



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

Together we love; together we learn

Newsletter

Friday 6th January 2026

This week we have continued to explore our school value of respect and have considered how we can show respect for our environment. We thought about the impact of plastic on the oceans and reflected on ways in which we can reduce our use of plastic products at home. Hopefully children have discussed this with you at home as well!

It has been wonderful to welcome so many of you into school over the past two weeks for both class assemblies and parent sharing events. I do hope that you have enjoyed looking through your child's learning in their books.

Last week children across school studied the text 'The Tunnel' by Anthony Browne during our whole school writing week. Children used the text as a basis for writing their own stories; their ideas were so creative and imaginative, it was a real pleasure to read them!

This week children have also been working hard on their assessment tests in reading and maths, the results of which will be shared with you during parents' meetings next week.

My thanks for your ongoing support as we work together to enable children to thrive.

Best wishes,

Mrs M.A. Baker
Head Teacher

Respectful Behaviour

I have been made aware from Mrs Burgess at Bright Horizons that unfortunately some children have been throwing sticks over the new fence after school when in the care of their parents. Some of the sticks almost hit some of the babies in the nursery. Please could we ask that you closely supervise your children after they have been dismissed to you at the end of the school day, to ensure they are being safe and respectful. Thank you.

FABs School Disco

Just a reminder that the school disco will be taking place next Friday 13th February. Tickets are available from parent pay and must be purchased no later than Thursday 12th February if you would like your child to attend. Thank you.



New Food and Nutrition Policy

From September, new guidance from the Department for Education is due to come into force in relation to Food Standards for children in the Early Years Foundation Stage. With this in mind, we are currently developing a school food and nutrition policy. A key part of this is for us to review the food we offer both during the school day and during our wrap around provision.

We are very keen to seek your views as parents on the food offered within school, including school lunches. If you are able to join us on **Wednesday 4th March** at **3.30pm** in the school hall to provide your feedback as part of a parent forum we would be very grateful.

World Book Day

This year World Book Day is on Thursday 5th March. This is one of our favourite events in the school calendar and this week in school council children have been voting for the activities they would like to include this year. Last year you may recall that children voted to wear pyjamas. This year, the vote was split and so we have decided that children can either wear a costume or pyjamas!

Children also really enjoyed our book swap last year, where they brought in a book and took a different one home. They would like to repeat this again this year, so please do have a book ready to bring in if you are able to!

What we've been learning

Reception

Last week we looked at the story 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' by Michael Rosen. We thought about all the story settings and words to tell us what the places were like. Then we used the words to describe the places in our writing. We also thought about the animals that might live in in the different settings and linked this to our topic thinking about animals and their habitats.

This week we have been looking at the book 'Everything You Know About Dinosaurs is WRONG!' written by Dr Nick Crumpton. It's a brilliant book looking at myths about dinosaurs and how facts are proven through evidence. We have enjoyed finding out proven facts about prehistoric creatures and we set up a dinosaur museum in our class, where we made our own artefacts to exhibit.

We have learned so many new sounds in phonics over the last few weeks, we are now able to write many more words. It has been fun trying to sound out dinosaur names and find all the sounds on our grapheme mats to write them.

In our Maths we have been using words to compare numbers and measures. We wondered about measuring the length of our bodies, measuring in bricks and dinosaur feet. We wondered which would be more and fewer, and we realised that the dinosaur feet were bigger than the bricks so there were fewer of them when we measured ourselves.

In music we have been finding out about 'pitch' and we used ribbons to create pitch waves, listening to different pieces of music. We moved the ribbons high and low. We also enjoyed singing songs and playing start / stop games to create a performance.

In PE we played aiming games this week and practised our throwing and catching, linking our learning with our counting skills.



Year 1

In Year 1, we have been super busy and learning lots of new things! In art we have been printing different patterns onto paper, and soon we are going to be experimenting with collaging using different types of glue - we are very excited to try it!

In maths we have been using number lines to label where numbers belong, and we've been finding one more and one less. We even did some really tricky problem-solving, including a challenge about decorated biscuits, which was hard but fun to figure out.

In English, we have been writing about the book 'The Tunnel', and we have been learning all about adjectives so we can make our setting descriptions sound exciting. In geography we learnt facts about animals in the Arctic. Did you know that polar bears are amazing survivors in cold places?

In science, we have been describing the properties of materials: glass is transparent and hard, some fabrics are soft, and metal can be shiny. In RE, we listened to the story of Noah's Ark from the Bible and the story of Nuh's Ark from the Qur'an. We talked about the important message they share - to be kind and loving.

Year 2

In Year 2 in D.T., we made our own wooden buses, and after we painted them we turned them over to look at the axle - when you move one wheel, the other one moves too, which was so cool to see!

In English we published our own version of 'The Tunnel', just like the story the whole school has been reading. In maths, we've been learning about dividing and multiplying using 'The Doorbell Rang', where lots of children kept coming to visit and had to share all the cookies (luckily Grandma brought extra).

In science, we tested different materials to find the best one for an umbrella, and we chose a balloon because the water slid right off. In geography, we've started learning about the UK and Wales. We even made posters, and we found out a fun fact: the tallest mountain in Wales is Snowdon!

Year 3

In Year 3 in D.T., we have been learning how to use cross-stitch, and we definitely had to use our Christian value of perseverance - especially when the thread kept falling out of the needle! In English, we have written amazing setting descriptions using exciting adjectives that help the reader feel like they've been transported right into the story.

In Science, we have been learning all about forces, and we did an investigation with Newton metres and our water bottles which was great fun. In art, we have had great fun making and painting our Greek clay pots, using traditional paint colours. We can't wait to decorate them and share them with our families soon.

In maths, we have moved on to division, and even though it's getting trickier now that we're in Year 3, we have tried really hard and have enjoyed wowing Miss Baker with what we can do!

Year 4

In Year 4, we have been getting really creative in art by using white wax crayons and then painting over them with watercolours - the patterns look amazing! We also explored how art can be used to communicate. In PSHE, we talked about why celebrating mistakes is important, because they can give us new ideas and help us learn not to be scared of getting things wrong.

In maths, we have been rounding numbers and dividing 2-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers. We are all working really hard on our times tables up to 12×12 because it's so important in Year 4. In English, we have been writing setting descriptions inspired by 'The Tunnel', trying our best to keep our handwriting neat and joined, and sharing exciting vocabulary with each other to make our writing interesting.

Our topic this term is the Industrial Revolution, and we have been learning about the trade links between Britain and the rest of the world - tea from China, cotton from India, spices from Africa and sugar from the Caribbean. In science, we have been learning about electricity, finding out which materials are conductors

and insulators. We've even been building circuits and explaining how they work!

We also love Spanish in Year 4 and have been learning the seasons while getting more fluent each week - Mrs Del Rio teaches us lots with her amazing Spanish skills.

Year 5

In Year 5, we have been working really hard, especially in maths where we've been learning all about fractions. We've practised subtracting fractions, finding equivalent fractions, and even adding mixed numbers - it's not as hard as you think once you get the hang of it! In English we have been writing our own versions of 'The Tunnel', making sure to use conjunctions, adverbials of time and well-punctuated relative clauses.

In R.E., we learnt how ancient texts can have different meanings and we explored something called the Midrash. In geography, we used 4-figure grid references and compass points to plot our very own Anglo-Saxon village. Then in history we found out how the Anglo-Saxons ruled and how they named places based on the people who lived there or the features of the landscape - lots of those names are still used today.

In science we have been learning about the life cycles of amphibians and insects, and now we've started discovering all the stages in a plant's life cycle. We have also loved our art topic where we studied the style of the artist Mike Barrett. Our display in the corridor looks amazing - and the best part was that we weren't allowed to use any pencils at all! It was so much fun!

Year 6

In Year 6, in maths we have been learning about algebra and practising how to swap numbers for letters to solve equations. In English, we have been writing our own narratives based on *The Tunnel*, making sure to include prepositions and expanded noun phrases to make our writing detailed and exciting.

In computing, we created posters about online safety to help remind everyone how to stay safe on the internet. In science, we have been experimenting with circuits to see how many components we can add before the bulb stops working. In geography, we learnt all about

exporting and importing goods and how countries trade with each other. In art, we made clay tiles inspired by the work of Henry Moore. In music, we have been learning to follow along to *The White Cliffs of Dover* and really enjoyed performing it together.

This Week's Prayer

Lord help us to always show respect for our environment and for the wonderful earth God created. Help us to remember that we are all stewards of God's earth and have a responsibility to look after it for generations to come.

Amen

'The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it.' **Psalm 24:1**

Spring Term Dates

Date	Time	Year group	Event	Location
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
4 th March	3.30pm	All	Food and Nutrition Parent Forum	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

Family Service @ St. Peter's Church

All are most welcome to attend family services at Barford St. Peter's Church. The dates for the upcoming services are as follows:

Sunday 15th February – Transfiguration – children will have the opportunity to do an activity around love.

Sunday 15th March – Mother's Day family service, where mothers will be presented with a bunch of flowers.

Sunday 19th April.

The service starts at 11am and there will always be an activity for children to take part in after the service.