



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

Together we love; together we learn

Newsletter

Friday 23rd January 2026

Children have continued to demonstrate their usual enthusiasm for learning over the past two weeks, thoroughly enjoying their Spring Term learning themes.

Year 5 have been exceptional this week during their 'bikeability' sessions and the leaders commented on their outstanding behaviour, good listening and manners. Well done Year 5!

Last week in collective worship we thought about what makes a good friend. Children reflected that being a good listener, being kind and showing forgiveness are important aspects of friendship.

The highlight of this week has been Year 6's magnificent class poetry and music assembly. We were incredibly proud of all the children for learning their poems off by heart and articulating them so clearly. Children's musical solo performances were also very impressive. Well done everyone!

Wishing you all a peaceful weekend,

Mrs M.A. Baker
Head Teacher

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

Year 4 Cake Sale

Huge thanks to Year 4 for providing such a plethora of delicious cakes last Friday, and to you as parents for supporting this event. We raised £180 which is essential in helping us to be able to purchase curriculum items.

Parents Meetings

In February we would be delighted to share your child's progress with you during parents' meetings, which will take place on line via teams. These will be available to book from Friday 22nd January and you should receive a link to your registered email address. The meetings will take place on Tuesday 10th February from 9am to 12pm and Wednesday 11th February from 3.30pm to 5.30pm.

We would strongly encourage all parents to make an appointment and politely request they are made within these times. Thank you.

Parent App - Eduspot

Earlier this week Mrs Clark wrote to you explaining that much of our communication can be easily accessed through the app 'Eduspot'. Please do download this and take a look; we are hopeful that this will make life easier for busy parents!

What we've been learning

Reception

We have continued developing our Amazing Animals topic with a focus on the texts, 'Mr Benn the Zoo Keeper' by David McKee and 'Poo in the Zoo' by Steve Smallman and Ada Grey. We have been learning about animals needs and living conditions and the issues around keeping animals in captivity which the children have thought about sensitively, comparing this with their own basic needs.

On Wednesday we had an animal dress up day which helped us all to use our imagination in our play. We all

had the opportunity to talk about the animal we had come dressed up as too.

We are working on writing our words by listening carefully to the sounds and some of the children are beginning to use sound /grapheme mats independently to write words and phrases. This week we have fun with drawing Mr Gloop's poo museum from our text and thinking of descriptive words to label the artefacts. We had fun swapping words around in a different order to change the descriptions.

In our Maths we have been learning about investigating numbers, breaking them into small parts. The children love playing games to test their number bond knowledge and are becoming confident with small number-bonds for 5.

In music we have been looking at keeping to a beat and what tempo is. We enjoyed playing along to lots of different pieces of music with different a tempo, moving around the hall at different speeds to match the music. We also love finishing our music lessons with a freestyle circle where we get to express ourselves independently to music.

We have carried out lots of exciting experiments and investigations to extend our wider knowledge of animals too. We explored how cats can see in the dark, and how ducks stay dry in water. This week we all waterproofed a picture of a duck with a wax candle and learned how to use a pipette to test our waterproofing. The blue water just rolled off our pictures!

We also considered all the animals that might visit our school ground while we are not here and how we could investigate the tell-tale signs that they had visited. Part of this involved looking at the diet and poo of different animals, which we all found very fascinating!

Year 1

In English we have been writing a lost poster for the penguin in the story 'Lost and Found'. We used exclamation marks and question marks. We had to describe what the penguin looked like.

In maths we have continued to learn to name, describe and sort 3D shapes such as cylinders and spheres. We have also been learning to continue repeating patterns.

In science we have been looking at materials that objects are made from and thinking about the properties of different materials. In art we have been exploring mark making using different grades of pencils and then used these skills to draw the hungry caterpillar. In Geography we have been naming and labelling the 7 different continents.



Year 2

In PHSE we have been practising calming breathing and meditation. We also talked about the importance of physical activity to keep us healthy and discussed activities we do outside of school.

In music we have learned and performed songs including 'Lavender's Blue' and 'London Bridge is Falling Down'. We talked about rhythm and beat.

In science we have been thinking about floating and sinking and have been investigating different shapes by putting them in the water. We have also been classifying materials according to whether they float or are absorbent. We made predictions about which materials would float or sink.

In art we have been looking at the work of Lowry and we then used different types of pencils to explore tone. In English we have been learning to use expanded noun phrases based on the text 'Katie in London'. This week we have looked at two different poems, 'St George and the Dragon' and 'The Legend of St George' and have



compared their features. We have been investigating and thinking of rhyming words.

In Geography we have been investigating the difference between a village and a town using a venn diagram. In maths we have been learning about groups as multiplication and how to divide by sharing into groups.

Year 3

In year 3 we have been exploring different patterns and designs and then using these ideas to design our own Greek vases. In science we have started to learn about different forces, for example twists, pushes and pulls. We used a ping pong ball and a straw to push by blowing through the straw. We pulled blu tac and we spun a coin.

In English we have been using adverbs and conjunctions to write a persuasive letter to Jason from the text 'Jason and the Argonauts'.

In maths we have been carrying out an investigation using a 100 square but in code! We have also been practising multiplication and division and looking at our 8 times table. In history we have been learning to understand how democracy worked in Ancient Athens and thinking about who was allowed to vote and who wasn't.

In P.E. we have been learning gymnastics and have been developing jumps and balances. In Spanish we have been learning about musical instruments.

Year 4

In maths we have been learning about related facts, for example if $3 \times 4 = 12$ then we know that $12/3 = 4$. In English we have been looking at poetry by William Blake. In art we have been learning about 'Ozzy the Big Bull' in Birmingham! We have drawn sections of the bull and practiced a range of sketching techniques, including hatching and cross hatching.

In history we have been learning more about child labour in Victorian times and learning about people who campaigned against it.

In Spanish we have been learning to describe leisure activities. In P.E. we are going swimming every Tuesday and also learning new gymnastics skills such as jumping and balancing with Mr Taylor.

Year 5

In year 5 we have continued to study the text 'Beowulf' and have been using prepositional phrases to write a setting description of Mead Hall. This week we have also been doing bikeability and have learned how to ride safely on the road. We have learned how to do a u turn and how to signal.

In R.E. we have been learning about how Christians might read the bible and thinking about whether all Christians use the bible in the same way. In history we have been learning more about the Anglo-Saxons. We thought about the regions of Kent, Mercia, East Anglia, Wessex and Northumberland and how they were different during this period.

In Spanish we have been learning about how to describe our family tree and we had to draw our family and write the names of family members in Spanish.

In P.E. we have been developing our skills in hockey and playing mini matches.

Year 6

In maths we have been learning ratio and proportion and revising fractions. In English we continued to study the text 'Goodnight Mr Tom' and have been describing a setting of his living room using prepositions and expanded noun phrases.

In science we have been making circuits to make a bulb light and have drawn them using the correct symbols. We learned that 1 battery was 1.5v and then carried out an investigation to ascertain whether the bulb would be brighter with 2 batteries, which it was.

In Spanish we have been learning determiners and learning to describe clothing. In history we have been reviewing our chronological knowledge and using time lines to plot the beginning and end of WWII.

In R.E. we have been studying Buddhism and the ways of life for those who are Buddhist. In P.E. we have been developing our hockey skills and playing mini matches. We also performed our amazing Year 6 assembly!

This Week's Prayer

Almighty God,
 In Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Isaiah 41:10

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

Spring Term Dates

Date	Time	Year group	Event	Location
28 th January	8.45am	5	Poetry and Music Assembly	Hall
29 th January	9am to 10.30am	KS1	Phonics family learning course	BBS
3 rd February	2.45pm	2	Parent Sharing Event	Year 2 Classroom
5 th February	2.45pm	1	Parent Sharing Event	Year 1 Classroom
6 th February	2.45pm	4	Parent Sharing Event	Year 4 Classroom
10 th February	9am to 12pm	All	Parents Meetings	On Teams
11 th February	8.45am	3	Class Music & Poetry Assembly	Hall
11 th February	3.30pm to 5.30pm	All	Parents Meetings	On Teams
13 th February	TBC	All	Valentines Disco	Hall
W/B 16 th February	Half Term			
27 th February	All day	5	Visit to Tamworth Castle	
4 th March	8.45am	4	Poetry and Music Class Assembly	Hall
5 th March	All Day	All	World Book Day	Classrooms
11 th March	8.45am	2	Class Assembly	Hall
18 th March	8.45am	1	Class Assembly	Hall
19 th March	2.45pm	3	Parent Sharing event	Year 3 classroom
25 th March	8.45am	Reception	Class Assembly	Hall
26 th March	9am	All	Easter Service	St. Peter's Church
26 th March	3.15pm	All	Easter Egg Tombola	Hall
27 th March	All Day	KS2	Ricky Dance Day	Hall