



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

## Together we love; together we learn

### Newsletter

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term. I hope you had a wonderful half term break and enjoyed some special family time together. I have enjoyed listening to the children telling me all about their Halloween activities!

This week in collective worship we have been thinking about our value this half term, 'Thankfulness'. We talked about all the people and things we are thankful for and children shared some very special ideas. We talked about how we say thank you every day for our food, friends and family when we say grace. We read the story 'The Whale who Wanted More' by Rachel Bright.

On Friday we held a special Remembrance assembly during which we spent time reflecting on the bravery of those who fought in the wars.

This term is always full of excitement in the build up to Christmas, and we are looking forward to sharing the children's Christmas performances with you in December. Further information on how to request tickets is detailed below.

Very best wishes,

Mrs Mary Baker

#### Special Books

We are thrilled at how well children are engaging with the special books to read before they leave their current year group. I am thoroughly enjoying discussing the texts with them all as well! I know that some of the children are waiting for certain texts to become available. If you are a member of the Warwickshire libraries, and the book you need isn't in school, I have suggested to children they could pop into the library to borrow one from there. If they don't have the text you need, they will happily order them in for you to be collected. Happy reading!



#### Attendance

Whilst we recognise that illnesses do occur, especially at this time of year, it is essential that children are in school so that are not missing essential learning opportunities. Children's absences are closely monitored and you may receive a letter if your child's attendance falls below 95%. Please could we politely remind you that holidays in term time are NOT permitted. Thank you for your co-operation.

#### Medicines

Unfortunately we cannot administer medications for children in school. Please see our medical policy here: [medical-conditions-to-jan-24.pdf](https://primarysite-produced.s3.amazonaws.com/medical-conditions-to-jan-24.pdf) ([primarysite-produced.s3.amazonaws.com](https://primarysite-produced.s3.amazonaws.com/))

If your child needs to take anti-biotics or any other medication during the school day, you will need to come in to school to administer the medication yourself. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

#### Fruit

Just a reminder that children in KS2 should only bring fruit for their snack please – cereal bars and crisps are not permitted. Children should also bring **ONLY** water in their water bottles please.

#### Children in Need

This year, to raise money for children in need, our School Council are inviting children to come to school dressed in spots for a £1 donation. As well as this, Eve in year 6, has organised a read-a-thon. Children can raise money by being sponsored to read over the next week. There is a letter coming home to outline the details of this activity if you wish to take part. Please donate what you can to this wonderful cause!



## BBC Children in Need Appeal

Thanks to the Rotary Club, our school have a large supply of subsidised Pudsey Bear & Blush merchandise which your children will be able to purchase during break times from next Monday. From the sale of these items, we will be able to support the BBC 'Children in Need' initiative, which as we all know, supports those less fortunate children across the UK. Children will need to bring cash with them please and can purchase items as follows:

Pudsey Rucksacks	£5
Pudsey & Blush Ears	£2
Small Pudsey Bears	£2
Pudsey Lunch Boxes	£5
Pudsey Water Bottles	£2
Pudsey Pens	£1

The school and the Rotary Club would like to thank you for your kind and generous support.



## What we've been learning

### Reception

This week in Reception we have started our topic 'Let's Celebrate' with the exciting Hindu celebration of Diwali. We have really enjoyed reading and retelling the story of Rama and Sita as well as finding out about how Hindu's celebrate Diwali with a fantastic festival of lights, music and colour. The children have been cleaning the classroom, making beautiful rangoli patterns to welcome visitors, creating mehndi patterns on paper hands and dressing up and dancing.

In our outdoor construction we have had lots of excitement building bridges between India and Lanka and rescuing Sita from the 10 headed demon Ravana! We decorated tealight holders to take home, so we can

light them on Sunday to celebrate and share our learning with our families.

In our maths this week we have been exploring the number 5 in lots of ways. The children have been noticing it can be decomposed into smaller numbers. Together we investigated this using 5 Diwali electric tealights looking at different combinations of on and off.

We also spent time reflecting on the theme of remembrance and how it is important to remember others. We made beautiful painted poppies and shared a book and videos to help us understand why they are a symbol of remembrance.

### Year 1

In maths we have been continuing our work on addition and today we moved on to doing part whole models. In English we have been writing bonfire night poems. In our history lesson we found out about Guy Fawkes. In art we looked at Mondrian and his interesting shape work. We have also started rehearsals for our Christmas nativity! We have been singing the catchy songs and putting some actions to the words too. We all have our parts and are really excited to start acting next week too.

### Year 2

In year 2 we have been learning about 100 decker bus. We wrote a recount of a bus trip we've made ourselves in the past and wrote about all the things we saw on the journey. In maths we have been doing subtracting from 10 and adding across 10.

In guided reading we have started a new book called 'The Antlered Ship'. So far we have answered questions about the front cover and the maps inside. In art, we have looked at Vincent Van Gogh and looked at his painting 'The Starry Sky'. We have also started practising for our nativity. We have been singing all the songs and putting actions to them. We have also read through the script and checked to see where our lines are. We all have our parts now!



### Year 3

In maths we have been learning about fractions and putting them on number lines. Because it is the 2nd part of the Autumn term, our new topic is 'Natural disasters'. We had special visitor called Debra who taught us all about our new topic.

In English we are planning and researching for our non-chronological report about volcanoes. In guided reading we have been doing comprehension tests about volcanoes, rocks and soils. In P.E. our new topic is fitness and circuits. We did a carousel of different activities. In art we drew remembrance pictures with the sketching pencils.

In choir we had a little sing song and sang 'This is me' in parts and did 'Lean on me' with the makaton sign language with singing hands. We had a fun time in choir because Mrs Rose was sick so instead we had a very very fun time with Mrs Baker and we found out later we were going to the Royal albert hall in July.

### Year 4

In English we have been learning about apostrophes. In Maths we have been learning about column subtraction. In P.E. we have been learning about circuits. We also practised our Christmas play by learning the songs. In our Egyptian project we have been making our sculptures and bringing them in next week for an exhibition but it has to be related to Ancient Egypt. In art we have been making our clay canopic jars which the Ancient Egyptians used to store important organs for the afterlife!

### Year 5

This week we are really excited to have started our chocolate topic! We have been thinking about the design for our chocolate bars and have written persuasive letters to encourage chocolate manufacturers to choose our ideas!

In maths we have been learning about multiplication. In guided reading we have been answering questions about Charlie and the Chocolate Factory which is our class text.



### Year 6

In year six, we have been drawing bar charts using the data from our school trip to Stratford-upon-Avon. In maths we have been learning different techniques for long division calculations. In art we have been painting monochromatic (one colour) abstract art using tints (adding white) and shades (adding black) to our base colour: blue. In English we have been adapting a Macbeth play script which we will later act out... We have started our P.E topic of H.I.I.T (high intensity interval training) using circuits. For R.E we have been learning about what makes someone good or bad and the religious concept of our rules.

### This Week's Prayer



Dear God,

We pray for all those who are suffering around the world at this time. We pray for those who are hungry, without water or without shelter. We pray for peace and give thanks as we remember the brave this Armistice day. Help us to take time each day to be thankful for all that we have, and for our loved ones.

Amen

### Shoebox Appeal

Just a reminder if you would like to donate a shoebox for the Operation Christmas Child, please bring it to school or St. Peter's church by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November. For more information please scan the QR code on the posters on the front door by reception or collect a leaflet from the school office.

### Christmas Performances

We are delighted to invite you to watch your child/ren's Christmas Performances in December.

### Reception, Year 1&2 – Everyone Loves a Baby

There will be 2 performances for Reception and KS1, one on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm and one on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm.

Unfortunately due to fire regulations and limited space, younger siblings are not permitted to attend the

performances. If you do need to bring younger children due to lack of child care availability, you are welcome to attend the dress rehearsal on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30am

For Reception & KS1 tickets please click here:

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

or scan the QR code:



Years 3, 4 & 5 - Bethlehem the Musical

There will be 2 performances for Years 3, 4 & 5 one on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm and one on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.

Unfortunately due to fire regulations and limited space, younger siblings are not permitted to attend the performances. If you do need to bring younger children due to lack of child care availability, you are welcome to attend the dress rehearsal on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> at 9am.

For Years 3, 4 & 5 tickets please click here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/vc9HXWrQbu>

Or scan the QR code:



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Autumn Term Dates 2023

Date & Time	Event
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Year 4 Cake Sale
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2pm	Christingle Service @ St. Peter's Church
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2pm	KS1 & Reception Christmas Show
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 5pm	KS1 & Reception Christmas Show
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 10am	Whole school visit to 'Nativity'
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 5pm	KS2 Christmas Performance (Years 3/4/5)
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2pm	KS2 Christmas Performance (Years 3/4/5)
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 1.30pm	Christmas Carol Service @St. Peter's Church
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	INSET DAY