.30am		Phonics Family Learning Course	Hall
23 <sup>rd</sup> January	3.30pm to 5pm	All	FABs Movie Night	Hall
<b>28<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>8.45am</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Poetry and Music Class Assembly</b>	<b>Hall</b>
29 <sup>th</sup> January	9am to 10.30am		Phonics Family Learning Course	Hall
5 <sup>th</sup> February	2.45pm	1	Parent Sharing Event	Year 1 classroom
6 <sup>th</sup> February	2.45pm	4	Parent Sharing Event	Year 4 classroom
3 <sup>rd</sup> February	2.45pm	2	Parent Sharing Event	Year 2 classroom
10 <sup>th</sup> February	9am to 12pm	All	Parent Meetings	Via Teams
11 <sup>th</sup> February	8.45am	3	Music & Poetry Class Assembly	Hall
11 <sup>th</sup> February	3.30pm to 5.30pm	All	Parent Meetings	Via Teams
13 <sup>th</sup> February	TBC	KS1 & KS2	FABs Valentine Disco	Hall
W/B 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Half Term			
27 <sup>th</sup> February	All day	5	Visit to Tamworth Castle	
4 <sup>th</sup> March	8.45am	4	Poetry and Music Class Assembly	Hall
5 <sup>th</sup> March	All day	All	World Book Day	Classroom
11 <sup>th</sup> March	8.45am	2	Class Assembly	Hall
18 <sup>th</sup> March	8.45am	1	Class Assembly	Hall
19 <sup>th</sup> March	2.45pm	3	Parent Share	Year 3 classroom
25 <sup>th</sup> March	8.45am	Rec.	Class Assembly	Hall
26 <sup>th</sup> March	9am	All	Easter Service	St. Peter's Church
<b>26<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>3.30pm</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Easter Egg Tombola</b>	<b>Hall</b>
27 <sup>th</sup> March	All Day	Years 3-6	Ricky Dance Day	Hall