



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

Together we love; together we learn

Newsletter

Friday 21st June

How lovely it has been to see the sunshine this week; it feels as though summer has finally arrived!

It has been wonderful to have everyone back together in school this week following Year 6's residential to PGL last week and Year 5's trip to Portsmouth. Both year groups had the most amazing time and we are very grateful to the staff for providing children with memories to last a lifetime.

Our value for this half term is perseverance and during collective worship this week year 6 shared excellent examples of how they had persevered during their outdoor adventurous experiences.

We have also been blessed with the enormous joy of class assemblies over the past two weeks, with years 1, 2, 3 and 5 sharing their incredible learning with us. Thank you to all of you who were able to come along and share in these special moments. Next week we are very much looking forward to watching Reception's very first assembly as well!

Another highlight this week has been taking year 6 to King's High School to take part in a design technology workshop to create a moving toy with cams. We are enormously grateful to Nigel Walker and the King's High team for their generosity in enabling this to happen.



I look forward to seeing you all at sports day next Friday.

Best wishes for a wonderful weekend,
Mrs M.A. Baker

Sports Day

A separate letter has been sent home today outlining arrangements for sports day next Friday 28th June.

ALL parents need to complete the forms link below please to let us know your plans for sports day. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

<https://forms.office.com/e/F8Y4MGhR6h>



FABs Summer Fayre
Please Help!

We are very much looking forward to the FABs summer fayre which will be taking place on Saturday 6th July. As it stands, we have only had 4 parents volunteer to help. Please could we ask everyone to sign up on the sheets outside the front entrance and spare an hour if you possibly can? As it stands, if we do not have enough volunteers the fayre will not be able to go ahead which would be a terrible shame. Thank you!

Athletics

We were incredibly proud of our Year 3 & 4 athletes who competed in the Warwickshire athletics competition last week. All children did incredibly well and several have been selected to compete in the next round. Well done everyone!

What we've been learning

(written by our magnificent reporters!)

Reception

Over the last two weeks Reception class have enjoyed two very different stories about the seaside with a common theme of caring. Last week we shared the book 'Flotsom' by David Wiesner. We found out about how things are thrown into the sea and sometimes travel thousands of miles before being washed up in a new

location. We talked about protecting the sea from pollution. We also looked at pictures of flotsam, and using our imagination, wrote about how we thought those things came to be there. We also found out about a famous fossil hunter called Mary Anning who discovered the first complete ichthyosaur fossil in 1811.

This week we have enjoyed the story 'Sharing a Shell', by Julia Donaldson. It tells of how animals co-exist together in the ocean. We too have been busy working as a team, preparing for our class assembly next week. What a great team we are! We are excited to share our wonderful learning, singing and acting including some fun animal riddles we have written and our artwork linked to our learning.

In maths we have been embedding our counting, number bond recall and doubles facts, with impressive speed and understanding. We have continued to use a rekenrek (abacus counter) and enjoyed challenging our own speed using an online maths game called 'Hit the Button.'



Year 1

In Year 1 we have had a super exciting week. Our favourite part of our week was our class assembly! Our class assembly was all about Africa. We talked all about Kenya, Africa and lots of different African animals. We also sang a song about Kenya and it got stuck in everyone's heads! We were singing it lots and lots.

In English, we have been focusing on our spelling skills, we have been trying to spell tricky words and sound them out correctly. We also wrote diary entries about the book 'Flotsam'. It is a fun picture book about a boy that goes to the seaside.

In History we have been learning about the seaside too! We have been finding out what people did at the seaside 100 years ago. This has been exciting for us to think about! One thing that is different now from 100

years ago, is that no one would be on the beach in their swimming costumes, they would have to get changed in a small changing hut called a bathing machine.



In Art, we experimented with colour mixing, we mixed white and blue together to create lots of different shades of blue.

In Maths, we have been partitioning numbers into tens and ones, we have also been practising our weekly arithmetic.

Finally, in music, we have been making up superhero names and we had to work on our pace and saying the name as fast and then as slow as we can. This is like pace in music.

Year 2

In Year 2, we have been very busy. In English, we have been reading the story 'Flotsam' and writing diary entries based on this book. We have been imagining that we are the boy in the story and writing as him. We are super good at diary entries now as we had practice last week when we wrote diary entries based on Luna and the pebble, the book we are reading in class.

In Maths, we have been looking at movements and turns. We learnt about clockwise and anticlockwise, we had to try and remember which way was which! In RE we have been looking at the story of Moses from the bible and acting out the story using different role play techniques.

In computing we have been learning all about computer algorithms and bugs within computer systems. It was super technical and we had to really persevere to understand it all properly. In PE, we have been really busy practising for sports day.

Finally, in science, we have been completing a 'plant investigation'. We have planted some seeds in different locations to see which plant grows the best.

We are hoping that it'll help us understand the important things that a plant needs to grow.

Year 3

This week in Y3 has been very busy! In English, we have been practising our punctuation. We completed a lesson where we had dictated sentences containing speech, apostrophes and capital letters and full stops! We had to listen super carefully and work hard to get these right.

In maths, we have been looking at three different types of angle; obtuse, acute and right angle. A right angle is an angle that measures 90 degrees, it often looks like a square! An obtuse angle is an angle that is bigger than 90 but less than 180 degrees and an acute angle is really small, we remember it as being 'a cute little angle!'.

In Science, we have been learning about magnetism. We have been experimenting which materials are magnetic and not magnetic, one item that was magnetic was the legs of our classroom tables, and the whiteboard frame was **not** magnetic!



In PE with Mrs Stock, we have been practising for Sports day. We finalised our decisions for which races we will be taking part in next week, which was very exciting.

In History, we have been learning about monarchs that have been King or Queen of England - there have been A LOT!

In guided reading, we read a non-chronological report about 'The Battle of Hastings' and we had to pick out the key information and facts. Finally, in Art, we painted ourselves as monarchs and chose our royal names!

Year 4

We have had an exciting week in Year 4! We have been really busy with our DT and Science. We have been making our buzz wire toys. We have had to use lots of different equipment, such as saws and drills. We had to conduct some market research and explore existing buzz wire toys before we then designed our own. We had to sketch designs, measure parts and annotate them fully.

We have finally created our buzz wire toys using wood, copper wire and the tools mentioned earlier.

In English, we have been planning our non-chronological reports all about the rainforest and deforestation. We have been discussing as a class the damage that deforestation causes and why it isn't a good idea.

In maths, we have been completing our assessments for end of term. We were particularly proud of our arithmetic papers where it showed our progress from completing them so regularly in class.

In geography, we have been finding out information and facts about deforestation to put into our reports in our English work. In PE, we have been practising for Sports day, organising our heats and selecting which races we want to participate in.

Finally, in science, we have continued our learning on the digestive system and learning about the process in which our bodies digest food.

Year 5

This week in Year 5, our highlight, without a doubt, has got to be our class assembly! We had so much fun rehearsing and recounting our trip to Portsmouth for our families and friends and the rest of school. We also performed two songs; a sea shanty and 'How far I'll go' from Moana. We had to practise so that we knew these words off by heart. We even made Miss A cry when we sang Moana! We were really proud of the hard work that we put into our assembly and we were so happy that everyone enjoyed it.

In computing, we have continued our work on micro-bits and we have been using them to create animations, Mr Swards was **very** impressed with how quickly we have learnt how to use the micro-bits effectively.

In PE, we have been practising for sports day with Miss A, we organised our heats for different races and then chose our final selections for the races we will participate in on sports day.

In English, we completed a whole school task of diary entries based on the picture book 'Flotsam'.

In guided reading, we finished our whole class novel, 'Letters from the Lighthouse'. In History, we looked in more detail at Horatio Nelson, an admiral of the British Royal Navy that we learnt about on our trip last week.

We were trying to decide if he really was 'the greatest Naval admiral of all time'. Finally, in Music we have continued our learning of 'colours in music' relating our learning to Holi festival.



Year 6

Last week we went to PGL! We went abseiling, we went on a zip wire and a 3G swing. It was amazing! In the evenings we did laser tag, campfire activities and even had a disco. Our group leader was called Trinity, and she was Australian. She made sure that we were awake in the mornings at 7 o' clock ready for our day of activities.

Since we have been back from PGL, we have been rehearsing for our school play - Joseph. We have been learning our lines and practicing our songs as a class.

This week, we also went to Kings High to make CAM mechanism toys for our reception buddies. We learnt how to drill, how to use CAM mechanisms and how to choose effective designs.

We have also been practising for sports day this week. We practised sprinting, long distance, hurdles and the new Elizabeth and Rayleigh race.

In science, we learnt about scientific inheritance. We learnt that biological parents give us a unique part of their DNA which can give us things like our eye colour and hair colour. We also looked at making cookies this week in design technology. We picked a recipe and had to write them out for our homework ready to make them in groups. They are going to be delicious!



Collection Time

A polite request from Bright Horizons Nursery – please could parents avoid arriving at school before 3pm. It causes congestion outside their door and makes access difficult for them. The gate is not opened until 3pm so parents should aim to arrive after that time!

My School Fund

We have recently registered for a 'My School Fund' account, a new 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.

Summer Term Dates 2024

Date & Time	Event
Tuesday 25 th June	Reception Class Assembly
Friday 28 th June 9am to 1pm	Sports Morning & Family Picnic
Friday 5 th July	Reports sent out to parents
Saturday 6 th July	FABs Summer Fayre
Tuesday 9 th July	Choir to the Royal Albert Hall
Wednesday 10 th July 3.30pm	Transition Day & Parents Presentation Meetings
Tuesday 16 th July 2pm	Year 6 show
Wednesday 17 th July 6pm	Year 6 show
Thursday 18 th July	Year 6 Church Leaver's Service
Friday 19 th July 9am	Year 6 Leaver's Assembly

2024 to 2025

Just a reminder that the 2024 to 2025 academic year calendar is now available on the school website.

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