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

Together we love; together we learn

Newsletter

Wednesday 21st October

Thank you all for your patience and understanding this week while the work has commenced on both the roof and perhaps more excitingly the installation of the new play equipment on the field! This is looking absolutely magnificent and we are immensely thankful to the FABs committee for funding this exciting new addition to our school.

It has also felt rather quiet without our wonderful Year 6 this week, who are busily demonstrating a great deal of resilience and camaraderie in their outdoor and adventurous activities at PGL in the rain! Our thanks to Mrs Banks, Miss Wake, Mrs Facchino and Mrs Preedy for taking them and providing them with such special and life long memories.

We have had a superb variety of collective worship in school this week, starting on Monday with Reverend Linda teaching us about the feast day of Saint Luke, which is on 18th October. We were then treated to an excellent celebration of Year 2's learning about castles. They all shared their learning with such confidence and we are very proud of them! Thank you to the parents for joining us. Finally, we continued to learn about inspirational people as part of Black History Month, focussing on the achievements of Wangari Maathai.

It has certainly been a very positive half term, with children continuing to make us proud every day with their exceptionally positive attitudes towards their learning and kindness towards one another.

I would like to thank you all for your ongoing support and wish you all a wonderful half term break.

Best wishes,

Mary Baker
Headteacher



Diwali Day – Friday 6th November

On Friday 6th November we will be celebrating the festival of Diwali! Children are welcome to come into school in brightly coloured non uniform and we would be grateful if they could bring a donation of chocolate for the chocolate tombola for the bonfire the following day.



Staffing Updates

This week we say a fond farewell to Mrs Preedy who has been teaching Year 6 this half term. Mrs Preedy has been an exceptional Year 6 teacher and we are so thankful to her for joining us at Barford. We wish her all the best for the future and hope she will return to Barford again one day! After half term, we are looking forward to welcoming Miss Taylor back from her maternity leave.

We are also very sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs Hannah Moore today. Mrs Moore has been an outstanding School Business Manager, whose dedication, expertise and hard work have made a lasting difference to our school. We are deeply grateful for everything she has contributed and will miss her greatly. I know you will all join me in thanking her and wishing her every happiness and success for the future.

We are currently recruiting to replace Mrs Moore's school business manager role. If you know of anyone who may be interested in this position, please do email the office admin3587@welearn365.com for more details.

Myton Hospice

A huge and heartfelt thank you from Myton Hospice for your incredible and generous fundraising efforts in the 'care for a bear' campaign. As a school we raised **£520.26!** This is an amazing amount and will make a huge difference to The Myton Hospices and their patients.

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Late Collection

Whilst we understand that parents can be late collecting their child in exceptional and rare circumstances, unfortunately we do not have capacity within our staff team to offer free child care after school for parents who are consistently late collecting their child. This is also very upsetting for children who can be left feeling sad and confused when they are left waiting.

From November, we will therefore be introducing a charge for parents who are more than 5 minutes late collecting their child of £7, which will be to cover the cost of them attending Barford Bright Stars.

Halloween Disco

Thank you all for your support with the Halloween Disco last Friday which was very well attended. The children all looked wonderful in their costumes and had a wonderful time. **Our wonderful FABs team raised an exceptional £889.17** which will help to provide resources and equipment for all children in school.



Barford Bonfire

The bonfire night is fast approaching. Tickets are on sale now via the link below or on the QR code on the posters! Be sure to get your tickets asap it's going to be a spectacular night!

Buy tickets – Bonfire Night and Fireworks https://www.tickettailor.com/events/fabs/2440064026 – Barford St Peters Primary School Field



Buy tickets – Bonfire Night and Fireworks 2026 – Barford St Peters Primary School Field
buytickets.at

Christmas Wreath Making

Also we have the Christmas Wreath workshop in school on Friday 27th November in the evening. This is our first time organising this I promise it will be a very festive evening! Places can be booked via the link below



Buy tickets – FABS Wreath Workshop – Barford St Peters School Hall
buytickets.at

What we've been learning

Reception

Last week we had lots of fun reading and retelling the story of 'Owl Babies' by Martin Waddell which provided the children with lots of opportunities for enjoying story language, sequencing and exploring numbers in stories. We also read a non-fiction book about owls and talked about the differences between stories and facts. In our creative work we explored making different browns using red, blue and yellow paint. We used the colours to make lots of autumn trees for our owls to sit on.

This week we asked the question, 'What grows?' We read 'The Growing Story' by Ruth Krauss. We talked about our own growing stories and had fun deciding what jobs we might do when we are adults! It was lots of fun looking at our baby photos trying to work out who was who. We have also been looking at vegetable growing stories and explored ways to measure our class pumpkins to sequence them in size order.



Year One

Last week, we enjoyed a wonderful trip to St John's Museum in Warwick. We took part in lots of hands-on activities, including discovering how people washed their clothes in the past. We even had a go at using a special machine called a mangle!

Upstairs, we explored a fascinating collection of old toys and thought about the materials they were made from. We also learned about family life in the past and enjoyed dressing up in costumes. What a great day!

In maths, we have been using part-whole models to explore related number facts. For example, if we know that 3 + 4 = 7, we also know that 4 + 3 = 7. We used cubes to practise our number bonds to 10 before moving on to subtraction this week. We have been using objects to help us take away and have even tackled some word problems.

In English, we wrote recounts of our museum visit, focusing on using capital letters and full stops. We also wrote about old toys and the materials they were made from. In RE, we have been listening to the creation story from the book of Genesis in the Bible and putting the events in order.

Year Two

In maths, we have been adding and subtracting tens from two-digit numbers within 100. In English, we have been writing our own stories set in castles, bringing our ideas to life with imaginative characters such as wizards and dragons!

In science, we have been exploring food chains and discovering how plants and animals are linked through what they eat. For example, the chain might start with a leaf, a caterpillar would eat the leaf, a bird would eat a caterpillar and a fox might eat the bird!

In RE, we have been learning about the Good Samaritan and how the story reflects our values of kindness and compassion. We have also continued our 'My Happy mind' learning in PSHE.

A highlight this week was performing our class assembly for our parents. We hope you enjoyed it! In PE, we had great fun learning our medieval dance for the performance, practising our steps and working together as a team.

In DT, we have been making castles with working drawbridges. This took patience and perseverance, but we were very proud of our finished creations!

Year Three

In maths, we have been adding and subtracting tens and ones, including calculations that cross a tens boundary. In English, we have been writing recounts based on *Stig of the Dump* and also enjoyed watching the film.

In science, we have been bringing together our knowledge of rocks and recording what we have learned through our investigations this term. In RE, we have been exploring the story of Moses and the Ten Commandments.

In PSHE, we have revisited Protective Behaviours. Our creativity has also been put to good use as we worked on cave paintings in art and learned a new dance routine for our class assembly in PE. In computing, we have been developing the useful skill of touch-typing.

We also welcomed Mr Kirby for a Stone Age workshop. We had the chance to smell a range of unusual materials, some much more pleasant than others! We discovered how some were used to care for teeth or as medicines. Our sincere thanks to Mr Kirby for generously giving up his time to share his wealth of knowledge with us.



Year Four

In English, we have been writing travel guides inviting readers to travel back in time to Ancient Egypt. We have been developing our persuasive writing by describing the wonders visitors could experience, including the River Nile and the pyramids.

In maths, we have been using place-value charts and the column method to subtract four-digit numbers. We have also enjoyed multiplication bingo, listening carefully to Miss Eastwick's questions and crossing off the answers on our cards.

In history, we held a lively class debate about how the pyramids might have been built. We considered different theories involving ropes, teams of workers and ramps, sharing our ideas about each one. In RE, we have been exploring Hindu worldviews and designing our own spaces for worship.



In DT, we have designed Egyptian collars and used templates to cut the shapes from felt. We have been practising running stitch and cross stitch, developing our sewing skills ready to decorate our designs.

Year Five

In art, we have been experimenting with shapes, watercolours and pastels. We placed a cut-out shape on the page and created patterns around it before removing it to reveal the finished design. The results look really effective!



In RE, we have been exploring different representations of Jesus. We chose an image and reflected on questions such as, "Does He look sad?" and "Is He praying?" We also explored Jesus' Jewish identity, discussing our ideas and giving reasons for our answers.

In maths, we have been using inverse operations to solve missing-number calculations. Bar models have helped us represent the problems and understand how to find the missing values.

In English, we listened to a Maya story about the game pok-a-tok and then wrote instructions explaining how to play, focusing on our use of imperative verbs.

In science, we have been investigating levers, gears and pulleys. We balanced a ruler on a whiteboard rubber to create a model seesaw, placing objects at one end and pushing down on the other to explore how a lever works. We also investigated friction by testing different types of shoes to discover which provided the most grip.

School Photographer

Just a reminder that the photographer will be in school on **Tuesday 3rd November** for individual and siblings in school.

My School Fund – Please Sign Up!

Thank you to parents who have already registered for a 'My School Fund' account, which has raised an amazing total of £702 so far for the school to use for learning resources. 'My School Fund' is an initiative that families can participate in to earn cashback from spend at participating retailers for both themselves and the school. It's simple and completely free to sign up, please see the poster issued with the Newsletter for more information. We would really encourage as many families as possible to register and start boosting the school's budget!

This Week's Prayer



Dear God,

When life feels difficult, give us the resilience to keep going and the courage to try again.

Help us to be patient when things take time, to pause when we feel frustrated, and to speak with kindness.

Give us understanding hearts, ready to listen and remember that others may be facing challenges we cannot see.

May our school be a place where we support one another with love, offer grace when mistakes are made, and find hope in each new day. **Amen.**

"Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love."

Ephesians 4:2

Autumn Term 2026 Dates

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