



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

Together we love; together we learn

Newsletter

Friday 10th July

It has been another wonderful two weeks in school with a higher focus on the arts. This week, children have been embarking on an art project about Saint Peter, using a range of media including printing and collage. Thank you for the kind donations of magazines! The work produced will be displayed in our entrance ready for September.



Last week we were treated to an amazing performance from our Year 4 class who showcased their learning in music on the brass instruments. Well done Year 4 and thank you to Mrs Pugh for teaching the class so well.

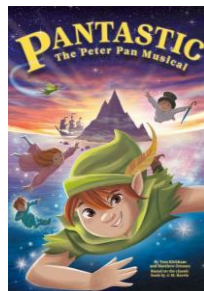
Year 3 also performed a selection of dances they have been learning with Ellie during their P.E. lessons to kick start their parent sharing event. Well done to Year 3!

Another highlight this week has been the outstanding performance of our choir. We are so incredibly proud of each and every child, and want to say a special thank you to our soloists, who were exceptional.

The excellent singing of Year 6 has also been evident this week as they rehearse for their performance of 'Pantastic' next week. I am certainly very much looking forward to watching it.

Best wishes for a wonderful weekend,

Mrs M.A. Baker
Head Teacher



Transition Day

Children all thoroughly enjoyed their transition day on Wednesday and were exceptional for their new teachers! Thank you to those of you who were able to come along to our parent information sessions after school. If you were not able to attend, you should now have received the presentations via email. As always, please do ask if you have any questions or concerns.

Head Lice

Unfortunately we continue to have an ongoing issue with headlice. **We can only get this under control if all parents check and treat their child's hair.** Please could we implore everyone to check this weekend and treat as appropriate. All hair should be tied back for the remainder of the term as well.

What We've Been Learning

Reception

The reception children have been very creative learners over the last two weeks. Last week we followed the story of 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' by David Armitage, where Mrs Grinling needed to find a way to get the lunch basket down a wire to her husband at the lighthouse without the seagulls eating it. We found out how a pulley works and we set up our own pulley outside to send messages back and forth from the cottage to the lighthouse.

In maths we had some tricky problem solving where we had to work out how many items had been taken out of Mr Grinling's lunch basket by looking at what was left. We used our number bonds for 10 to help us. In music we had had so much fun finding out about the different sections of an orchestra and learning about tuned and untuned instruments. We all had the opportunity to play glockenspiels. We then worked together playing hand bells and as a team we were able to play 'Twinkl Twinkl Little Star' with them! We then went on to compose our own tunes with the tuned instruments.

In our World learning we explored floating and sinking. Then we designed and tested our own junk boats. In our writing this week we have been reflecting on our year in Reception and how we have changed. The children all wrote about very heart-warming memories and how they have grown in confidence since they started school last September. In maths we programmed Bee Bots to help us solve addition and subtraction problems.

As part of our whole school art project we have been creating collages of a cathedra, or bishops seat for St Peter. We enjoyed exploring mark making and printing, then used our work to collage with. We look forward to seeing some of our work on display in the school entrance in September.



Year 1

We have been really enjoying our topic, **"Oh I Do Like to Be Beside the Seaside!"** We have created some beautiful artwork, including painting sandcastles and using cotton buds to make pointillism pictures. They look very effective and we are proud of them. In English, we have written sets of instructions explaining how to build a sandcastle. We have worked really hard to use conjunctions and exclamation marks in our writing to make it more exciting and interesting to read.

In PSHE, we have been learning about different jobs. We discussed all the jobs that people do outside of school and shared lots of ideas. Some of the jobs we talked about

included police officers, firefighters, paramedics, doctors and vets.

In RE, we have been learning about sacred objects and why they are important to people with different worldviews. Mrs Sahota showed us a picture of a **Diva lamp**, and we remembered the ones we made on Diwali Day. We recapped the story of Rama and Sita and talked about the importance of the lights in guiding them home. We enjoyed using our previous learning to help us with this. It has been a very hot few weeks, so in science we have been learning about sun safety. We talked about why it is important to wear a hat and sunscreen to protect our skin when we are outside. We also loved our transition day in Year 2 with Mrs Stock on Wednesday. It was great to get to know her better. She told us that she likes cats, and she is very excited to be our teacher in September. We are looking forward to starting Year 2!

Year 2

We have been very busy in Year 2 and have enjoyed lots of exciting learning this fortnight. In PSHE, we have been thinking about our year and writing about the things we have enjoyed most in Year 2. We have also been sharing what we are looking forward to when we move into Year 3. We are excited about becoming part of Key Stage 2 and taking on new challenges. On Wednesday, we spent the whole day with our new teacher, **Mrs Del Rio**, and it was great fun.

We played lots of Spanish games and learned many new Spanish words. We felt very grown-up going up to Key Stage 2, and the topics we will be learning about next year look really exciting. In English, we have been creating our own pirate adventures. We used pictures to create story maps and have started writing our narratives using vivid descriptions. Our stories are based on treasure maps that we designed ourselves, and we are even allowed to use chapters like real authors!



In maths, we have been learning how to collect and present data. We created tally charts and used the information to make bar charts showing people's favourite colours. We discovered that the most popular colour in our class is **blue**. We have also been working hard in art as part of our whole-school art days. We are creating some beautiful artwork based on **St. Peter** and have enjoyed exploring different techniques to make our work as impressive as possible. We have had a wonderful time in Year 2 and are looking forward to all the exciting adventures that Year 3 will bring!

Year 3

We have been so busy in Year 3 and it has been a fantastic few weeks! Last week, we visited **Kenilworth Castle** to learn more about **Queen Elizabeth I**. We explored the castle grounds, saw where Elizabeth stayed, and completed some beautiful sketches of the castle. We also visited **Leicester's Building**, which was built by Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester, especially to impress Queen Elizabeth I when she visited Kenilworth. Dudley transformed parts of the castle into a magnificent palace and even created luxurious apartments fit for a queen because he hoped she would marry him.

When we returned to school, we held a brilliant class debate. We moved all the tables so that we were facing each other and split into two teams. One side represented **Elizabeth I** and the other represented **Elizabeth II**. We debated who was the better queen and which citizens had more freedom during their reigns. We used lots of historical evidence to support our arguments and listened carefully to other people's opinions. All of the teachers commented on how mature, thoughtful and collaborative we were.

We have also recently had a great transition day with our new Year 4 teacher, **Miss Eastwick**; we enjoyed finding out about all the exciting topics we will be studying next year. Other members of staff who saw us throughout the day, could not believe how grown-up, independent and hard-working we have become. We are especially excited about learning about the **Ancient Egyptians, the Romans, the Industrial Revolution and the Rainforest** in Year 4. In English, we have been writing an information text about **Queen Elizabeth II**. We found it fascinating to learn about someone who was such an important part of history but who was alive during our

own lifetimes. As we reflect on our time in Year 3, we have been sharing some of our favourite memories from the year. Many of us agreed that the school trips have been a highlight, especially **building campfires at Compton Verney**. We are excited and ready for our next adventure in Year 4!



Year 4

We have had a very busy and exciting few weeks in Year 4 and cannot believe that it is almost time for Year 5! In English, we have been exploring exciting and adventurous vocabulary to help us write poems about **Brazil**, which is our current topic. We have enjoyed learning new words and using them to create vivid descriptions that paint a picture in the reader's mind.

On Monday, we visited **Birmingham Botanical Gardens**. Although it was very hot, it probably helped us experience what the rainforest might really feel like! We explored the greenhouses and looked for lots of different plants from around the world. One of the highlights of the day was meeting and holding some amazing animals. We had the opportunity to hold a **bearded dragon** and even a **snake**, which was a very exciting experience.

As part of our whole-school art days, we have been designing **St Peter's chair**. We began by creating designs using different shapes and sketching our ideas in our art books. We have also been painting paper using a range of different objects to create interesting patterns and textures. These will be used to add detail to our final pieces, and we are excited to see the finished artwork. On Wednesday, we spent the day with our new Year 5 teachers, **Mrs Facchino** and **Mrs Smith**. We had a lovely time getting to know them and finding out more about life in Year 5.

During the day, we made paper lighthouses and drew self-portraits which will be displayed in our new classroom. We cannot believe that our time in Year 4 is nearly over. We have had a wonderful year full of memorable experiences, exciting learning and lots of fun. Whilst we will miss Year

4, we are feeling ready and excited for the new chapter ahead as we begin our adventures in **Year 5**!

Year 5

We have been very busy in Year 5 and have enjoyed lots of interesting learning over the last few weeks. In PSHE, we have been learning about how **Parliament works** and how laws are made. We have explored the history of Parliament and learned about the impact it has had on life in Britain. We have also discussed current events and learned about the role of the Prime Minister and government.

In RE, we have been considering how **Islamic dress** has changed over time and the reasons why different people may choose to dress in different ways. We have also discussed how the **Sikh worldview** is demonstrated within the local community. We learned about projects that help those in need and thought about ways that we can support and help others in our own community.

In geography, we have been researching the impact of **climate change on the polar regions**. Working in groups, we investigated different issues, including melting ice caps and the effects on wildlife. We then presented our findings to the class, developing both our research and presentation skills.

On Wednesday, we spent the day in **Year 6** with our new teachers, **Mrs Preedy** and **Miss Taylor**. We had a fantastic day getting to know them both. Mrs Preedy was very kind and told us all about her life, her work and her family. Miss Taylor challenged us to complete a crossword all about her! We discovered that her favourite colour is **orange**, she loves **candy floss**, and one of her favourite places to visit is **Skegness**. It feels strange to think that our time in Year 5 is nearly over. We have worked hard, learned so much and created many happy memories together. We are very excited to embark on our final year at Barford and are looking forward to becoming the oldest children in the school. We cannot wait to see what adventures **Year 6** will bring!

Year 6

We are currently busy writing our final Reporter's Entry while dressed as pirates as part of our preparations for the Year 6 production. Captain Hook and Jukes here – at your service! When we are not busy singing songs, rehearsing lines and perfecting our performances, we have also been working hard in our lessons. In RE, we have been exploring the big question, **"Where does truth come from?"** We have discussed how different religions and worldviews understand truth and how believers use their faith and teachings to guide their lives. We have enjoyed sharing our opinions and listening respectfully to the views of others.

Many of us have recently attended transition days at our new secondary schools. The feedback has been very positive, and it has been exciting to try out things that we do not currently do at primary school. We have experienced a wider range of subjects, different sports and much larger facilities. It has helped us feel more confident and excited about the move to the next stage of our education.

In DT, we have been learning about **cam mechanisms** and used our knowledge to create moving pictures. It was fascinating to see how simple mechanical systems can create movement, and we enjoyed designing and making our own projects. In PE, we have been taking part in **yoga** and **rounders**. We have enjoyed staying active and making the most of our final few weeks together as a class.

As our time at Barford draws to a close, we have been reflecting on all the memories we have made. For some of us, including our time in Preschool, we have been part of the Barford family for more than **eight years**. It feels very strange to think that our journey here is almost over. Next week will bring a mixture of emotions. We are excited about the adventures that lie ahead and the opportunities that secondary school will bring, but we are also sad to be leaving behind a place that has been such a big part of our lives. We have had a wonderful time at Barford and will always cherish the friendships, experiences and memories we have made along the way.

This Week's Prayer

Dear God,

Sometimes we have to say goodbye to people, places, or things we love. That can make us feel sad, worried, or even scared. Thank You for always being with us, wherever we go. Help us to be brave when things change and to trust that You have good plans for us.

Fill our hearts with peace when we miss what we have left behind. Help us to remember the happy memories and to look forward to the new adventures You have waiting for us. Bless our friends and family, wherever they are, and help us to make new friends with kind and caring hearts.

Thank You for Your love that never changes, even when everything else does. We know that You walk beside us every step of the way. **Amen**

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

Joshua 1:9

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
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			