



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

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## Newsletter

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Welcome back to the second half of the Spring term, and it has certainly started to feel a little more like Spring this week with some well overdue sunshine and the daffodils starting to bloom!

This week we launched our new school value for this term of responsibility and considered ways in which we can be responsible with our actions, such as helping to tidy up at home, and with our words as well. We will continue to explore this theme over the coming weeks.

We were exceptionally proud of our choir for their incredible performance at the Young Voices concert this week at BP Pulse in Birmingham. It was a very long and tiring day and they all did very well. Our thanks to Mrs Rose, Mrs Cookes, Mrs Del Rio and our parent helpers for giving up their time to provide the children with this unique opportunity.



You should receive your child's curriculum letter today outlining their learning for this term. Please do remember to check the dates list for upcoming events as well.

Best wishes,

Mrs M.A. Baker  
Head Teacher

### Fruit Snacks



Please could I remind you that children are only allowed **fruit** for their break time snack. This does not include snack bars, or anything processed such as a fruit winder. Thank you for your support with this.

### Food and Nutrition Policy – Parent Meeting Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 3.30pm

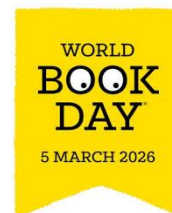
In September we will be launching our new food and nutrition policy which will mean significant changes to food provided in school, both during wrap around at Barford Bright Stars and during lunchtimes. We would be delighted if you could join us on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March for a parent forum to discuss these changes and put forward your views. This will take place in the school hall at 3.30pm.

### FABs School Disco

Thank you for your support with the school disco which raised over £700! The children all had a great time showing us their groovy moves! We are immensely grateful to our amazing FABs team and everyone who helped on the night.

We are very keen to raise enough money to buy some new trim trail play equipment for the school field which would benefit all children, and so all contributions help towards this goal.

### World Book Day



Just a reminder that next Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March is World Book Day! A separate letter outlining details has already been sent out, but children are welcome to come into school wearing pyjamas or a costume. We will be running the popular 'book swap' again this year so if you are able to donate a book, we would be grateful to have it by Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> if possible.

## Easter Celebrations

Easter is a most significant part of our school calendar and this year we will once again be holding our Easter Bonnet competition on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March. Children can wear their bonnets to parade around the hall and there will be a winner and runner up in each class.

We would also love to welcome any contributions of Easter gardens which will be displayed at St. Peter's church throughout the Easter period. Our Easter service will be held at St. Peter's church at 9am on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March. All are very welcome to attend.

Finally, we will be holding our annual Easter Egg Tombola after school on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March, on the KS2 playground (weather permitting!). We would be most grateful if all children could bring in a chocolate egg as a donation by Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March, which will be a non-uniform day.

## Andalusian Day

On Tuesday Year 4 held their Andalusian Day, which was filled with: fiesta, flamenco and tapas! The children had a fabulous day!



## Year 5 Courageous Advocacy

Our huge thanks to a magnificent group of Year 5 girls who gave up their own time to raise money for school.

The girls made cakes and bracelets which they sold on a stall which they set up in the village. They also sold homemade lemonade as well as tea and coffee. They baked, made and organised everything themselves. Their incredible efforts raised a huge £130.26 for the school!

Well done girls and our sincere thanks for your wonderful efforts; we are very proud of you.



## Heidi's Fundraising!

Heidi in pre-school is doing the most amazing thing and getting her hair cut to donate to Little Princess Trust, who make free wigs for children who have lost their hair due to illness. She has even been to talk about it on Coventry and Warwickshire radio! She has also been featured on the BBC website and in the Leamington Observer.

We are so proud of Heidi and would really encourage you to donate if you are able to, as the family are really hoping to raise £2000 for the charity. Details of how to donate are below.



<https://fundraise.littleprincesses.org.uk/fundraising/heidi-the-superhair>

## What we've been learning

### Year 1

#### Reception

This week we read the story 'Mr Wolf's Pancakes' by Jan Fearnley. It's a story where we were able to consider how it feels to be lonely or left out, and it also teaches the importance of having a go and trying new things, even if you don't think it's something you can already do. We made our own pancakes: dairy and non-dairy, focussing on accurate counting and action words to describe what we were doing.

The children all enjoyed making their own pancake book listing the ingredients, and then writing instructions using their action words such as 'crack', 'pour', 'mix' 'cook'. We have also been working hard on reading and writing tricky words that you cannot sound out, as well as improving our reading and writing of the new digraphs we learned last term.

We have been finding out why we have Pancake Day and learned about the 40 days of Lent reflecting on Jesus' time in the desert. We all thought about things we enjoy that we could give up for Lent too.

Our maths has focussed on accurate counting and also different ways of making 8 with smaller numbers. In music we have started our theme of Musical Stories and we all brought in our teddies on Tuesday to retell the story of the teddy bear's picnic, using the 1907 music by John Walter Bratton.

In PE we have been practising our jumping, using our arms to help with take off and landing. We played some team games and learned about relays.



In Year 1, we have begun our 'My Happy Mind' work. We have learnt about the three parts of our brain and met a new character called HAP, who teaches us how our brain works. We even drew pictures of our brains in our journals!

Our new topic is all about Africa, and we have learnt how to find Kenya on a map. We are very excited about this new learning. In science, we have learnt to name some common animals. Some of our favourites were the penguin, the lion and the robin.

In English, our work has been making us feel hungry because we have been using the story 'Handa's Surprise' to make a colourful story map. We have enjoyed learning about the animals in the story, and we are getting ready to retell it using capital letters, full stops and our very best handwriting.

In maths, we have been working hard on our number bonds to 20 and solving tricky problems using concrete resources. We have also started some art inspired by the artist Esther Mahlangu. Her work is very colourful and it makes us feel happy!

### Year 2

In Year 2, we have been learning all about life cycles in science. We now know the life cycle of a frog, and we can put each stage in the correct order. In maths, we have been learning how to divide and multiply, and we are getting more confident every day.

In PSHE, we have started My Happy Mind and learnt about the hippocampus, amygdala and prefrontal cortex. We know these parts of our brain work together, and we have practised happy breathing to help keep ourselves regulated.

In English, we have been learning about the Wright Brothers and how they invented the first aeroplane. Their story has inspired our own writing and our school trip this week. In PE, we have been developing our football skills, and the best bit was kicking the football forwards and backwards to each other using control.

### Year 3

In Year 3, our new topic is all about bees. We have created a story map about a bee's journey, and our bee is called Scout. We really enjoyed doing the illustrations to show his adventure, and the work in our books looks beautiful!

In maths, we have started learning about measuring length, and we have been comparing different lengths using the symbols q, = and G. Our artwork is inspired by the artist Escher, and we have been thinking carefully about how his pieces were created and what materials and techniques he used.

In Spanish, we learnt different ice-cream flavours, which are all delicious! Can you guess what "*un helado de menta*" means? In PSHE, we have learnt what to do in an emergency. We now know how to make a 999 call and we even role-played what we would say. We understand that the most important thing is to keep ourselves safe before helping someone else and that we only ever dial 999 in a real emergency.

In RE, we spent time creating dances to represent religious ideas, and we loved performing them.

### Year 4

In Year 4, we have been recognising mixed number fractions in maths, and they are not as tricky as we first thought!

In PSHE, we have been reflecting on our own happiness and what is important to us. Some of our favourite examples were catching up with friends, playing with our pets, spending time with our families and getting fresh air.

This week, we also celebrated Spanish Day. We tried different types of food from Spain, made Spanish fans and learnt all about Spanish culture. We are incredibly lucky that our very own class teacher, Mrs Del Rio, is Spanish and so can explain everything so expertly to us. We wore red because it is one of the colours on the Spanish flag, and everyone looked *fabuloso*!

### Year 5

In Year 5, we have been learning about online safety in PSHE and now understand what information is safe to share on the internet. In music, we learnt how music can be represented by colour, and we chose different notes to match each colour. We really enjoyed closing our eyes and listening so we could feel the colours in the music - it was a powerful experience.

In English, we have been identifying the features of a newspaper report, and we have planned our own newspapers about the Vikings. We can't wait to write them! Our new topic is the amazing world of the Vikings. We are reading 'Viking Boy' and learning in history about what caused the Vikings to invade Britain. In maths, we have been working on short division and solving tricky problems set by Tiny, the cheeky tortoise!

### Year 6

In Year 6, we have been learning tennis skills in PE, including bounce rallies and non-bounce rallies. In RE, we have been exploring how meditation can lead Buddhists to enlightenment.

We have been deepening our knowledge of how fractions can be written as decimals during our maths lessons, and we know that good division skills really help with this. During English, we have planned a balanced argument and also written persuasive speeches inspired by Winston Churchill. We had to use cohesion and rhetorical questions to make our arguments strong.

World War II is such a thought-provoking topic which we are all immersed in, strengthened by amazing novels such as 'Goodnight Mister Tom' which we are reading as a whole class and using for our guided reading. In DT, we are planning Anderson shelters to build, and we can't wait to start making them. We have researched stable structures and the materials that would be best to use.

## This Week's Prayer



Dear God,

Thank you for giving us hearts that can learn, grow, and do good things. Help us to be responsible each day.

Help us remember to try our best,  
To finish what we start,  
To take care of our things and our chores,  
And to be honest in all we do.

When something is hard, give us courage.  
When we make a mistake, help us learn from it.  
When others need help, show us how to be kind and dependable.

Amen.

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord" **Colossians 3:23**

## Cross Country Competition

A huge well done to all our Key Stage 2 runners who represented the school at a cross country competition on Monday this week. They had some very tricky competition but demonstrated superb resilience and perseverance. Well done everyone!

## 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 15<sup>th</sup> March – Mother's Day family service**, where mothers will be presented with a bunch of flowers.

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April.**

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

## Spring Term Dates

Date	Time	Year group	Event	Location
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
4 <sup>th</sup> March	3.30pm	All	Food and Nutrition Parent Forum	Hall
5 <sup>th</sup> March	All Day	All	World Book Day	
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 Sharing event	Year 3 classroom
24 <sup>th</sup> March	2.45pm	6	Parent Sharing event	Year 6 classroom
25 <sup>th</sup> March	8.45am	Rec.	Class Assembly	Hall
25 <sup>th</sup> March	All Day	All	Non-uniform Day – Easter Egg Donations	
26 <sup>th</sup> March	9am	All	Easter Service	St. Peter's Church
26 <sup>th</sup> March	3.15pm	All	Easter Egg Tombola	Hall
27 <sup>th</sup> March	All Day	KS2	Ricky Dance Day	Hall