



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

Together we love; together we learn

## Newsletter

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March

It has been another busy two weeks in school. The highlight of this week has undoubtedly been World Book Day, where we have had the opportunity to celebrate reading by dressing up as book characters. Thank you all for your support with this. A love of reading is something we want to instil in all children before they leave primary school, and world book day is a wonderful opportunity to encourage this.

We started this week with another concert from our Rock Steady band children. We are very keen to ascertain parental feedback about Rock Steady music lessons and would be grateful if you could complete the feedback form here if your child does attend Rock Steady:

<https://forms.office.com/e/SDXtimEY35>

I had the pleasure of attending the WAGs show last weekend. It was the most incredible show and I thoroughly enjoyed the excellent performances of all the Barford St. Peter's children, who all displayed such confidence. Well done to all those who took part!

Thank you to Year 5 for sharing their poetry and music assembly with us this week and to parents for coming to join us. These assemblies are a superb opportunity to further develop children's confidence when speaking in public and Year 5 did an excellent job!

Next week we will be celebrating Science Week, details of which have been distributed earlier this week. Any questions please do come and ask Miss Allsopp or your child's class teacher.

We have several events coming up towards the end of the Spring term, including the disco next Friday, so please do check the dates list at the bottom of this newsletter.

Kind regards,

Mrs M.A. Baker

### Sports Update



New girls' football kit

Last year, we put in an application to the Premier League for a new football kit in preparation for starting our girls' football team at Barford St. Peter's. We were delighted that our application was accepted, and the kit has now arrived! It has been given the seal of approval from our very discerning squad, and we are very excited for its exhibition in our first ever league match next week.

### Princethorpe Netball

This week, a squad of five girls participated in a netball tournament at Princethorpe College against other schools in the area. We are so proud of the way they performed and conducted themselves, and they were truly wonderful ambassadors for Barford St. Peter's. Well done girls!



## Extra-Curricular Clubs

Following consultation with the school council, we are planning to run a range of extra-curricular clubs during the summer term. If your child would like to attend one of the clubs, please sign up using the forms link below. Spaces are limited and will be on a first come, first served basis.

Unfortunately we are not able to offer more than this at this time but will continue to review the extra-curricular activities offered in September.

<https://forms.office.com/e/CGwyXOssy1>

In addition to those listed, Mrs Hurlock will also be running an Art club and Mrs Rose will continue to lead choir.

## World Book Day

Everyone had great fun celebrating World Book Day on Thursday. All of the children and adults looked amazing in their costumes and it was lovely to see such a wide variety of characters on display. The parade during assembly was a lovely way to share the costumes the children were wearing and I was blown away by the creativity! Throughout the day all of the children had the chance to take part in our book swap event. This was very successful and hopefully the children enjoyed bringing home a new book to read. We also took part in a teacher swap where the teachers went to read to a different class. Again, this was a lovely way to share some of our favourite stories with different year groups. Thank you for your support with World Book Day this year and all of your generous donations for the book swap event, it really is greatly appreciated.



## What we've been learning

*(written by our magnificent reporters!)*

### Reception

This week we have really enjoyed reading and acting out the traditional story of Jack and the Beanstalk. This story has helped us develop our play and learning in all areas of our Early Years curriculum. We have been acting as the characters from the story thinking about how we use our voices. We have planted our own beans ready to grow at home, carefully following the instructions. We made lots of huge beanstalks from different resources including cubes, paper, tubes and with chalk outside.

In Maths we have been exploring ways of making 7 from smaller numbers. We have also been measuring the length of our beanstalks, using different measures such as sticks and pencils. On our way to forest school on Wednesday we used our senses to explore the fog on the field and we pretended the fog was the clouds around the giant's castle!

In music this week we explored percussion instruments and started to compose some music for the story 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. On Thursday we all fully embraced our love of reading and dressing up for World Book Day. It was such fun dressing up for school and using our imagination in our character play.



### Year 1

This week in Year 1, In English, we have been reading the story 'Rosie's walk'. We then wrote our own versions, where we were Rosie and we based our stories on a walk around Barford.

In maths we have been looking at finding one more or one less from numbers up to 50. Less means take away and more means add.

In Art, we have been creating rubbings using different materials. We also used IPADs to take photos of the trees, inspired by the artist Andy Goldsworthy.

In Science, we have been learning about different types of animals. There are lots of different types of animals like mammals and reptiles.

In DT, we looked at building our own free standing structures, this was quite hard so we had to really concentrate and focus.

In RE, we've been learning about the Easter Story because it is nearly Easter and all about how Christians celebrate Easter.

On Thursday, we dressed up as our favourite book characters because it was world book day, we also designed new book token designs and read our favourite stories together.

## Year 2

In Year 2, we have had a busy week! In English, we have been working on contractions. Contractions are when you shorten words to make them a new word, for example, 'do not' changes to 'don't'. We have also been looking at a really good rhyming poem linked with our topic of Australia. We then used this poem as inspiration to magpie some ideas and write our own poems about an Australian animal.

In Maths, we have been working with money! We have been learning about how to create different amounts of money, in lots of different ways. For example, 10p you could use a 10p coin, 5 2ps or 2 5ps.

In RE, we have looked at one of Jesus' parables, the parable of The Lost Sheep. We discussed forgiveness and the importance of saying sorry.

In Computing we have been creating our own algorithms to help us with growing a plant in space!

On Thursday, it was world book day and so we dressed up as our favourite book characters from our favourite books, the whole school went to the hall for a special world book day assembly, we did the parade and we then swapped our books!

## Year 3

This week in maths, we have been completing our Spring Term assessments. They were tricky and we had to persevere. We also completed our reading assessment too, our favourite text in the paper was Lulu and The Hedgehog!

In class, we have also been enjoying our new class novel 'The Firework Maker's Daughter'. In DT, we have started a super secret project that involves sewing! It'll be making its way home this weekend and we are so excited to share it with our parents!

In Spanish with Mrs Del Rio, we have been working on temperatures, we have learnt things like 'hot' and 'ice cream'.

In PE with Miss Ruby we have been dancing! Also, very excitingly we went SWIMMING! We had a really fun time, but it is super tiring! In Art, we have been learning about special Ancient Greek vases and started making our models out of clay, there was so much to think about and consider. We found it very tricky and we had to really focus. Clay is really difficult to work with so we had to make sure that it didn't dry.

On Thursday for World Book Day, we dressed up as our favourite characters from our favourite books and shared our favourite stories, we had Mrs Rose come and read to us which was so lovely.

## Year 4

This week in Year 4 in maths, we have been busy working hard on our Spring Term Assessments. They are tricky and take a lot of time but we are able to do it! In RE, we combined our RE with Art, we were looking at the bible story of Jesus' baptism. We had certain features that we had to include in our pictures, they were Jesus, the water, a dove to represent the light of Jesus and John the Baptist.

In Music, we have brass with Mrs Pugh, she is helping us to learn how to play these tricky instruments. It takes lots of perseverance.

In Geography, we have been identifying the features of a Roman town, particularly focusing on what London looked like in Roman times.

In PE, we have been doing High Intensity Interval training and working on circuits that help us build up

our stamina, strength and our endurance. We have also been doing dance with Miss Ruby on Thursday.

In English, we have also read 'The Day the Crayons Quit' and writing response letters to the crayons as Duncan. This was really fun; we loved thinking about creative solutions to the crayons biggest problems!

### Year 5

This week in Y5, we have been super busy. We have been completing our spring term assessments. It has been great for us to complete our assessments and for our teachers to see the progress we have made. We have been working really hard on our test technique and this has made us feel much more confident when completing this round of assessments.

This week in English, we wrote diary entries from the perspective of Olive from our book, Letters from the Lighthouse. Olive and her brother Cliff were evacuated from the bustling city of London away to the quiet countryside to be safe. We wrote our diary entries about leaving our family behind in London and thought long and hard about our emotions and feelings if we were in this situation.

On Thursday, it was World Book Day, so we worked together in small groups to create presentations about different, popular children's authors. We then presented these to the rest of the class. We also came dressed as our favourite characters from our favourite books!

In RE, we have been thinking about 'The Easter Story', this week we focussed specifically on Maundy Thursday, and The Last Supper. We discussed the events of The Last Supper and how Jesus used bread and wine to represent his body and blood.

In Science, we have been focussing on plants, and how plants reproduce. We looked specifically at the process of pollination and created a storyboard to show the process.

In Geography, we looked at coastal features, and how they are formed. We looked at bays and headlands, caves, arches, stacks and stumps.

Finally, in PE, we have started our new unit, which is HIIT (High Intensity Interval Training). This week we completed a short circuit to work on our core. It involved planks, sit ups, crunches, burpees and push ups! It was VERY tiring!

### Year 6

In Year Six this week we have been reading 'Harmonica'. It is a book set during WW2, and is about a young Jewish boy that was sent to a concentration camp. He was able to sneak in his harmonica, whilst in the concentration camp, the commander demanded that the boy play the harmonica for him. The remaining people in the concentration camp heard him playing and he managed to survive as each time he played the harmonica people would toss him bread. We have then been rewriting the story as the boy in the concentration camp.

In Maths, we have been looking at bar charts, line graphs and statistics and data handling. We have also been looking at features of a circle (circumference, radius and diameter).

In Geography, we were looking at food importers and identifying the countries that import food to the UK, it was giving us the opportunity to identify and label countries on maps. In History, we have been studying Ann Frank, and her life story.

In PE, we completed the beep test, to test our stamina, endurance and fitness levels. We have also been working on street dance with Miss Ruby. In Science, we have been conducting our own investigations to grow mould! We have been changing one variable, either light/dark, wet/dry etc, and identifying in which environment mould grows the quickest.

### This Week's Prayer

"Our Lord and God! You are worthy to receive glory and honour and power. You made all things.

Everything existed and was made because you wanted it." - **Revelation 4:11**

Father God,

We thank you for this wonderful world which you created for us to live in and experience. Help us to take more responsibility for looking after everything in this world you have made, even if others around us don't seem to care. Inspire us to be the positive change for our environment; to pick up litter, reduce our pollution, save our trees, protect animals and their habitats, and anything we can do to help preserve your wonderful creation.

**Amen**

## Spring Term Dates 2024

Date & Time	Event
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Week
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 8.45am	Year 4 Class Assembly
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Wear Red for Comic Relief
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March KS1 – KS2 –	FABs Disco
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March 8.45am	Year 3 Class Assembly
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2pm	Easter Service @ St. Peter's Church
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Break the Rules Day End of Term