



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

Together we love; together we learn

Newsletter

Friday 12th June

Welcome back to the final half term of the year. I hope that you all had a wonderful half term break and enjoyed the glorious sunshine.

This week in collective worship we have been exploring our value of perseverance, considering times we have needed to persevere with tricky tasks to overcome challenges. Children gave lots of wonderful ideas of times they have felt frustrated but persevered.

It has been assessment week for children in years 1 to 5 this week and we are incredibly proud of all of the children; they have certainly demonstrated their perseverance as well as their usual excellent attitude to their learning. A special well done to Year 1 who completed their statutory phonics tests this week and also to Year 4 who completed their multiplication times tables tests.

We are keeping a close eye on the weather forecast for our planned sports day and summer fair next Friday. If it is necessary to cancel, we will try to provide as much notice as we possibly can.

Very best wishes

Mrs M.A. Baker
Head Teacher



Athletics

A huge and heartfelt thank you to parents for transporting and supporting their children in the Year 5 and 6 athletics competition on Wednesday. We were immensely proud of all of the children, particularly as they continued in the torrential rain without any fuss whatsoever! It was most unfortunate that the final races were cancelled and these have been rescheduled to take place alongside the Year 3 & 4 athletics event on Monday from 3.30pm. You should have received information about this but please do email or call the office if you are unsure of arrangements.

Sports Day

Just a reminder that next Friday children should come to school in their PE kit with a t-shirt in their house colour. They should be wearing sun cream and a hat and have a filled water bottle. We do hope you will be able to join us for this special event.



FABs Summer Fair

After sports day, all children will be dismissed to parents and we do hope you will stay for our FABs summer fair! You are welcome to bring a picnic or enjoy the BBQ food on offer. There are lots of stalls planned as well as bouncy castles and a bar. Fingers crossed for sunshine!

Non-Uniform Day

Next Thursday is a non-uniform day in exchange for filled jars for the jam jar tombola, or a bottle for the bottle tombola please. All donations are very gratefully received!



Staffing for September

You should yesterday have received communication about staffing changes for September as well as class teachers for each class for next year.

New P.E. Kit

Just a reminder further to the communication sent out yesterday that the new P.E. tops will be available to purchase from Clive Mark using the website below from next week, should you wish to do so:

<https://clivemark.co.uk/collections/barford-st-peters-c-e-primary-school>

What We've Been Learning

The last two weeks in Reception have been very busy indeed with lots of crafting projects and outdoor learning. Last week we revisited the story 'Jack and the Beanstalk' where we all wondered what else Jack might have found at the top of the beanstalk. To help us imagine, we crafted an enormous beanstalk that went all the way to our ceiling, and then wrote about our imaginary beanstalk lands.

In our maths we have been counting accurately focussing on teen numbers and learning to recognise odd and even numbers around us. During forest school we investigated the leaf patterns on plants to see if they grew with an odd or even arrangement of leaves. We noticed the ones with a single leaf at the end were odd and matched the odd pattern of our number blocks.

This week we have begun finding out about animals that live in the oceans and we read a funny book called 'Don't Trust Fish' by Neil Sharpson. We looked carefully at lots of different sea creatures and wrote riddles about them.

In our circle time we talked about tolerance and how important it is to respect and celebrate different cultures. As part of this we celebrated Gypsy Roma Traveller History month. We looked at traditions and beautiful artwork, and we created our own traditional caravans full of flowers and also printed with cardboard templates to make flower art.

In music we have been finding out about different types of instruments and how they make sounds. We made our own instruments and then used them to play different parts in a band, to a fun piece of music called "We are the Dinosaurs".



Year 1

In Year 1, we have really enjoyed writing the story of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' in English. We are getting very good at joining our handwriting using cursive and are writing pages of fantastic stories with exciting word choices. One amazing sentence example was: "At the top there was a castle and a shot of curiosity got him."

In maths, we have been learning how to recognise and find a quarter of a quantity by drawing pictures and sharing amounts. We have also been solving tricky problems and explaining our answers. In RE, we have been thinking about what worship means and decided that it is a way of showing love.

In PSHE, we have been learning why money is important and the difference between wants and needs. We loved visiting Miss Eastwick's shop and choosing what to buy - it really made us think carefully! In art, we have been learning about the artist Henri Edmond Cross and exploring his life and colourful style of painting.

Year 2

In Year 2, we are very excited about our new topic, Amazing Maps! In geography, we looked at two different maps of Warwick and compared them. It was lots of fun spotting places we know, like Warwick Castle and St Nick's Park.



In English, we have been writing our own 'Jack and the Beanstalk' stories with different endings, and we have been working really hard on using commas correctly. In science, we have been planting beans and learning what they need to grow. We are hoping our beans might turn out to be magic and grow all the way up to the clouds so we can go on an adventure like Jack!

In maths, we have learned how to read bar charts and explain what the data shows. We have also been practising lots for Sports Day and can't wait for it next week! In art, we have been weaving beautiful rainbow patterns as part of Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month. We are very proud of our work!

Year 3

In Year 3, our topic is all about Queen Elizabeth I and Queen Elizabeth II, and we are really looking forward to our upcoming trip to Kenilworth Castle. We have been comparing the two queens to develop a better understanding of who they were, and we have started learning about the roles and achievements of Elizabeth I. We now know her reign was called the Golden Age because she achieved so much.

In English, we have really enjoyed writing alternative endings to 'Jack and the Beanstalk', using lots of creative ideas. In science, we have been investigating which materials are magnetic, and we loved exploring this practically with everyday objects. In art, we have finished our beautiful Willow pattern plates - we are very proud of the time and effort we put into them, and they look amazing!



We have also begun learning about artists of the Tudor court and why their work was so grand. In PSHE, we have been learning about budgeting and why it is important, and we thought about how saving money can help us buy more expensive items. In RE, we have been learning about ahimsa in the Hindu worldview, which means showing no violence.

Year 4

In Year 4, we have been working really hard and enjoying lots of creative learning. In art, as part of our rainforest topic, we have been carefully copying leaf patterns using pastels to create some beautiful work. In Spanish, we have been learning words used in Spanish schools - did you know that "¡Silencio!" means 'quiet' and "¡Pensad!" means 'think'?

In English, we have loved writing our alternative endings to Jack and the Beanstalk, with some fantastic imaginative ideas such as Jack going to banana Land, an alien city, and even Jelly Bean land! In science, we created fact files about Jane Goodall as part of our learning about living things and their habitats. We have also been working incredibly hard during our national multiplication check and assessment week, so our brains have been very busy! We are now looking forward to Sports Day next week.

Year 5

In Year 5, we have been enjoying lots of exciting learning across the curriculum. In Spanish, we have been learning about food and drinks so that one day we can confidently order in Spanish. In English, we have really enjoyed our 'Jack and the Beanstalk' writing, focusing on using accurate punctuation and powerful language choices to hook the reader.

In history, we had an exciting Polar Explorer Day to launch our new topic on Antarctica. Simon the explorer visited us and told us all about the polar regions and what it is like to go on expeditions. We even took part in a team-building game where some of us were blindfolded to experience what snow blindness might feel like!

In music, we have been learning about musical theatre. We listened to 'Marmalade' from Paddington the Musical and 'Naughty' from Matilda the Musical, and discovered that a cappella means singing together without any instruments, which sounded really effective. In art, we have been learning about Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities today, based on the theme 'Onwards with Hope'. We created powerful drawings and letters to show that life's path can lead anywhere, and to challenge unfair stereotypes. Our artwork will be displayed in the library in Leamington, and we are very proud of the message it shares.

Year 6

In Year 6, we have been working very hard across all our subjects. In English, we have been planning and writing poems inspired by 'Caged Bird' by Maya Angelou, using features such as personification, imagery, similes and repetition. We have also been busy rehearsing for our Year 6 production, Pantastic: Peter Pan the Musical. We have put lots of effort into our singing and acting, and it is coming along brilliantly - we can't wait to perform it for our families!

In maths, we have been revising decimals and division to strengthen our skills. In art, we created beautiful pieces inspired by the artist Charlie Mackesy as part of Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month; our work will even be exhibited in museums and public spaces across Warwickshire. We have also welcomed visitors from our future secondary schools to help us with transition activities. We are feeling excited, and a little nervous, about the big changes coming in September.

In science, we have been learning about nutrition and how to calculate calories, including the approximate daily amounts needed for the average man and woman.

Cake Sale

Huge thanks to Year 1 for providing the cakes for our cake sale last Friday, what a delicious selection there was! Thank you all for your support with this as we raised a much needed £187.50 for school!



This Week's Prayer



Dear Lord,

Sometimes it is hard to keep trying when things are tough or when everything seems to be going wrong. Help us to never give up but always persevere. Help us to encourage our friends and families to keep trying and to know that you are always with us.

Amen

"I can do all things through Him who strengthens me".

Philippians 4.13

INSET Dates for 2026 to 2027

I am pleased to be able to inform you of the INSET dates for the next academic year. These will be as follows:

Tuesday 1 st September
Thursday 22 nd October
Friday 23 rd October
Monday 4 th January
Monday 7 th June

Summer Term Dates – Summer Term Second Half

Date	Time	Year	Event	Location
Wednesday 10 th June	TBC	5 & 6	Local Area Athletics Competition	King's High
Thursday 11 th June	TBC	3 & 4	Local Area Athletics Competition	King's High
Friday 12 th June	All day	All	Break the Rules Day	N/A
Monday 15 th June	2.45pm	5	Year 5 Parent Share	Year 5 classroom
Friday 19 th June	9am	All	Sports Day	School field
Friday 19 th June	12pm	All	Family picnic & Summer Fair	School field
Thursday 2 nd July	2.45pm	3	Year 3 Parent Share	Year 3 classroom
Friday 3 rd July	3.15pm	All	Reports to Parents	
Tuesday 7 th July	2.45pm	Choir	Choir concert	School hall
Wednesday 8 th July	All Day	All	Transition Day	
Wednesday 8 th July	3.30pm & 4pm	All	New year group parent meetings	New classrooms
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			

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Grow Confidence
Learn from experts
Perform with new friends

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Experience our schools first-hand

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UPCOMING OPEN EVENTS

THE KINGSLEY SCHOOL
For boys and girls, 3-18
Date: Saturday, 27 June – 9.30am-12.30pm

KING'S HIGH SCHOOL
For girls, 11-18
Date: Friday, 3 July – 4.30pm-7.30pm

WARWICK SCHOOL
For boys, 7-18
Date: Friday, 3 July - Junior School (7-11) 4.30pm-6pm, Senior School (11-18) 5.45pm-8pm

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What it includes:

- Tailored courses for beginner and intermediate musicians
- Expert tuition with some of the country's best teachers
- First-class facilities at our campus in Warwick

This unmissable opportunity will see musicians leave with a host of new skills, new techniques to further their playing, and fresh experience and confidence in performing with a pupil-led concert at the culmination of the course.

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