



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

Together we love; together we learn

Newsletter

Friday 14th March 2025

This week in collective worship we listened to the story of Bezalel from the Old Testament. We considered the responsibility he had to build a tabernacle and how he used his talents. Children spent time reflecting on how they can use their own talents to make the world a better place!

Thank you all for giving up your time to attend parents' meetings this week. This is always a really useful opportunity for us to continue to work together in the children's best interests. Your support is very much appreciated.

I met with school council this week who have been tasked with asking children in their classes what they would like to happen during our Easter Eggstravaganza! They will be bringing children's ideas back to school council next week and we will write to you to let you know the arrangements. They are also going to be considering how they would like to spend some of the FABs money as well!

We are very much looking forward to the upcoming Ricky Dance Days over next two Fridays. I have no doubt the quality of the dances the children perform will be outstanding and I know they are very excited to have another opportunity to complete a workshop with Ricky.

I wish you all the very best for an enjoyable family weekend.

Best wishes,

Mrs M.A. Baker

Payments for Trips and Visitors

Please could we ask again that all parents make payment for the enrichment activities we have in school? We have an increasing number of parents who are not making their contributions and unfortunately this means that in future, events will not be able to take

place and all the children will miss out. We are running many of these experiences at a loss to the school due to so many parents not paying and we cannot fund these experiences from school. Please come and talk in confidence to Mrs Baker if you are experiencing financial difficulties. Thank you for your support and understanding.

Pancake Day!

Great fun was had by all last Tuesday when we carried out our house pancake races! Children had to run, stop at the line, toss the pancake and run again in a relay race. The teachers even joined in at the end with a staff race!



Ash Wednesday Service

We would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Fawcett for leading our Ash Wednesday service last Wednesday. Children demonstrated a good understanding of the traditions behind Shrove Tuesday and how we remember Jesus's temptations in the desert during Lent. Children took part in the service with interest and demonstrated a great deal of respect.



Year 1

World Book Day!

Children thoroughly enjoyed World Book Day last week! They particularly enjoyed reading with a child from another class and therefore we are going to ensure we continue this on a more regular basis. Thank you all for taking part in the book swap as well.

What we've been learning

In Reception, we have been looking at the story 'On the way home' by Jill Murphy. We began by creating a story map and we thought about all the characters that were introduced along the way. The children then went on to write their own amazing stories and they created their own new characters. They wowed us with the way they remembered to use their phonics to spell words and tried so hard with their handwriting. We then talked about the children's journeys home and they were great at explaining what they saw on the way.

In maths, we carried out a survey to find out the different ways we travel to school. They created a pictogram to show the results and carefully counted how many took each mode of transport. The children then used their Geography skills to create a 3D map of Barford. They were very creative and constructed models of the school, village shop, church, the bridge, the River Avon and the park to add to our map. They used watercolours to paint the road, roundabout, river and green spaces. The children were keen to add houses to the map too. They wrote labels and stuck these on. It was so lovely to see the children work so well together both in small groups and as a class. A super collaborative effort!



In computing in Year 1 we used bee bots and controlled them by making them move around. In maths we have been comparing lengths and heights of different objects.

In English we have been reading the story 'Rosie's walk' and writing our own versions. We told the story using the pictures from the story.

In art we have been looking at two artists, Andy Goldsworth and Ansel Adams. They create artwork out of things you can find outside!



In PSHE we have been thinking about different people who keep us healthy and the important jobs they do. In science we have been identifying and classifying animals and putting them into different groups. In Geography we have been finding Barford and our school on a map!

Year 2

In Maths we have been drawing 2D shapes to make pictures linked to Australia. We learnt that an octagon has eight sides! In topic we have been continuing to learn about Australia and the places in it. We learnt that the Great Barrier Reef is a physical feature and the Sydney Opera House is a human feature. We have also been recapping the continents and oceans of the world.

In science we have been learning about life cycles and we have been drawing them. In English we have been writing and performing our poems about Australia. In P.E we have been developing our football skills and also learning a dance called the Koala Nutbush, it's quite fast and tricky!

In art we have been sketching negative space. In P.S.H.E we have been making posters of how to stay safe online and in R.E. we have been learning about the life of Moses. We have been busy bees!



Year 3

In year 3 we are really enjoyed our swimming lessons and we have been doing lots of lengths! This week most of us went into the deep end which was exciting!

In English we have been continuing our theme on Greece. We have been working on an Ancient Greek story called Theseus and the Minotaur. We also drew a story map about the myth.

In R.E. we have been learning that in Islam, how Allah is represented is through patterns rather than pictures in human form. In DT and art, we have been making clay pots and we have to wait three weeks for them to thoroughly dry because we made them out of clay. We watched a video to see how to make them properly stand up. In three weeks, we will be able to paint them.

In maths we have finished our topic on time and now our topic is money. In Spanish we are learning flavours of ice-creams. Yummy!

Year 4

In Year 4 in English we have been studying the text 'Street Child' by Berlie Doherty. We have been developing our skills in narrative writing by composing a diary entry from the perspective of the main character, Jim. We even used some of the language of Londoners at the time!

In Maths we have been learning how to calculate the perimeter shapes including squares and rectangles. In science we have been learning more about the different parts of the human body and their functions.

We are enjoying our learning theme all about Andalusia and in geography we have been creating fact files about it.

Year 5

In Year 5, we've been busy learning lots of interesting things! In R.E., we've been learning that everyone can have different interpretations of things, which helps us understand each other better and develops our tolerance.

In PSHE, we've been learning how to stay safe in the sun, which is really useful, especially when the weather gets warmer. In music, we've been practising acting out songs and adding some scripts at the beginning and end to make it more exciting. In geography, we've been

learning about how the Anglo-Saxons still influence our lives today, which is really fascinating. In history, we've been looking at Anglo-Saxon artefacts to discover more about their culture and how they lived.

In science, we've been learning how to stay safe online and have even made posters about healthy screen habits. In English, we've been practising using commas correctly in different types of sentences, which will help improve our writing. In maths, we've been multiplying non-unit fractions by whole numbers – it's tricky, but we're getting better at it!

Year 6

In Year 6, we've been working hard preparing for our upcoming SATs tests. In maths, we've been learning about pie charts and dual bar charts, which are helping us understand data better. In English, we've been reading Anne Frank's diary and writing about it. We've been thinking about how she felt about Peter and other parts of her life. In guided reading, we've been answering VIPERS questions about Anne Frank's diary, which helps us understand the story more deeply. In science, we've been doing a cool experiment with bread to find out which conditions make mould grow the fastest – it's been really interesting (and a bit gross!).

This Week's Prayer



Dear God,

Thank you for being the ultimate Creator. Just like Bezalel, you've given each of us a spark of creativity. Help us to use it fearlessly, to dream, create, and solve problems in new ways. May our creativity reflect your image and bring joy to those around us. We pray for creative solutions to any challenges we may be facing.

Amen.

²Then the Lord spoke to Moses. ²He said, "I have chosen Bezalel, the son of Uri. Uri is the son of Hur. Bezalel is from the tribe of Judah. ³I have filled him with the Spirit of God. I have filled Bezalel with wisdom, with understanding, with knowledge and with all kinds of skill. ⁴He can make beautiful patterns in gold, silver and bronze. ⁵He can cut and set stones. He can work with wood. In fact, he can work in all kinds of crafts."

Exodus 31

Spring Term Dates 2025

Date & Time	Event
Friday 21 st March	Year 4 visit to Think Tank
Friday 21 st March	Ricky Dance Day – KS2*
Wednesday 26 th March	Year 3 Poetry & Music Assembly
Friday 28 th March	Ricky Dance Day – KS1
Monday 31 st March 9.30am	Rock Steady Concert
Wednesday 2 nd April	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 11 th 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

Jade Mannix, parent of Millie in pre-school is taking part together with her family in a 100km walk along the Jurassic coast in aid of MacMillan cancer support. If you would like to donate to this important cause please use the link below:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/jade-mannix-1722424658499?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL