



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

Together we love; together we learn

Newsletter

Friday 13th March

It has been another very busy two weeks of learning in school. In collective worship we have continued to consider our school value of responsibility and also listened to the story of David and Goliath.

We read the fable of 'the lion and the mouse' and thought about what each of us can offer, no matter how small we are, and regardless of the fact we are only one person; we can achieve amazing things!

One of the highlights of the past two weeks has undoubtedly been both Year 4 and Year 2's phenomenal class assemblies – it was so joyful to see all the children perform with such confidence. Well done everyone!

We are exceptionally proud of our girls netball and football teams this week who competed to a very high standard on both Tuesday and Wednesday, winning the vast majority of their matches. They certainly did the school proud!

My apologies that there is rather a lot of information in this newsletter – as always please email the office if there is anything you are unsure of, we are always happy to help.

Kind regards,

Mrs M.A. Baker
Head Teacher

Red Nose Day

School council questioned children in each class about how they would like to raise money for Comic Relief which will take place next **Friday 20th March**.

Children voted to wear red on the day in exchange for £1 which is payable on parentpay. This can be one red item or dressed in red from head to toe; it is completely up to you!

They would also really like to hold a cake sale and we are asking whether Year 5 and 6 parents could kindly donate cakes for us to sell on the Friday. If you would like your child to buy a cake please send in £1 in cash. Thank you for your support!

Food and Nutrition Policy – Parent Feedback

A heartfelt thank you to the parents who kindly gave up their time to come along to our Food and Nutrition parent forum last Wednesday. The feedback was really valuable to us in helping to shape our new food offer in school. Special thanks to Tamorah Lassam-Jones for giving her time and expert advice to help us shape and present our new policy.

If you were unable to attend and would like to provide feedback on our new Food Policy, school meals and food provided in Barford Bright Stars you can do so using the forms link here:

[Food and Nutrition Policy Parental Survey – Fill in form](#)



We have also been asking the children through their class council meetings this week to provide their feedback as well.

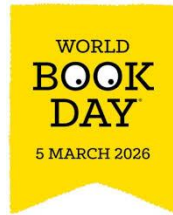
The new policy and slides which were presented have been sent out today along with this newsletter.

Sponsorship

Do you work for a company that could sponsor some new Barford St. Peter's netball and football kits? We are in desperate need of new kits and would be so grateful if anyone is able to help with this. Thank you.



World Book Day



Thank you all for your support with World Book Day! Children looked magnificent in their costumes or pyjamas and a great day was had by all.



Reading for Pleasure Questionnaire for Years 3, 4 5 and 6

If you haven't already done so, please could you spare 3 minutes to fill out the questionnaire about reading for pleasure. We are particularly keen to have feedback from Year 5 parents. Thank you!



Clubs

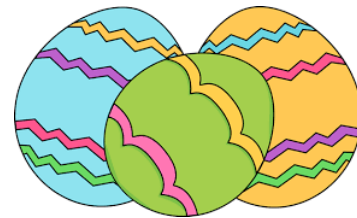
We are very fortunate to be able to offer an increasing variety of extra-curricular activities for children throughout school. Please see separate letter for full details. Summer Term clubs run by school are now available to **book here for Key Stage One:**

[Summer Term Clubs - KS1 – Fill in form](#)

And here for Key Stage Two:

[Key Stage 2 Clubs for Summer Term 2026 – Fill in form](#)

Easter Celebrations



Just a reminder of the arrangements for Easter celebrations at school.

Wednesday 25th March

Non uniform day in exchange for a chocolate egg for the Easter Egg Tombola.

Please bring in any Easter garden contributions by this date if possible, so that they can be transported to church.

Thursday 26th March

9am - Easter service at St. Peter's Church at 9am. All are welcome.

Easter Bonnet competition – this will take place during the school day and children will parade around the hall. One winner per class!

3.30pm – Easter Egg Tombola on KS2 playground – come along and win an egg or two!

What we've been learning

Reception

Our topic this term is 'Come Outside' and Reception have certainly been doing that! Last week we went on a very exciting trip to 'All Things Wild' animal park. We enjoyed watching so many different animals, had two fantastic workshops and we went for a ride on the Dino Train around the dinosaur park which felt like a prehistoric safari! Our writing theme was our trip and we wrote about our favourite animals at the park.

This week we have been focussing on the theme of Mothering Sunday. We read two books about all the wonderful things our female role models do for us and we have been preparing some special things to give our own mums. We have started back at forest school and this week we went on a noticing walk to look for signs of spring. Then we planted some wildflower seeds back in our outdoor classroom. We noticed that the different varieties all looked very different in colour and shape. In art we looked carefully at daffodils and painted pictures from our observations, mixing our own yellows and greens.

In maths we have been exploring counting flower petals and then we made representations of 7 using colours to partition the flower petals.

We have continued to explore ways we keep our brain healthy and how we can become more resilient, accepting mistakes as 'little learns'.



In Year 1, we have had a wonderfully busy two weeks! We have been working really hard on improving our handwriting and have even begun joining our letters - we practise every day and we know we will keep getting better.

In English, we wrote African animal riddles and had great fun rehearsing our clues and guessing each other's animals. Can you guess this one? 'I have a furry tail, brown hooves, a black mane, curvy ears, and white and black stripes. What am I?'

In maths, we found multiples of 10 up to 50 and used this to help us count in groups of 10, using some tricky stem sentences to show our understanding. In PSHE, we talked about adults we might meet outside school, who our trusted adults are, and what we should do if we ever got lost.

In science, we continued learning about animals and whether they are herbivores, omnivores, or carnivores. We were very excited to see many of these animals in real life today on our amazing trip to the West Midlands Safari Park! In DT, we have learnt how to do a running stitch, which we will soon use to make our own animal puppets.

In RE, we explored the messages angels bring and thought about how Mary felt when the angel Gabriel visited her. Art is still one of our favourite lessons, and we have just begun creating beautiful patterns using oil pastels - they already look fantastic!

Year 2

In Year 2 maths, we have been solving problems and showing our answers using visual representations to work out a biscuit-decoration challenge. We then shared what we had found out with each other. In English, we wrote a letter from Orville Wright to his dad, learning all about the features of a letter, including where to put the address.

In RE, we have been thinking about why God is important to different people. We learned that Christians believe God is like a teacher who helps them learn how to be kind, and many Christians believe God

is a creator because he made the world. We also really enjoyed learning about Amelia Earhart, the first woman to fly a plane. The highlight of our week was performing our class assembly. We performed poems that we had written ourselves and felt very proud to share them with the rest of the school and our parents. We also sang a song called 'Better When I'm Dancing', and we loved signing the words using Makaton and performing together with our friends.



Year 3

In Year 3, we have had a fantastic two weeks as we continue our inspiring bee topic. In English, we have been writing information texts using subheadings and including fascinating facts from our research, such as bees having five eyes, five legs, and two stomachs! In maths, we have been comparing and ordering non-unit fractions and learning how to calculate the perimeter of different shapes.

In geography, we explored the important role bees play in our environment and discovered how they pollinate plants and make honey. We were shocked to learn that without bees there would be no chocolate, fewer plants, less cotton, and no tea!

In DT, we loved using our cross-stitch skills to make special surprises for this weekend's Mother's Day. We can't wait to give them to our Mums. In RE, we learned about different sacred buildings and the movements people use to show respect, such as Catholics kneeling on their right knee, Sikhs sharing food and singing, and Hindus ringing a bell when entering the temple. We also had an exciting visit from a real beekeeper this week, and we learned so much from her expert knowledge - it really helped to bring our topic to life.



Year 4

In Year 4, we have had a brilliant and busy fortnight. In maths, we began our fractions unit, exploring equivalent fractions using bar models and learning how to add fractions to make mixed numbers. Tiny the Tortoise has been giving us some tricky word problems again, and we have really enjoyed solving them. In English, we wrote newspaper reports about Don Quixote, explaining how he imagines he is a knight and describing all the funny adventures he goes on.

In RE, we have been deepening our understanding of the Holy Trinity, and in Spanish we learned about the famous tomato festival where over 40,000 people take part in a huge food fight with 150,000 tomatoes! We found out that the festival began when a boy threw vegetables in the street and that everyone has to squash their tomato before throwing it.

The highlight of our fortnight was definitely our incredible class assembly, where we sang songs from *Oliver!* for our parents. We loved preparing and rehearsing this, organising our costumes and bringing it all to life for everyone to enjoy; we were so proud to show all our hard work and talent.

Year 5

In Year 5, we have had an extremely busy couple of weeks. In science, we described the changes humans go through from fertilisation to birth - and we were amazed to learn that, at 39 weeks, an unborn baby is roughly the size of a pumpkin! In history, we explored the significance of the Viking invasion of Lindisfarne. We learned that in 793 AD the Vikings attacked the small island for its riches, including gold, bronze and silver, and that many people were killed. It was a shocking event and an important moment in British history.

In English, we have done loads of work: we began by exploring effective vocabulary choices and created blackout poems to help us select powerful words. This really helped us think more deeply about the language we use. We also explored characters' feelings, used parenthesis to write a diary entry in role as Gunnar, and wrote persuasive sentences using modal verbs. In DT, we surveyed different classes across school to find out which colours they would like on a toy car, and the

most popular choices were orange and red. This will help us when we design and make our own toy cars.

In maths, we have been learning about fractions. We multiplied fractions by integers and used bar models to help us show our answers, then applied this understanding to solve word problems. Here's one for you to try: A cat eats $\frac{2}{15}$ of a bag of biscuits each day. What fraction of the bag does the cat eat in 4 days?

Year 6

In Year 6 English, we have been learning how to shift the mood and atmosphere in our writing, using the text 'The Harmonica' to help us develop our inference and prediction skills. We also created positive setting descriptions, using similes to help bring our writing to life.

In maths, we learned how to find percentages of an amount and practised solving one-step word problems. In RE, we explored the question 'What is Self?' and thought about what our self and soul might be linked to or influenced by. This led to lots of deep questions and thoughtful reflections, and we showed great maturity as we listened carefully to one another. In science, we learned how to classify animals into different groups using a classification key, asking questions such as: Does it have legs? Does it fly? Does it live in water?

This Week's Prayer



Thank you God for the love of our mothers;
thank you God for their care and concern;
thank you God for the joys they have shared with us;
thank you God for the pains they have borne for us;
thank you God for all that they give us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

"She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue"

Proverbs 31:25-26

Bombs away!

As part of their World War II topic, Year 6 have designed and made some incredible Anderson Shelters. They worked in groups and brought in their own materials, including corrugated iron, steel, wood, plasterboard, and chicken wire. The final shelters were so impressive! They had great fun on Wednesday morning testing them out by placing an egg in each shelter and dropping a 1kg weight from height onto the shelter to see whether the egg would survive! It was very exciting to watch and thankfully all the eggs survived! Well done Year 6!



Sports News!

A busy week for our girls football team, with a 'just play' tournament in Stratford on Tuesday where they played exceptionally well and were undefeated, winning 3 matches and drawing one. They then went on to win against Budbooke on Wednesday, 4 goals to 3. We are very proud of you girls!



Our girls netball team also had a busy week, playing in a tournament on Tuesday. They came 4th out of 12 teams which was an incredible achievement!

They then went on to win all but one of their matches on Wednesday, which means they are now in the final for the netball league this year. Well done girls!



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

Sunday 19th April

We would love the children and their families to join us for this service. Please complete the link below if you are able to attend as we would like the children to help with a dramatization of the bible reading:

[Family Service - Sunday 19th April 11am – Fill in form](#)

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
18 th March	8.45am	1	Class Assembly	Hall
19 th March	2.45pm	3	Parent Sharing event	Year 3 classroom
20 th March	All day	All	Comic Relief – Wear red and cake sale	
24 th March	2.45pm	6	Parent Sharing event	Year 6 classroom
25 th March	8.45am	Rec.	Class Assembly	Hall
25 th March	All Day	All	Non-uniform Day – Easter Egg Donations	
26 th March	9am	All	Easter Service	St. Peter's Church
26 th March	2pm	All	Easter Bonnet Competition	In school
26 th March	3.15pm	All	Easter Egg Tombola	Hall
27 th March	All Day	KS2	Ricky Dance Day	Hall

Summer Term Dates

Date	Time	Year group	Event	Location
Tuesday 21 st April	All day	6	Year 6 Evacuee Day at Winchcombe Station	
Thursday 30 th April	8am	5	Year 5 Residential to Portsmouth	
Friday 8 th May	10am	All	Year 2 Cake Sale	School hall
Monday 11 th May	All week	6	SATs	School hall
Monday 1 st June	INSET DAY			
Wednesday 3 rd June	5pm	New Reception	New Reception intake 2026 meeting	School hall
Friday 5 th June	10am	All	Year 1 Cake Sale	School hall
Monday 8 th June	All week	1	Phonics Screening	In school
Monday 8 th June	All week	4	Multiplication Check	In school
Friday 19 th June	9am	All	Sports Day	School field
Friday 19 th June	12pm	All	Family picnic & Summer Fair	School field
Friday 3 rd July	3.15pm	All	Reports to Parents	
Wednesday 8 th July	All Day	All	Transition Day	
Friday 10 th July	10am	All	Reception Cake Sale	School hall
Monday 13 th July	All Day	All	Children of the World Day	
Tuesday 14 th July	2pm	6	Year 6 Show	School hall
Wednesday 15 th July	5pm	6	Year 6 Show	School hall
Thursday 16 th July	2pm	6	Leaver's service	St. Peter's Church
Friday 17 th July	9am	6	Leavers assembly	School hall
Friday 17 th July	End of Term – school finishes for Summer Holidays			