



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

Together we love; together we learn

Newsletter

Friday 28th March 2025

Both staff and children seem to have been plagued with illness this past two weeks! Nevertheless, we have had an exciting two weeks in school. All of the children thoroughly enjoyed their outstanding dance sessions with Ricky both last Friday and today. Their performances were exceptional; well done everyone!



This week it has been a pleasure to look more closely at the learning taking place in each classroom, as well as the work in children's English and maths books. We were incredibly impressed with the progress children are making and the improvement in their writing resilience.

Following on from their excellent class assembly performance, I had the joy of spending time with Year 3 this week to taste and evaluate a range of Mediterranean breads, which the children thoroughly enjoyed. We then made some tzatziki and a Greek salad which children were very good at trying. Well done year 3!



Wishing you all a wonderful weekend and happy Mothering Sunday!

Best wishes,

Mrs M.A. Baker



Book Fair

Our annual book fair will be taking place during the week beginning 7th April. Please do come along and support the book fair after school from 3.15pm to 3.45pm. There will also be an opportunity to buy second hand books for a donation as well.

Air Ambulance Awareness – Wear Yellow

Just a reminder that on **Tuesday 1st April** children are welcome to come into school wearing something yellow alongside their uniform or dressed in yellow head to toe if you so wish! This is to help raise money for the Air Ambulance, who will be coming in to talk to the children in assembly about the important work they do. This is such an important organisation and we never know when we may be in need of their help, so please do support this if you are able to.



Gardening Club

Our amazing gardening club have been super busy preparing the kitchen garden ready for each class to plant their vegetable seeds! They have also worked hard to make the planters at the front of school look beautiful with some primroses!



Break the Rules Day!

Next Friday 4th April is 'Break the Rules Day'. You should have already received information about this – please do ask the office or your child's class teacher if you are unsure.

What we've been learning

In Reception, we have been looking at the story 'The Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle. The children have written their own wonderful caterpillar stories, choosing what their hungry caterpillar will eat. The children then went on to beautifully illustrate their books. We also had a fabulous session with Year 4, who shared their learning of the story in Spanish with us.

We have our own hungry caterpillars in class, and we have been thinking about the different stages of the lifecycle of the butterfly. The children have loved carefully observing the changes as they grow. We can't wait to see them develop to the next stage!

In maths, we have been completing number sequences, by working out what is one more or one less than a number. We have also looked at doubling numbers within 10. The children recorded these doubles on a butterfly and wrote the corresponding calculations.

This week, the children have also created some beautiful paintings of daffodils. The children mixed paints to make the different colours to use. We talked about the different parts of the flower and used the colours to paint these.

As part of forest school, we planted some beetroot, ready to grow in our school vegetable garden and we also planted some sunflower seeds which had been kindly donated. The children also had lots of fun building homes for a variety of minibeasts around the school field. Such a busy and fun week! Well done Reception!



Year 1

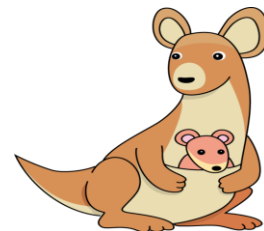
In computing we continued to use the Bee Bots and this week we programmed them to move in a certain direction. We had a map on the floor in the classroom and we had to move the Bee Bot to certain places on the map! In D.T we have been designing our fruit kebabs. We had to decide which fruits we wanted to include and can't wait to use our chopping skills to make them soon!



In science we have been writing about carnivores, herbivores and omnivores and putting different animals into these groups. In English we have been writing an acrostic poem all about Barford- it really is a wonderful place. So wonderful, that we have continued looking at Barford in our Geography lessons. We have been using aerial photography to show the human and physical features that can be found in Barford. In R.E. we have been learning about angels and the important messages they bring.

Year 2

We have been continuing to delve into our Australia topic with Australia day! We got to dress up in summer clothes and take a plane ride to Australia. We started at the Great Barrier Reef and created some beautiful pieces of artwork. We then went to Sydney and tried some delicious food. It was lots of fun and the fairy bread and Tim Tams were delicious. Finally, we explored the outback and found facts about different animals that you might find there or in the rest of Australia.



In maths we have been learning about the vertices on 2D and 3D shapes. We have nearly finished our shape topic now. In English we have been doing research about the Great Barrier Reef. We have learnt that it can

be seen from space and that it is one of the seven natural wonders of the world! In science we have been learning about heart beats and how it changes between exercise and no exercise. It can sometimes be really hard to find your pulse. We have also been practising for our class assembly by singing a song and learning a dance. We can't wait to show the school next week.

Year 3

In Spanish we have been learning all about ice-creams and how to say all the different flavours. It's great practice for if we ever need to order an ice cream in Spain- yum! On Wednesday we did our class assembly. It was really fun. We worked hard in the run up to the performance to learn our poems and songs. Some children even played the keyboard! We particularly enjoyed singing and dancing to our song about making good choices and being kind to our friends. In English we have been doing apostrophes and learning what you need to write a newspaper report. In maths we have been learning all about tenths and also investigating with money.

Year 4

In English we have been learning about expanded noun phrases. We watched videos to help us with our class text 'Street Child' and have then written some setting descriptions of London. We have been exploring some really amazing vocabulary exploring synonyms.

In science we have been learning about the digestive system. We did an experiment which was both amazing and disgusting at the same time. Our class decided to see how bread, orange juice and water might pass through the digestive system. We put the food in a plastic bag and sealed it. We then added the orange juice and water. After this, we then mashed up the bread and all the other stuff in the bag. It didn't look very nice! This represented the contents of the stomach once we have chewed our food and consumed any liquids. We emptied this into a pair of tights which represented the intestines. Then we had to squish it down, cut open it and have a look at the contents inside. It is quite amazing what our bodies can do!

In Maths we have been learning all about fractions. We have been comparing fractions and looking carefully at the different between a denominator and numerator.

Year 5

In maths, we are finding equivalent fractions and decimal hundredths. In RE, we were understanding that we all have different interpretations. In history, we have been evaluating a historical source linked to the Anglo Saxons. It's really fascinating knowing that these sources have come from the country that we live in today. We have been continuing our research into Anglo-Saxon life by understanding how Anglo-Saxons have influenced life today.



In music, we were learning how to know some of the features of blues music. We've listened to some songs that have really got our feet tapping and it's a genre we're enjoying learning about. In PSHE, we are beginning to understand some issues related to online friendships including the impact of our actions on others. It's a really important topic and one that we have found interesting to talk about. We use the internet every day but it's so important to be safe and kind online. In science, we are identifying advantages and disadvantages of reproduction in plants and even planted our own!

Year 6

In English we have continued to study our class text 'Goodnight Mr Tom'. We have been writing letters from Mr Tom to Will using a formal tone. We then wrote informal letters portraying Zach's character from Zach to Will.

In maths we have been learning how to plot co-ordinates across a quadrant. We learned that the x axis is first followed by the y axis when plotting points.

In art we have created some fantastic clay sculptures in the style of Henry Moore. In Spanish we have been learning about different types of verbs. In P.E. we have been developing our football skills. In D.T. we have been learning how triangles can strengthen structures in preparation for building our air raid shelters. And finally, in geography, we have been learning about how food is imported and exported to and from the U.K.

This Week's Prayer



Dear God,

Thank you for reminding us that our actions matter, even if no one else is watching. Please help us to do what is good and right in all situations, even if it isn't easy. Guide us to be kind, loving, and compassionate towards others, reflecting your light in all that we do.

Amen.

“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.”

Ephesians 4:32

Fundraising

Alice Oakes and her Mum are doing a charity walk on 4th April to raise money for Myton Hospices. They would be really grateful for any donations people feel able to give for this important cause using the link below:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/harriet-oakes-1>

Thank you so much for your support.



Spring & Summer Term Dates 2025

Date & Time	Event
Monday 31 st March 9.30am	Rock Steady Concert
Wednesday 2 nd April 8.45am	Year 2 Class Assembly
Thursday 3 rd April 2.40pm	Year 3 Brass Concert
Friday 4 th March	Break the Rules Day
Thursday 10 th April 2.30pm	Easter Service
Thursday 10 th April 3.15pm	FABs Easter Eggstravaganza!
Friday 11th April	INSET Day
Thursday 1 st May	Year 5 visit to Portsmouth Historic Dockyard
Monday 5 th May	Bank Holiday
Wednesday 7 th May 9am	Year 3 Class Assembly
Friday 9 th May	Year 2 cake sale
Sunday 18 th May	Family Service @ St. Peter's Church 11am with performance from the school choir.
Wednesday 21 st May	Year 5 class assembly
Friday 6 th June	Year 1 Cake Sale
Monday 9 th June (all week)	Year 1 Phonics screening test Year 4 Multiplication Check
Wednesday 11 th June	Year 1 Class Assembly
Sunday 15 th June	Family Service @ St. Peter's Church 11am
Wednesday 18 th June	Reception Class Assembly
Friday 27 th June	Sports Day & Family Picnic
Wednesday 2 nd July	Warwickshire Transition Day
Friday 4 th July	Reports to Parents
Friday 11 th July	Reception Cake Sale
Monday 14 th July	Children of the World Day
Tuesday 15 th July	Year 6 show
Tuesday 16 th July	Year 6 show
Thursday 17 th July	Year 6 Leavers' service @ St. Peter's Church
Friday 18 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly