



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

Together we love; together we learn

Newsletter

Friday 11th September

Welcome back to a new school year! I hope you all had an enjoyable summer holiday and were able to spend some special time together as families.

It was wonderful to see the children return last week, full of enthusiasm and ready for the year ahead. They have made a fantastic start in their new classes, and we are very proud of the positive way they have embraced new routines, expectations and opportunities.

This week, we were delighted to welcome our new Reception children and their families into our school community. Starting school is such an important milestone, and it has been lovely to see the children beginning to make friends, explore their new environment and grow in confidence. We look forward to formally welcoming our Reception families at our Reception Welcome Service on Wednesday 23rd September.

A special mention must also go to our new Year 6 children, who have risen brilliantly to the responsibility of being the oldest children in school. They have been exceptionally kind, patient and thoughtful buddies, helping our youngest children to feel happy, safe and part of our school family. They are already proving to be excellent role models.

We also held our House Captain elections this week. We were incredibly proud of every child who put themselves forward for these important leadership roles. A great deal of thought and effort went into their presentations, and they spoke confidently and enthusiastically to their house teams. Following a democratic vote, our new House Captains and Vice-Captains will be presented with their badges over the coming days. Congratulations to everyone who took part.

In Collective Worship, we have revisited our Christian school vision, **'Together we love; together we learn'**, thinking about what this means for each of us and how we can live it out through our words and actions. We have also introduced our value for this term, **kindness**, using *The Smartest Giant in Town* by Julia Donaldson to explore how even small acts of kindness can make a big difference to others.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We greatly value the positive partnership we have with our parents and families and know how important it is that we work together to help every child flourish. Please do come and talk to us if you have any questions or concerns throughout the year.

Wishing you and your families a peaceful and enjoyable weekend.

Best wishes,

Mary Baker
Headteacher



Uniform Reminders

Children have come back to school looking very smart in their uniforms. I understand that there were some issues with the supply of the new P.E. tops during the summer break and know that Clive Mark are working hard to rectify this.

Just a reminder please that children should **not be wearing nail varnish or bracelets**, and earrings should be plain, simple studs.

Thank you for your support in keeping everyone safe and ensuring children take pride in their appearance.

New School Lunches

Thank you to all those of you who have provided such positive feedback about the new menu and school lunches. We are absolutely thrilled with how much children are enjoying the new dishes and in particular the salad bar. We are confident that the new menu has significantly improved how healthy the lunches are. Our huge thanks to Mrs Hancock for her hard work with making such delicious meals for everyone!

Cello Available

We have been approached by a parent who has a cello available for anyone who might like one. Please speak to the school office if you are interested.



FABs Update

Next Wednesday 16th September will be the FABs AGM which will take place at The Granville at 7.30pm. All are very welcome to attend.

FABs have a range of exciting events planned for this academic year, including the infamous and popular bonfire, a quiz night and wreath making workshop (see details attached with the newsletter today). We are very thankful for the hard work of our dedicated FABs team in raising much needed funds for the school.

We are delighted that the money raised over the past few years has now been allocated to a large new piece of play equipment for the school field which will be installed over October half term. Every pound raised really does make a difference!

Year 6 Cake Sale

Thank you to our magnificent Year 6 parents for providing such a wonderful selection of cakes for our cake sale today, which raised over £150. Well done Year 6!



What We've Been Learning

Reception

We are so very proud of all the children in Reception and how they have settled into Barford St Peter's School! We have all been learning so much: where our belongings go, how to change for PE, the daily timetable, our lunch prayer and how to carry our own lunch at dinner time to name a small few of the many things we do each day.

We have also been getting to know our year 6 buddies and each other by name, and sharing news about ourselves and our families through talk time and drawings.

This week we have been reading books about starting school and our RE focus 'Belonging'. We have been talking about groups we belong to and we drew pictures about them as well as super portraits of ourselves in our new Learning Journals. We also talked about belonging to our wider community and we made a lovely display of fish as part of our Saint Peter display.



In our maths we have been looking at matching and we sorted and matched button pictures, also using our cutting skills. We are starting to understand and follow routines and we now know how important it is to look after our own belongings, especially getting changed for PE!

Year 1

The children have settled in so well to year 1 and have made a fantastic start to the year. All of the children have been working incredibly hard and all of the adults in year 1 are very proud of them.

In maths, we have been working on our number formation and practising counting forwards to 20. In English, we have read the story 'The Old Toy Room.' We have been writing simple sentences about the story and focussing on learning to use capital letters and full

stops. In history, we have started our new topic of toys. We have been thinking about our favourite toys and have begun to learn about the toys our grandparents might have played with. In science, we have been learning about materials and have started to explain what materials different objects are made out of.

Year 2

Year 2 have had a wonderful start to the term. We have all been very impressed with how kind they are and how hard they are working!

In English we have been using our drama skills to explore the characters in our story, 'The Dragon and the Nibblesome Knight.' We thought about which adjectives we could use to describe the main characters, James and Dram, and then we wrote our own sentences using our amazing handwriting. We have started our own retelling of the story, and we are very excited about finishing these next week.

In maths we have been learning about ways to add ones and how to partition two-digit numbers into tens and ones. Whilst in science we have been considering how you know if something is living, dead or has never been alive. We completed fun challenges and games in our forest school lesson on Wednesday and in art we have been trying to draw in the style of Quentin Blake. Finally, in history we have explored the features of a castle.

During these first few days we have also been revising our zones of regulation. We had a wonderful time sharing our strategies for how to return to green zone (calm) if we were in red (angry) or blue (sad). Year 2 are very impressive in their knowledge of their own emotions. Well done Year 2!

Year 3

We have been very busy in Year 3 this week and have settled in so well! In **Maths**, we have been working practically, using Dienes to represent numbers up to 1,000. We have used place value charts and discussed how to partition numbers, thinking carefully about the place value of each digit.

In **English**, we have been reading *Stone Age Boy*. We made predictions about the story and described the setting using expanded noun phrases. We have also enjoyed sharing *Ugg* and learning more about our Stone Age topic.

We are very enthusiastic about our **history** topic and have enjoyed finding out more about life in the Stone Age. We have also been learning a new routine in **PE**, as our unit this term is dance.

In **Spanish**, we have learnt how to introduce ourselves, as well as some colours and numbers.

We have really enjoyed our **reflection time** at the end of each day, sharing the things we are grateful for and thinking about what has made each day special. It has been a fantastic week of learning, and we are looking forward to another busy week in Year 3!

Year 4

Year 4 have had an exciting start to the term. We have all been very impressed with how enthusiastic they are towards their learning and how hard working they are! In English we have been exploring how to create suspense for our readers with our own retelling of our book, 'Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx'. We thought about how we could use short, snappy sentences and powerful synonyms to keep our reader on the edge of their seat! We are looking forward to publishing our stories next week.

In maths we have been working hard to represent numbers and partition numbers up to 10,000. In science we have been considering how sound is made and we have been using musical instruments to test our own theories on sound. We have also been investigating hieroglyphs and tomb paintings from Ancient Egypt.

During these first few days we have also had fun learning all about Egypt for our Ancient Egyptian day. It was great to play some games, create our own papyrus scrolls and learn all about our topic for the next half term!



Year 5

We have had a wonderful beginning to Year 5, starting our topic on the Amazing Aztecs and the Marvellous Maya. We located where their civilisations existed in Central and North America using our mapwork skills. We were interested to discover that today's flag of Mexico features an Aztec legend of a golden eagle perched on a cactus and eating a snake.

In science, we have been learning about Sir Isaac Newton and his theory of gravity. We investigated the link between weight and mass by measuring items in the classroom in both Newtons and kilogrammes.

In RE, we have been exploring how Christians view Jesus and in PSHE, we have been understanding that we all have the right to feel safe all the time.

Poetry has been our focus in English, using our senses to describe the rainforest. This theme carried on in our dance lesson as we created movements to match the animals traits. Place value has featured in our Maths lessons and we have tried very hard to remember to only look at the place value column that is changing when we are adding and subtracting 10,100,1000,10,000 and 100,000.

Year 6

Year 6 have hit the ground running with their learning since returning to the new term. I have been very impressed with how kind they are and the passion they show for learning, particularly when being challenged in maths!

In English we have been writing our own persuasive travel guide for a new 51st State that can be discovered in the USA. The children have created their own state name, along with its magnificent landscape and man-made attractions. Their guides certainly give an encouraging impression on the reader to visit their states.

In maths we have been focusing on place value up to 1 million. In geography we have been developing our map skills and recapping on the elements of the equator, lines of longitude and latitude.

I have been really impressed with the whole year group in P.E., showing fantastic teamwork, elements of challenge and an abundance of football skills amongst them. What a great start to the term. Well done Year 6!

This Week's Prayer

Dear God,

Thank you for this special new beginning and for all the children starting school.

As they step through the school doors, help them to feel safe, happy and loved. Give them courage when things feel new, confidence when they try something difficult, and curiosity as they learn and discover.

Bless the friendships they will make, the teachers and adults who will care for them, and the families who encourage them each day.

Help them to be kind and gentle, to share, listen and help one another, and to know that each one of them is precious and special.

May their days at school be filled with laughter, friendship, learning and joy.

Walk beside them as they begin this exciting journey and help them to grow in wisdom, love and faith.

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



Autumn Term 2026 Dates

Autumn Term 1 st Half			
Date & Time	Event	Year Group	Location
Wednesday 16 th September 5pm	Reception Curriculum & Phonics Information Meeting	Reception	Hall
Wednesday 16 th September 7.30am	FABs AGM	All	The Granville
Wednesday 23 rd September 9am	Reception Welcome Service	Reception	School Hall
Friday 25 th September	European Day of Languages	All	N/A
Saturday 26 th September	Armonico Concert	Selected Choir Children	St. Mary's Church, Warwick
Thursday 1 st October 2pm	Harvest Festival	All	St. Peter's Church
Friday 2 nd October	FABs Speed Quiz	All	Hall
Friday 9 th October	Year 5 Cake Sale	All	Hall
Tuesday 13 th October 8.45am	Year 5 Poetry & Music Assembly	Year 5	Hall
Tuesday 13 th October	Year 1 visit to St. John's Museum	Year 1	St. John's Museum
Friday 16 th October	FABs Disco	All	Hall
Monday 19 th October	PGL Residential	Year 6	Boreatton Park
Tuesday 20 th October	Year 2 Class Assembly	Year 2	Hall
Tuesday 20 th October 3.30pm to 6pm	Parents Meetings	Years R - 5	On Teams
Wednesday 21 st October 3.30pm to 6pm	Parents Meetings	Years R - 5	On Teams
Thursday 22 nd October	INSET DAY		
Friday 23 rd October	INSET DAY		

INSET Dates for 2026 to 2027

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

Autumn Term 2 nd Half			
Date & Time	Event	Year Group	Location
Thursday 5 th November	Year 5 visit to Cadbury World	Year 5	Cadbury World
Friday 6 th November	Divali Day	All	N/A
Saturday 7 th November	Bonfire & Fireworks	All	School Field
Tuesday 10 th November 8.45am	Year 3 Poetry & Music Assembly	Year 3	Hall
Wednesday 11 th November	Remembrance Day	All	TBC
Friday 13 th November	Year 4 cake sale	Year 4	Hall
Tuesday 17 th November	Year 3 Volcanoes Workshop	Year 3	Hall
Friday 20 th November 2.45pm	Year 1 Parent Share	Year 1	Year 1 classroom
Tuesday 24 th November 3.30pm	Mrs Cooke's Dance Club Performance	Dance Club	Hall
27 th November 2.45pm	Year 3 Parent Share	Year 3	Year 3 classroom
27 th November	Christmas Wreath Workshop	Parents	Hall
30 th November 8.45am	Advent Service	All	St. Peter's Church
Wednesday 2 nd December 3.30pm to 6pm	Year 6 Parents Meetings	Year 6	On Teams
Thursday 3 rd December 3.30pm to 6pm	Year 6 Parents Meetings	Year 6	On Teams
5 th December	Christmas Fair		
Monday 7 th December 2pm	KS1 Christmas Show	Reception, 1&2	Hall
Tuesday 8 th December 2pm	Christingle	All	St. Peter's Church
Wednesday 9 th December 9am	KS1 Christmas Show	Reception, 1&2	Hall
Thursday 10 th December 5pm	KS2 Christmas Show	Years 3, 4 & 5	Hall
Friday 11 th December 2pm	KS2 Christmas Show	Years 3, 4 & 5	Hall
Tuesday 15 th December	KS1 Visit to Gruffalo's Child	Reception, Years 1 & 2	Warwick Arts Centre
Wednesday 16 th December	KS2 Pantomime Trip - Cinderella	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	Spa Centre
Thursday 17 th December	Christmas Service	All	St. Peter's Church