



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

Together we love; together we learn

Newsletter

Friday 7th February

Last week in collective worship we reflected on how Chinese New Year is celebrated in China. Children had remembered many of the traditions which they were able to share, including people cleaning their houses in preparation for the new year, as well as the giving of money in lucky red money envelopes!

This week we considered the importance of being thankful for what we have rather than being greedy. We shared the Sikh story of Duni Chand and the Silver Needle which you can watch here if you would like to – it certainly is thought provoking to reflect on the teachings of Guru Nanak:

[KS1 Religious Studies: Sikh stories - BBC Teach](#)

I have been thoroughly enjoying cooking with children over the past two weeks; Year 3 were superb at making the all time favourite Chinese Stir Fry (which all children absolutely love!), and Year 4 impressed me with their cutting skills to make vegetable pasta. Year 6 have been busy planning and making their own omelettes which many of them tried for the first time. We had a cracking time!

As this will be final newsletter before half term, I would like to wish you all a very enjoyable break and thank you as always for your support.

Best wishes,

Mrs M.A. Baker
Head Teacher

Valentines Disco



Next Friday 14th February will be the FABs Valentine's disco. **Please ensure you have booked your tickets no later than Wednesday 12th February.** Due to needing to purchase supplies, requests for tickets after this date will not be accepted. Thank you.

Scooters and Bicycles

Please could you support our school policy of not riding scooters and bicycles once on the school grounds? We have lots of little people on the playground and we want to keep everyone safe. In addition, please could we ask that you ensure children wear a helmet for cycling or scooting. We have seen lots of children without them and it is a huge safety concern. Thank you for your co-operation with this.



E-safety Week

Next week will be internet safety week, where we will be revisiting key messages about on-line safety for children. There are some great tips for parents here:

[Tips for Parents and Carers - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

We would encourage parents to use the opportunity to discuss and revisit the key messages of online safety with children.

Reporting Absence

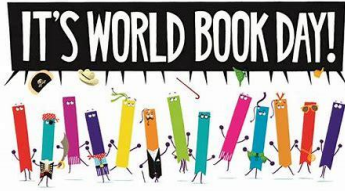
Please could we remind you that all absences should be reported using the telephone number and NOT via email. Emails will not be accepted as confirmation of your child's absence and you will be called if we have not received notification of your child's absence by 9am via the telephone. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Midday Supervisor

Do you enjoy working with children? We have a vacancy for a midday supervisor to work for 5 days per week from 11.45am to 1pm. If you are interested please do ask at the office for more details.



School Council – World Book Day!



Children have been very busy in their class council meetings discussing what they would like to do for World Book Day this year. We decided to allow children to choose if they would like to dress up in costumes as is traditional, or wear their pyjamas in a 'cosy up with a book' theme. Wearing pyjamas won by quite some margin!

In addition, children came up with a plethora of fabulous ideas of activities they would like to do during the day. One of the ideas is to do the 'book swap' again where children bring in a book they no longer need and take a new one home. More information to follow after half term!

What we've been learning

Reception



This week we have been thinking about colder climates and reading 'The Emperor's Egg'. The children have amazed us with all the information about penguins that they have learned and written some super facts.

We have had some lovely home learning from a number of children with James writing a super information book which he shared with the class. The children showed a great understanding of the lifecycle of the penguin and were able to put it in the correct order.

Following the reading of the story 'Jonty Gentoo', the children have thought about the adventures that their penguin could go on as they travel to Antarctica. They have enjoyed using the puppet theatre to put on shows for one another.

In maths, we have been looking at comparing groups of penguins and used the language of more than, less than and equal to. In P.E., we practised our skills of balancing and travelling as we played Penguin games.

We have also been thinking about the Arctic and the animals that live there. The children have made beautiful Arctic backgrounds using chalks. We have been practising our cutting skills to add different animals that we might find there. We have been thinking about how the different animals are adapted to the cold weather. A super week of learning!

Year 1

In English in year 1 we have been researching penguins and where they come from. In maths we have been learning to subtract by finding the difference between two numbers. We have also used a different method and counted back on a number line as well!

In geography, we have been learning about the Arctic animals. In computing we have been learning about our digital footprints. In art we have been doing collaging with different types and colours of paper.

Year 2

In year 2 in English we have been writing reports about cities and counties in the United Kingdom. In maths, we have been doing doubling and halving and we enjoyed our investigation with dice as well.

In P.E. we have been learning how to develop our skills in spinning and balancing. In PSHE we have been creating our own islands just like in Inside Out! We had to think about what we have in our lives to keep us happy and healthy.

In geography we have been creating leaflets about Wales. We had to include the physical and human features. In computing we have been looking at online safety and giving advice to people who didn't know whether they should give permission for things to be shared. In science we have been looking at different habitats and talking about which animals and plants would live there.

Year 3

In year 3 we have been learning all about China and focused our learning around Chinese new year. We wrote non-chronological reports about the traditions of the Lunar new year in English. With Mrs Baker, we made some very delicious Chinese stir fry!



In P.E. we have been developing our football skills ready to play a football match next week! In maths we have been learning about perimeters and how you cannot measure a perimeter if it the shape is not completed.

In art we have been using water colour to create our own Willow Pattern Plate designs.



In PSHE our theme is 'Know yourself to grow yourself'. We have been thinking about who we are as people and what we can do to be better people. In English we have been reading a story called the magic paintbrush and writing a description.

In Spanish, we have been learning ten instrumentos. The in Spanish is either el, los or la.

Year 4

In year 4 in maths we have been learning all about fractions and decimals and dividing by ten. In history we have been learning about the industrial revolution and its inventions. This week has been mental health week, so in PSHE we have been learning about our mental health and that we should never give up but be resilient!

In Spanish we have been learning about 'The Hungry Caterpillar' in Spanish and 'los frutas' which means fruit. We have been practising ready to share this with you at our parent sharing event next Friday! In art, we have been sketching Oxie the bull and using different techniques of pens and pencils.

In English we have been writing a description to describe a character from our story 'The Lost Thing'. We have been using dictionaries and thesauruses to help us use better, high-level vocabulary in our writing.

With Mrs Baker we made a vegetable pasta bake. We had to use our chopping skills and also the garlic press, tin opener and cheese grater!



In music, we have been learning more about characters and actions in musical theatre songs. In PSHE we have been developing our skills in yoga and meditation to try and still our minds and be present. We are exploring how Saints act as role models in R.E.

We have been writing stories in English with the same plot points as monster slayer. In science, we're using different processes to separate materials. In history we have been developing our understanding of what caused the Anglo-Saxons to relocate to Britain. In geography, we have been locating the European countries the Anglo-Saxons came from. Finally, in maths, we have been learning how to multiply 3 digits by two digits.

Year 6

This week in D.T. we have been designing our own omelettes to make with Mrs Baker. They were delicious! We had to write down what we wanted to put in them including chorizo, bacon, cheese, chives, onion, red peppers, olives and many more! We were very proud of ourselves for cracking our own eggs and for flipping the omelettes which was very tricky!

In art, we have been studying the artist Henry Moore. We have been inspired to create textures and patterns in the style he used during World War II, including his images of tube stations during this period.

In English we have been writing about World War II and have written speeches pretending to be Winston Churchill! In history this week we have been interpreting data from a historical source that was a register from a primary school from 1939 to 1956 which covers the time period of World War II.



In maths we have been converting fractions, decimals and percentages and playing some games as well. In Spanish we have received letters from our pen pals which is super exciting. They also sent us a gift which is a photo of them. They described what they were wearing and so we have started to learn 20 items of clothing in Spanish.

This Week's Prayer



Dear God,
Thank you for our school, our friends, our teachers and all in our community who help us and guide us. **Amen**

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.” **John 14:27**

Easter Gardens

It is sometime until our Easter service, but this year we would like to hold our Easter Garden competition again! More details to follow closer to the time.



My School Fund

Thank you to parents who have already registered for a 'My School Fund' account, which has raised a total of £160 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.

Spring Term Dates 2025

Date & Time	Event
Friday 14 th February	FABs Valentines Disco
Monday 17 th February to Friday 21 st February	Half Term
Monday 24 th February	Science Week
Thursday 27 th February	Young Voices
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day
Wednesday 12 th March	Online Parents' Meetings (am)
Thursday 13 th March	Online Parents' Meetings (pm)
Friday 14 th March	Year 3 Cake Sale
Sunday 16 th March	Family Service @ St. Peter's Church 11am
Friday 21 st March	Ricky Dance Day – KS2* please note change of Key Stage Date!
Wednesday 26 th March	Year 3 Poetry & Music Assembly
Friday 28 th March	Ricky Dance Day – KS1* please note change of Key Stage Date!
Wednesday 2 nd April	Year 2 Class Assembly
Friday 4 th March	Break the Rules Day
Thursday 10 th April 2.30pm	Easter Service
Friday 11 th April	INSET Day
Sunday 18 th May	Family Service @ St. Peter's Church 11am with performance from the school choir.
Sunday 15 th June	Family Service @ St. Peter's Church 11am