



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

## Together we love; together we learn

### Newsletter

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February

Welcome back to the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the Spring term, and it has certainly started to feel like Spring this week with the beautiful sunshine! I hope you all had a very enjoyable half term break.

We have had a very exciting and memorable week in school this week during our science week! The children all absolutely loved the planetarium and learned lots of new facts about space. They were all filled with a real sense of awe and wonder which was fabulous to see.

On Thursday we had our super science assembly led by a science specialist which again children thoroughly enjoyed. In class, children have been carrying out a plethora of science and technology activities which you can read about in our class news below.

A huge thank you to all of you for your support with the science homework projects on the theme of 'Let it Grow!' We really enjoyed looking at all of the children's hard work and it was so fantastic to see how you had encouraged children to learn more about science at home. Needless to say, it was exceptionally difficult to judge, but winners will be announced in assembly on Monday. Everyone who took part will receive a certificate as well. I must say a special well done to Year 2 who were the most impressive class as almost every single child completed a project and they were all incredible. Well done Year 2!

I would also like to thank the parents who generously came into school to share their scientific expertise with the children – they were all very inspiring and we are very grateful to them.

We are very much looking forward to another exciting and busy term of learning; curriculum letters and knowledge organisers will be coming home to you today.

Best wishes,

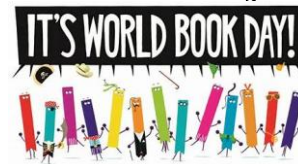
Mrs M.A. Baker



Parents' Meetings

Don't forget to book your parents' meeting slot today! Please note that appointments outside of the allocated parents' meeting dates, after the event, will not be permitted. Parents who have already had a PLP meeting do not need to make an additional appointment.

World Book Day!



Next Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March is World Book Day! Children can come into school wearing pyjamas, but please ensure they have outdoor footwear for break times (they can bring slippers to wear inside as well!)

Please could we ask children to bring in a book they are happy to part with on either Tuesday or Wednesday next week? They can then choose a new book to bring home and keep as part of the 'book swap'.

Young Voices

On Thursday, 35 of our choir took part in a spectacular event at BP pulse in Birmingham as part of a 'Young Voices' event. The children were impeccably behaved throughout what was a very long day. They thoroughly enjoyed singing along with 5000 other children to a range of songs and were treated to a performance from 'MC Grammar'! Certainly an experience to remember forever!



## Pancake Races!

It is several years since shrove Tuesday has fallen in term time. To celebrate, on Tuesday, we will be holding pancake flipping races in houses for both Key Stage One and Key Stage Two, which the house captains are busy organising. There is no need for children to bring anything and children can wear their uniform as usual.



## Ash Wednesday Service

To mark the beginning of the period of Lent, we will be holding a short service at St. Peter's Church at 10am on Ash Wednesday. As has happened in previous years, we will be placing an ash cross on children's foreheads as is tradition. **If you would not like your children to receive an ash cross on their head, please email the office [admin3587@we-learn.com](mailto:admin3587@we-learn.com) to let us know no later than Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March.**



## What we've been learning

### Reception



We have had an exciting first week back thinking about our new topic 'Come Outside'. We started the week looking at the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. Children created some magical story maps and fantastic 'wanted' posters to describe Jack as we thought about the story from the Giant's point of view. Everyone planted their own special magic bean which we will care for over the coming weeks.

As part of science week, we were lucky to have interesting visits from both a dentist and a doctor. The visitors were both really impressed with how inquisitive the children were and they showed a great knowledge of ways to be healthy.

As our science activities continued, the children visited the planetarium dome where we went on a journey through the Solar system and learned lots of new facts along the way. We explored some of the different planets with Jupiter being the class favourite. In maths, we have learned about different ways of measuring and comparing length and time. We went on to make our own water timers, which the children enjoyed using to measure the time it takes to do different activities.

The children have also wowed us with their science projects. It has been wonderful to see such a variety of learning and the children talked about them brilliantly. We have also enjoyed learning about the history of Lego and how it has been developed over the years to become the popular toy it is today.

### Year 1

This week we have been to the Mad Museum in Stratford as part of science week. It was so much fun! In maths we have been learning to understand multiples of 10 up to 50 using numicon and base 10.

As part of science week we carried out a skittles investigation where we put water and skittles on a plate and a rainbow appeared! One table's skittles turned brown! In our class we have also shared our investigations about growing that we have completed at home. It has been really fun to hear what everyone has been getting up to over the half term. We have also been showing off our learning with some assessments this week.



### Year 2

We have been doing lots of science this week in year 2 as it is Science Week! We did a really fun experiment where we created mini volcanoes, and we have also looked at different dinosaurs and their characteristics.

We have also been showing our 'Let It Grow' science projects to the class- they were all so good. We also went into the planetarium and had some dental nurses come to speak to us about how to look after our teeth.

On Friday we went to the British Motor museum to learn more about the development of cars through time and took part in a workshop as well. It was brilliant fun!

In maths we have been doing our 5 times tables and carried out an investigation into multiplying odd and even numbers. In English we have been reading 'The Koala who Couldn't' by Rachel Bright. This story is about a koala who doesn't want to climb down from his tree to the ground.

In D.T. we learned more about Karl Benz and how he designed the very first car. It only had three wheels and didn't have a steering wheel. In P.E we have been developing our football skills of dribbling and kicking the ball.

### Year 3

In science on Tuesday we went into the planetarium and we were learning all about space. We also did an investigation where we had to get a glue stick shadow taller than 50 cm. It was a challenge, but we enjoyed it!

In art we have been drawing patterns for Ancient Greek pots that we are going to make with clay. We also will be painting and decorating our pots with orange and black as these are the colours the Ancient Greeks used. We will have to let the clay dry for a week before we can paint them.

We have been showing off our learning with some assessment tests this week too. In English we have been writing descriptions of Ancient Greece- it's going to be a fascinating topic. Excitingly, we have also started swimming lessons this week. In maths we have started our topic on time as well as completing some investigations.



### Year 4

In English we have been learning about Marie Maynard. We read a slide show about her, then while reading we created presentations about what her life was like. In maths we have been multiplying a 2-digit number by 1 digit number using the formal method.

In science, we have been learning about teeth. We had a nurse from the dentist come to talk to us about our teeth, how we can look after them and how a healthy diet can help us have healthy teeth.

In our topic lessons, we got into groups of 2 and created a slide show about why it is important to keep our teeth healthy. We have also set up an egg experiment and put 5 eggs in 5 beakers and put coke, apple juice, orange juice, milk and water in them to see which shells corrode first and how long it might take. We check on them every day and keep the results in our science books!

### Year 5

In Spanish we have been making a map of Spain learning more about how to describe the weather in Spanish.

In English we have been identifying and discussing themes and conventions within and across writing. In science we went into the planetarium and learnt about space, we loved it!

In PE we have been learning how to hold a tennis racket and play tennis. In history we have been learning about how the Anglo-Saxon kingdoms were ruled and in geography we learned about how to give directions around an Anglo-Saxon village. In music we have been identifying character and action songs and we also started to make some music songs scenes.

In R.E. we have been exploring the different ways that Christians use the Bible. In PSHE we have been setting goals for the end of the week, the end of the term, and the end of Year Six.

## Year 6

In English we have been writing a balanced argument about Charles Gardner and how he recorded the dog fight in a disrespectful tone. In maths we have completed our weekly arithmetic quiz where we do 36 questions- we are getting very good at these and enjoy the regular practise!

In science we have been doing small activities and investigations because it is science week. We also went to the planetarium. This year's theme is 'Let it Grow' therefore we are growing mould in our class on bread. We are doing an investigation where we try to find the best way to make mould and will be keeping an eye on the bread throughout the week and presenting our findings.

In guided reading we are studying about Anne Frank and her family and how they got sent away to concentration camp by Adolf Hitler. The story of her life is both fascinating and incredibly sad. It makes us feel very lucky to live in the world we live in today!

### This Week's Prayer



Dear Lord,

Help us to love one another as You have loved us. Open our eyes to the needs of those around us. Help us to live out Your kindness and compassion through our actions and words.

**Amen**

Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up to show you compassion. For the Lord is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him!

**Isaiah 30:18**

## Spring Term Dates 2025

Date & Time	Event
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Pancake Races
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 9am	Year 4 poetry and music class assembly
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 10am	Ash Wednesday service @ St. Peter's Church
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Online Parents' Meetings (am)
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Online Parents' Meetings (pm)
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 Cake Sale
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Family Service @ St. Peter's Church 11am
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Year 4 visit to Think Tank
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Ricky Dance Day – KS2* <b>please note change of Key Stage Date!</b>
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 Poetry & Music Assembly
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Ricky Dance Day – KS1* <b>please note change of Key Stage Date!</b>
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 9.30am	Rock Steady Concert
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Year 2 Class Assembly
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2.40pm	Year 3 Brass Concert
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Break the Rules Day
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> April 2.30pm	Easter Service
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> April 3.15pm	FABs Easter Eggstravaganza!
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	INSET Day
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Family Service @ St. Peter's Church 11am with performance from the school choir.
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Family Service @ St. Peter's Church 11am