



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

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Newsletter

Friday 19th July

I can hardly believe we have come to the end of another academic year! This year seems to have flown by so quickly, which perhaps is not surprising given wealth of exciting learning experiences, educational visits and special events which have taken place throughout the year.

Last week we took the choir to perform at the Royal Albert Hall in London. Despite being a very tiring and long day, they performed superbly and what an incredible experience it was! Thank you to all the parents who were able to come along and join us.



Children spent the day with their new teachers on transition day last Wednesday. All of the children and the teachers thoroughly enjoyed their day and are very much looking forward to September. If you were unable to attend the transition meetings at the end of the day last Wednesday, these will be emailed out to you over the coming days.

This week has been a celebration of our incredible year 6 class, with two phenomenal performances of Joseph for their families. They have talent in abundance and every child was exceptional. We also spent time reflecting with them at their year 6 leavers' service at St. Peter's on Thursday where they received the gospel of Saint Luke and special blessing from Mrs Fawcett. This is always a most poignant moment which I am sure they will always remember. And finally, this morning we held our Year 6 leavers' assembly, where there was not a dry eye in the house. Year 6 you have been outstanding in every way and we will all miss you terribly!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff for their incredible hard work all year. We are so blessed to have such a dedicated team of professionals at Barford and I know that you all appreciate their relentless hard work to do their best for the children.

I would also like to thank you as parents for your positivity and support for the school again this year. One of the greatest joys of Barford is the special relationship between parents and the school and I am incredibly grateful for your support which enables us to work so well together in the best interests of the children.

I hope that you all have a most enjoyable summer holiday and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday 3rd September.

With kindest wishes

Mrs Mary Baker
Head Teacher



FABs Summer Fayre – Saturday 7th September

The postponed Summer Fayre will now take place on Saturday 7th September. Thank you to those of you who offered to help – we have kept your names on the same time slots, so if you are unable to make it on 7th please do let us know as soon as you are able to. The list of helpers is on the noticeboard outside of reception.

I am hopeful that there may be parents, particularly in current year 1 who would have been unable to help who may now be able to. If so please do let us know and sign up for a slot using the form link below.

FABs AGM

The FABs AGM will take place on Friday 27th September at 2pm at school. We are desperately in need of more support for our small FABs team, so please do come along if you are able to. Alternatively, if you cannot come to the meeting but are able to offer even a small amount of support, please complete the forms link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/qFMJhuqcqZ>

Fond Farewells!

We are saying a fond farewell today to Miss Allsopp who is flying the Barford nest to take up a Year 4 class teacher role at Coten End. We are delighted that Miss Allsopp will remain closely in touch with us because she is certainly going to be very sadly missed by staff, parents, governors and of course the children. We will miss her positive enthusiasm, flexibility and generosity. We would like to thank Miss Allsopp for all that she has done for Barford St. Peter's in her time here. She has worked incredibly hard and had a huge and lasting impact on the school. Thank you Miss Allsopp and we wish you all the very best for the future!

We are also saying goodbye this week to Mrs Gourlay and Mrs Horsman who so kindly agreed to take on Mrs Feldman's maternity cover for the Spring and Autumn Terms. Both Mrs Gourlay and Mrs Horsman are incredibly talented and experienced teachers and we are so thankful to them for their hard work and dedication during their time with us. We really do hope that they will return again but wish them both a restful and relaxing summer break!

We are also saying goodbye today to Keira, Georgia and John in year 4 and Seb in Year 2. We wish them all the very best for the next stage in their journey and look forward to hearing of their adventures! We will really miss you all.

And finally, we are sadly saying goodbye today to the Lerner family, Locker family, Kennerley family, Osbourne family, Fraser family, Galloway family, Hogg family, Jennings family, Elek family, Fisher family, Burgess family, Ward family, Thompson family, Hargreaves family, Liddington family, Ridley family, Butler family, Johnson family and McDonagh family.

My sincere thanks to all of these families who have provided so much support to the school during their time here.

What we've been learning

Thank you to our amazing reporters for their hard work this year!



Reception

On Monday, Reception Class spent most of the day collaborating with their Year 6 buddies on an art project around our book theme 'The Snail and the Whale'. They worked together to create puppets to act out the story, and watching them, the staff reflected on what special relationships they have made over the school year.

The rest of this week, our learning has centred around the importance of saying thank you. We decided to prepare a celebration to say thank you to our Year 6 Buddies. We invited them to a teddy bears picnic as an end of term treat. We wrote invitations and made fantastic thank you cards. We planned and made party food, including decorated gingerbread men and sandwiches.

At our picnic, we shared our party food and played some games including a giant game of 'Duck, duck, goose' with 60 children and 60 bears in the circle! It was such a special celebration. Some members of year 6 gave speeches where their advice was, 'Enjoy every moment in primary school. It goes so fast and soon you will be year 6s with your own buddies!'



Year 1

In Year 1 we have had a very exciting and busy time as we come to the end of the year. We have really enjoyed our time with Miss Baker, Mrs Moore, Mrs Farrow and Mrs Bunn. In Science, we have been learning about seasons and months of the year. We have been thinking about seasonal changes, like it is snowy in winter but sunny in summer. In Maths, we have been learning the months of the year. There are 12 months of the year and we are in the year 2024. We learnt what order the months of the year come in.

In English, we have been retelling the story of The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch, making sure we are using capital letters and full stops correctly. In RE, we thought about Christians and Jewish people's stories about the beginning of the world. We thought about the Christian story of creation, and how God worked for 7 days to create the world. On the 7th day, it was the day of rest as all of God's work was done. In music, we have been making superhero music to perform to the whole class!

Year 2

We have been busy in English writing acrostic poems about dragons and writing instructions using imperative verbs on 'How to train your dragon'. We have also been creating information booklets on 'Training a knight', using a context page, index, and using topic vocabulary with understanding.

In DT, we made castles with winding mechanisms and a drawbridge. In science we learned about the process of seed germination. In R.E. we have been reading 'The parable of the Sower' and thinking about how Jesus uses parables to teach us how he wants us to live our lives.

In maths we have been learning to count in 3s, estimating and placing numbers on a number line. We have also been learning how to draw and interpret arrays.

Year 3

In Y3, we have been super busy! We cannot believe it is the end of the year already. We have had such an amazing year with Mrs Stock, including this week having our amazing trip to Selly Manor! Our trip to Selly Manor was incredible, despite the rain! In our English lessons, we have been working on the text Robin Hood. Robin Hood had a den in Sherwood Forest, we are working towards writing a persuasive text about

going on a visit to Sherwood Forest. We have been looking at pictures of Sherwood Forest and learning facts about it to include in our letter, for example, there are over 900 trees that are over 600 years old!

In Maths, we have been continuing our learning of 2D and 3D Shapes. We have been learning about the properties of shapes and also testing whether we are able to identify and tell the difference between different 3D shapes.

In Music, we have been busy preparing for our Brass Concert! It was a chance for us to showcase the talents and the skills we have gained from our weekly brass lessons this year, on the trumpet, cornet and euphonium.

In PE, we have been playing rounders and we have been learning the rules and how to play, we have been practising the different skills needed to be successful with rounders including bowling, batting and fielding techniques.

In PSHE, we have been continuing our learning on budgeting and we have been learning about why we should budget. In computing, we have been busy making 'imovies' to persuade people to watch Robin Hood. We had to practise filming on IPADs in small groups to make a successful trailer to show the whole class. We had to learn how to edit and add sound effects and text to our trailers.

Year 4

Year 4 finished their topic by learning about the four different layers of the rainforest and how they each contribute to the ecosystem, as well as the discovering just some of the wildlife which live there. We also had our final brass lesson with Mrs. Pugh, which finished with a short concert for our parents to demonstrate what we had learned across the year. We will miss our music lessons! Finally, we designed and made our own healthy pasta salads with Mrs. Baker. It was great fun choosing our own ingredients and seeing the results of our ideas, and we especially enjoyed eating them!

Year 5

We cannot believe that it is the end of the school year already! We have had a lovely final few weeks in Y5 with Miss Allsopp. Recently, in Year 5, in English, we have been learning all about biographies. We have been

writing our own biographies all about Horatio Nelson, who is often referred to as Britain's greatest admiral.

We have also finished the year off by revising some key upper key stage 2 grammar terms in preparation for Y6.

In PE, we have been playing rounders. We have played alongside Y6 as part of a mini tournament, we have mixed up the year groups using house teams and have been working particularly on our collaboration and sportsmanship. We have been thinking about how we can communicate better as a team and use different tactics that play to our strengths to be successful fielders. We have also thought about getting the ball back to the bowler as quickly as possible to prevent the batting team from moving and scoring more points!

In Maths, we have been improving our problem solving and reasoning skills, to solve different maths investigations, we have been thinking about working systematically, trial and error and finding patterns. In Computing, we turned our micro-bits into pedometers and counted our steps! We had to program the devices to become pedometers, they were responding to being shaken and moved and this would increase the step count.

In RE we have been thinking about whether people or the place are more important when it comes to worship, we have unpicked the bible quote Corinthians 12:27: "Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it" and produced some artwork based on this quote. In PSHE, we have been thinking about our year in Y5 and rounding up our favourite memories, moments and goals for next academic year.

In Art, we have been thinking about the 'inner' and 'outer' versions of ourselves and sketching a portrait half and half to show how we look on the outside and the inside too.

Year 6

In Year 6, it has been rather emotional as we prepare for the end of term! We cannot believe our time at Barford St Peters is over. Whilst we are excited to move on to new places, as we grow older, we are so sad to leave behind such a special school filled with amazing teachers and staff. We have had so much fun during our final few weeks at Barford with Miss Taylor and Mrs Facchino.

Mainly, we have been hard at work practising for our play and have been very busy making the final props involved in our performance, our personal favourites are; a (very elaborate!) palm tree and the cardboard sheep (that is brutally sacrificed within the play!!) which we recently performed to our school, and our parents! We are so happy with how the show went and although we were incredibly nervous to share it with everyone, we had such lovely feedback and comments about our performances both collaboratively and individually. It was so fun to be a part of and we made such lovely memories whilst we were rehearsing, practising and performing.

In P.E we have been working on our sportsmanship and collaborative skills with year 5 by playing rounders. We have been thinking about supporting our peers and team, and also using the best techniques to score points or become better fielders, such as throwing the ball to pass it quicker than sprinting to the post. We have also been thinking about bowling techniques and how to ensure that people can stop scoring rounders by getting the ball back to the bowler as quickly as possible.

We have also been preparing for our Leavers service and assembly, by practising our hymns and songs for both of these occasions (we had to warn everyone to make sure they brought their tissues!). We have had such a special time here at Barford and are so grateful to everyone who has been a part of our journey during our time here. We cannot believe it is over already... Leavers 2024 signing out!

Well done Gracie!

Gracie in Year 2 has ridden an incredible 50km on horseback with her family to raise an amazing £640 for the bone cancer research trust charity. Well done Gracie we are so proud of you!



Little Prince's Charity

This week John in year 4 has bravely decided to donate his hair to the Little Prince's Charity. This is an incredible thing to do and we are so proud of you John! If you would like to donate please using the link below:



Johns fundraiser for 'Cancer Fund for Children'

https://www.justgiving.com/page/gary-larner-1721061789796?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fgary-larner-1721061789796&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share

Kitchen Vacancy

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INSET Days for 2024 to 2025

Monday 2 nd September
Friday 25 th October
Monday 6 th January
Friday 11 th April
Monday 21 st July 2025

Autumn Term Dates 2024

Date & Time	Event
Tuesday 3 rd September	Children return to school
Thursday 5 th September	Year 1 visit to St. John's Museum
Saturday 7 th September 12pm to 4pm	FABs Summer Fair
Monday 9 th September	Year 4 visit from Mr Egypt
Tuesday 10 th September 9am	Reception parents 'teas and tissues'
Friday 13 th September	Year 2 visit to Royal Pump Rooms & Jephson Gardens
Friday 13 th September	Year 6 cake sale
Friday 20 th September 9am	Reception Welcome Service @ St. Peter's Church
Tuesday 24 th September	Year 3 visit to Compton Verney
Wednesday 25 th September	Individual & Sibling Photographs
Friday 27 th September	Barford Eurovision Song Contest!
Wednesday 2 nd October	Science specialist visit
Thursday 3 rd October	National Poetry Day
Friday 4 th October KS1 - 9am KS2 - 2pm	Harvest Festival @ St. Peter's Church
Wednesday 16 th October	Year 4 class assembly
Friday 18 th October	Divali Day
Tuesday 22 nd October	Parents' meetings (on-line)
Wednesday 23 rd October	Parents' meetings (on-line)
Thursday 24 th October	Halloween Disco
Friday 25 th October	INSET day
Mon 28 th October to Fri 1 st November	Half Term
Wednesday 6 th November	Year 6 SATs & PGL residential meeting
Friday 8 th November	Non uniform day
Saturday 9 th November	Barford Bonfire
Monday 11 th November 11am	Remembrance Service @ St. Peter's church
Friday 15 th November	Children in Need
Friday 22 nd November	Year 5 cake sale
Friday 29 th November 2pm	Advent service @ St. Peter's church
Wednesday 4 th December 2pm	Christingle Service @ St. Peter's church
Tuesday 10 th December	KS1 Theatre trip to Smeds & Smoos @ Warwick Arts Centre
Wednesday 11 th December	KS2 to Dick Whittington Panto @ Belgrade theatre
Thursday 12 th December	Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch
Monday 16 th December 2pm	KS1 Christmas Show (Rec, Yrs 1 & 2)
Tuesday 17 th December 5pm	KS1 Christmas Show (Rec, Yrs 1 & 2)
Wednesday 18 th December	KS2 Christmas Show (years 3, 4 & 5)
Thursday 19 th December	KS2 Christmas Show (years 3, 4 & 5)
Friday 20 th December 1pm	Christmas service @ St. Peter's church followed by Christmas Fair at school.