



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

Together we love; together we learn

Newsletter

Friday 5th December 2023

The children from Reception up to year 5 are all very excited to show you their Christmas performances next week! We are looking forward to welcoming you into school to share in the special joy that nativities bring. **Please could we ask that you bring your tickets along with you, as we will not be able to admit you without them due to fire safety regulations.**

I had the pleasure of accompanying Year 2 to the British Motor Museum this week; the staff were so impressed with their behaviour they commented that they were best group they had ever had! Well done Year 2! We had a brilliant day learning all about the very first design of a car right up to some more modern electric cars and driverless cars.

Year 6 were incredible chefs on Tuesday making their own omelette recipes. They chopped, grated and fried with great skill and I was particularly proud of them for trying new ingredients as well. Evidently, the whole class absolutely love chives! Parents, I hope they will make them for you at home!

Thank you to those of you who were able to join us for the Christingle service on Thursday. This is a very special time of calm reflection during what is the busiest time of year, as well as raising money for the Children's Society. If you would like to donate please use this link:

[Barford St Peter's Primary School, Warwick | The Children's Society \(childrensociety.org.uk\)](https://www.childrensociety.org.uk)



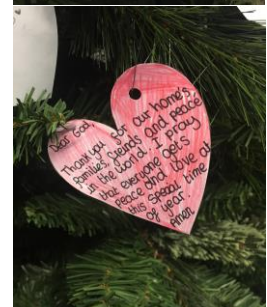
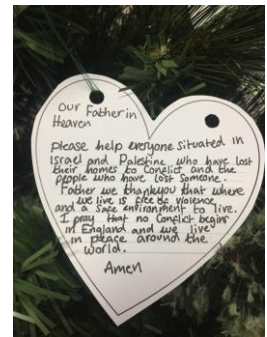
We hope you will all be able to join us for our final service of the year which is the **Carol Service on Thursday 21st December**. After the service, we will be walking children back to school where we ask that you collect them from their usual classroom exit point please.

There will be no after school club on Thursday 21st December. All children should be collected from school by 2.30pm at the latest when school will close for the Christmas break.

Wishing you a peaceful weekend,
Mrs Mary Baker

Prayers of Peace

This week the children have written very thoughtful prayers of peace for our entrance Christmas Tree.



Year 4 Cake Sale

Thank you so much to the year 4 parents for providing such a wonderful array of cakes last Friday for the cake sale. We made a fantastic £244.60! Special thanks to Hattie who made the most incredible cake with the Barford logo on! Well done Hattie! Sincere thanks to all of you for supporting the cake sales this year so far. The money raised is used to buy essential school supplies.



FABs Help

Unfortunately we have had a very limited response to our FABs questionnaire and only 6 people have completed it. Sadly, we really can't organise or run events with so little support and it is disheartening when we have over 140 families in school. We really appreciate that parents are busy people, but if you could complete the questionnaire to let us know you may be able to offer even a small amount of time to help at an event, for example 30 minutes, this would be really helpful.

We are also still very much in need of a volunteer from years 4, 5 and 6 to be a class rep. This will simply involve helping to gather volunteers if and when we need them using the class whatsapps.

The money which FABs make is used to benefit every child in school, so please do help us in any small way you feel able by clicking the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/eGZ3nzuKkG>



What we've been learning

Reception

Last week we explored the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears in our Literacy, Maths, Creative and PSED learning. The children had lots of fun thinking about the words the different characters were saying and acting them out on our cottage roleplay. We pretended we were Goldilocks and wrote letters to the bears to say sorry. We also had a fun time in 'Drawing Club' drawing a map where the bears could find Goldilocks, and writing the secret codes that cooled the porridge, opened the door and dried Goldilocks when she fell in the pond! In our maths, we were thinking about careful counting and measuring capacity. In maths we explored how many scoops of porridge could fit into Daddy Bear, Mummy Bear and Baby Bear's bowls. Some of the children were able to make super estimates using what they already knew from their measuring and thinking about more than and less than. We sung lots of songs about the story too.

This week has been so exciting reading more about the Christmas story and getting our classroom ready for Christmas. After lots of practising we are now amazing at dancing our 'Happy Shepherds' dance for our Christmas show and the song has helped us to understand counting down from 10 in 2's! We can't wait to perform it to our families.

We have also been reading 'The Jolly Postman, or Other People's Letters' and setting up our class post office for sending and sorting the letters. We wrote letters to Father Christmas which were posted this week and found out about how a real post office works.

Year 1

In year 1 we've been putting on our costumes and practising our acting for the Christmas play! In English we have been writing about Guy Fawkes. We made a missing person poster. In maths we have been learning to count up to 20. We have also been learning about taking away.

In science we have been learning about the seasons; Winter, Spring, Summer and Autumn as well as different kinds of weather. In Geography we learned about the different countries which make up the United Kingdom: Northern Ireland, England, Scotland and Wales. We learned that the capital city of England is London. In PE we have been practising our dances

ready for our Christmas play. We can't wait to show you our singing and dancing next week!

Year 2

In year 2 in English we have been writing our own versions of 'The 100 decker bus'. In maths we have been learning how to use column addition and subtraction.

In forest school we went out to collect similar leaves so that we could create a hedgehog picture. This week has been very exciting because we went on our trip to the British Motor Museum. We learned so much about old cars, including the very first car which was invented by Carl Benz. We also learned that the word car comes from 'carriage'. We really enjoyed seeing the formula one racing cars. We sat in some old cars and a 100 year old bus called Bessie. In RE we learned about the meaning of the candles in the advent wreath.

Year 3

In year 3 we have been practising our Christmas play and singing along to all of the songs. In maths we have been learning division and also solving problems with triangle addition families. In P.E. this week we were practising different types of shuttle runs with obstacle courses. This term in Spanish, we have been learning how to say Spanish animals and this week we did a test to see how well we could remember everything!

Also this week in Spanish we started getting into the Christmas vibe and learned how to sing '*Feliz Navidad*'. In R.E. we have been learning about the advent wreath.

Year 4

We have been practising for our Christmas play called 'Bethlehem the Musical.' We have new maths work books for homework and there are three books!

In English we have been planning a debate for a new trainline, HS2. In maths we have been learning about problem solving. In class we opened our advent calendars and learned about the meaning of the advent wreath.

Year 5

This week we have continued to read 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory', and have been basing our English work on it. We have also been practising our Christmas play. In maths we have been learning to use the bus stop method for division.

In swimming we did races on floatees, it was really fun! In Spanish we have been translating 'Little Red Riding Hood'. We also learned about British values - we drew a hand and included the union Jack and thought about the British values which are liberty, democracy, tolerance, respect and rule of law.



Year 6

In Year 6 this week we have been sewing and designing our Christmas pillows. To make them we have been learning how to use different stitches: blanket stitch, cross stitch and a running stitch. We also have been cooking omelettes and sweetcorn fritters with Mrs Baker.

In science we have been learning about light and learned that when we shine a light into a glass prism the light disperse into a spectrum of colours like a rainbow. In maths we have been learning about equivalent fractions and simplifying fractions. In P.E with Miss Taylor we have been doing hockey and learning different techniques, passes and dribbling. In history we have been planning and doing a debate on whether Henry VII was a good king or a bad king.

Advent Service & Rev. Andy Larkin

We were delighted to welcome Rev. Andy to school last week for our Advent service. Children learned about the significance of the advent wreath and the colour of each candle. Rev. Andy explained the build up to Christmas being a little bit at a time, like blowing up a balloon!

I am very sorry to let you know that Rev. Andy has tendered his resignation. The children will undoubtedly miss his most enjoyable and engaging services and collective worship. On a personal note, I will be incredibly sad to see him leave Barford St. Peter's. I will always be immensely thankful to him for his loyal support and wise guidance during my first headship. We plan to hold a special goodbye service for him in the new year.

Practical Presents

If you are able to donate any toiletries for the practical presents drive, please do bring them to office. Any small donations are greatly appreciated.



This Week's Prayer



“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” **Isaiah 9:6**

Almighty Father,

Thank you that we are able to celebrate Christmas freely in our country without fear of mistreatment or abuse. We pray that everyone in your world will be able to do the same one day, and bring to you those who must celebrate the birth of your son in secret. Help them and us to feel the joy of this season with gladness and peace.

Amen

Year 4 Fundraiser - Help Rafael make wigs for the Little Princess Trust

Rafael has spent 3 years growing his hair. He absolutely loves his long locks and enjoys wearing it in different viking hairstyles! His love for his hair prompted conversations about how sad it must be for some children to not be able to enjoy their long hair in a time that is already so difficult for them. This conversation led to him deciding to donate his hair and raise £1500, enough for two wigs to be made.

You can donate to their JustGiving page by clicking here https://www.justgiving.com/page/daniela-cobb-1701348311742?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fdaniela-cobb-1701348311742&utm_source=email&utm_campaign=fp-email

JustGiving sends your donation straight to Little Princess Trust and automatically reclaims Gift Aid if you are a UK taxpayer, so your donation is worth even more.

Thank you for your support!

Autumn Term Dates 2023

Date & Time	Event
Monday 11 th December 2pm	KS1 & Reception Christmas Show
Tuesday 12 th December 5pm	KS1 & Reception Christmas Show
Wednesday 13 th December 10am	Whole school visit to 'Nativity'
Thursday 14 th December 5pm	KS2 Christmas Performance (Years 3/4/5)
Friday 15 th December 2pm	KS2 Christmas Performance (Years 3/4/5)
Wednesday 20 th December	Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 20 th December 3.30pm	*New* FABs Mini Christmas Fayre
Thursday 21 st December 1.30pm	Christmas Carol Service @St. Peter's Church SCHOOL CLOSERS AT 2.30pm
Friday 22 nd December	INSET DAY

Spring Term Dates 2024

Date & Time	Event
Monday 8 th January	INSET day
Tuesday 9 th January	Children return to school
Friday 19 th January	Year 3 Cake Sale
Friday 26 th January	FABs Movie Night
Tuesday 6 th February	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 7 th February	Parents' meetings
Thursday 8 th February	Parents' meetings
Friday 9 th February	Year 2 Cake Sale
Monday 12 th February to Friday 16 th February	Half term
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day
Monday 11 th March	Science Week
Friday 15 th March	FABs Disco
Thursday 21 st March 2pm	Easter Service @ St. Peter's Church
Friday 22 nd March	Break The Rules Day – More info to follow!!
Friday 22 nd March	End of Term