



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

Together we love; together we learn

Newsletter

Friday 20th October 2023

Over the past two weeks we have been reviewing the learning taking place in school and we were very grateful to be joined by some of our governing body last Wednesday to look through the children's work. We have been very impressed with the standards of presentation in the books and how much progress the children have made this half term. They consistently demonstrate a very positive attitude to their learning which is wonderful to see.

In collective worship this week we have continued to learn more about inspirational black people as part of Black History Month, including Mary Seacole. We would like to create a special display in school to celebrate Black History Month and are therefore asking children to bring in a piece of art work or research piece about a black person who they think was or is inspirational. Please could these be no larger than A4 and returned to school on 6th November. All children who take part will receive a sweet treat!

This week I have enjoyed making cookies with year 3 who impressed me with their sifting, weighing and mixing skills. Well done year 3! I also thoroughly enjoyed accompanying Year 6 on their trip to the RSC to carry out a drama workshop based on Macbeth with a professional actor. The children were outstanding and it was joyful to watch them engage so well with the tasks. I think it is safe to say we will be in for a most professional production at the end of the year!

Next week will bring the opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress this term with their class teacher during parents' meetings which we are holding via teams. If you have any technical problems logging in, please do contact the office and we will endeavour to help you as quickly as possible.

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend and enjoy the half term break. We look forward to seeing the children back on Monday 6th November.

Very best wishes,

Mrs Mary Baker



Parent Conduct and Behaviour Expectations Policy

We are very fortunate to have excellent relationships between staff and parents at Barford St. Peter's. Working together in the best interests of children is paramount to ensuring a successful school community and something we place the highest value on.

Unfortunately, there have been some incidents recently of both inappropriate behaviour between parents on school grounds and towards staff via emails. This can of course have a very detrimental impact on the well being of staff. Consequently, governors have approved a policy which outlines our expectations around reasonable communication and behaviour. Please do read the policy here:

[parental-behaviour-policy.pdf](#) ([primarysite-produced.s3.amazonaws.com](#))

Admissions Policy Consultation

Every 7 years we are required to consult parents and the wider community about our admissions policy. The link to the policy is here:

[Admissions | Barford St Peter's CE Primary School](#)
([barfordstpeters.org](#))

Any comments, queries or questions can be emailed to admin3587@welearn365.com

Thank you.

Jewellery

Just a reminder that children should not be wearing bracelets in school as these are not part of the school uniform policy. Children are allowed to wear a simple watch and plain, stud earrings only. If your child is wearing a bracelet for **religious reasons**, please could you email the school office or Mrs Baker to let us know. Children will be asked to remove any bracelets or other jewellery which is not part of the uniform.

What we've been learning

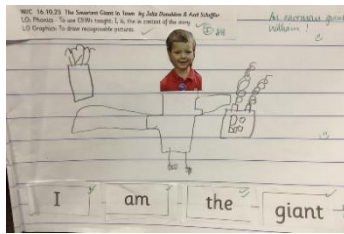
Year 1

Reception

During the last two weeks Reception have been enjoying activities linked to two super books, 'Owl Babies' by Martin Waddell, and 'The Smartest Giant in Town' by Julia Donaldson. Our overarching themes have been 'Being Brave' and 'Being Unique'.

We have had so much fun acting out the story of Owl Babies and finding out facts about real owls from our Owls non fiction text. In forest school we collected lots of Autumn leaves and used them to make owls and bunting.

This week we have loved pretending to be giants (kind ones like George in the story!) and using all the small toys and play people around us we were able to feel very big! We created some fantastic 'giant selfies' and we were careful to make things in the background smaller than us. We have learned so many new phonemes in phonics and we can now read three tricky words, 'I', 'is' and 'the', which came in very handy when sorting our giant selfie sentences!



Our maths learning has been subitising small numbers (just knowing a total without counting), such as playing dice games and dominoes. We have also been finding out about and recognising 2D shapes, linking our knowledge to small numbers for example counting corners and making pictures from our own ideas using known shapes.

In RE we have continued our theme about Special People, finding out about why Guru Nanak is special to Sikh people. We read the story of Guru Nanak and the Cobra and imagined what a sight it must have been to see a cobra shading a boy in the hot sun!

In English, we have been writing lost posters for Dogger. We had to describe what Dogger looked like and also think about what we wanted everyone to do if they found him. This week we have moved on to writing poems and we have been writing about the toys we might find in a toy box using adjectives to describe them.

In maths we have been learning about part whole models. We have been learning about addition and have been finding fact families and number bonds for numbers up to 10. In DT we have been experimenting with sliders. We made a slider that moved up and down as well as one that went from side to side. We have designed our own picture with a slider and we are looking forward to making it.

In history we have been carrying on with our work on toys and we have been finding out about toys from 50 to 60 years ago. We thought about the materials they were made from and how they are similar and different to toys today. Next week we are going on our school trip to find out more about toys and we are all very excited! On the computers, we have been making patterns.

Year 2

In maths we have been using number lines and counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. We have also been learning more about addition. In P.E. we have been learning about football and dribbling fast. In English we have been starting our non-chronological reports on The Great Fire of London. We will be publishing these into leaflets next week. In science we have been learning about measurements of feet and hands.

In R.E. we have been learning about Hanukkah and how Jewish people celebrate it. We have also been creating Great Fire of London scenes using charcoal in art.

Year 3

In maths we have been learning about column addition and subtraction as well as subtracting using number lines. We have been using the chrome books to revise some key maths skills.

In English we have been writing a news report about the Lascaux cave paintings. We have also been writing a story map about the Stone Age Boy based on the text we have been reading and writing our own versions This

week we loved sharing our work with our parents during our parents' sharing afternoon.

We also made some delicious apricot and white chocolate cookies with Mrs Baker. We practised our weighing, mixing and sifting skills and they were delicious!

Year 4

This week in Year 4, we have been doing a lot of work on our history topic of Ancient Egypt. We have learned all about mummification and have even written a set of instructions explaining how to do it! Also we have researched Howard Carter and his discovery of the tomb of King Tutankhamun, including some of the amazing treasures they found there. In our English, we have been learning about fronted adverbials and features of newspaper reports. Next week, we will be combining our history and English learning to write a newspaper report about Howard Carter's discovery.

Year 5

In English our new book is called 'The Rain Player' and we are also reading 'The Boy at the Back of the Class'. We have also been using VIPERS questions to develop our comprehension skills in guided reading. In art we have been creating faces in the style of Pablo Picasso paintings. This week we have been learning about a Mayan pastime called 'pok a tok'. We played a game of pok a tok and it was really fun! In maths we have been learning about square numbers, cube numbers and prime numbers.

Year 6

This week, we have been on an exciting school trip to Stratford-Upon-Avon and, in the morning, took part in a drama workshop at the RSC all about Macbeth. We used our bodies to create freeze frames in pairs at different heights and learned about how to express different sections of script with our voices to vary the meaning. In the afternoon we looked at the Tudor architecture around the town and visited Shakespeare's birthplace. We also carried out some geographical fieldwork by doing a traffic survey and asking members of the public why they were visiting Stratford!

In maths, we have been learning about square and cube numbers, as well as continuing our work on factors and multiples. And in English we have been describing the battle fields at the start of Shakespeare's Macbeth.

In P.E we have just finished our final swimming lesson in St Nicholas leisure centre, concluding with some of us doing a lifeguarding course. We had to wear our clothes and swim without goggles!

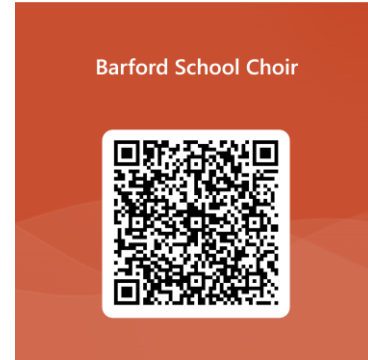
Well done Lo & Ted!

Huge congratulations to Lo and Ted who took part in the inflatable 5K last weekend and managed to raise a whopping £250 for Myton Hospice. Well done boys, an amazing achievement!



Choir

Mrs Rose will be starting choir with children after half term. If your child would like to join please sign them up using the forms link:



This Week's Prayer



Dear God,

We pray for all the children and their families around the world who are in need at this time, particularly all those affected by war and conflict. Help us to reflect on how we can live in peace with one another, always showing love and forgiveness as your son Jesus Christ taught us.

Amen

Shoobox Appeal

We will be collecting shoeboxes for operation Christmas Child again this year. If you are able to donate a box for a child, please bring it to school or St. Peter's church by Monday 13th 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.

Road Safety

The children responded very well to our road safety assembly during which Mr Eggy was not wearing a helmet and sadly had an accident. I am sure they will have told you all about it! Although this was a bit of fun, not wearing a helmet is a very serious matter.

The children are now doing a super job of telling me about children they have spotted around the village without a helmet on. Please ensure your child does not ride their scooter or bike without a helmet, no matter what age they are. Thank you for your support with this.



Free bite-sized sessions to support parents and carers of autistic children

The Community Autism Support Service (CASS) offers support to people of all ages living in Coventry and Warwickshire, whether they are waiting for a neurodevelopmental assessment or already have a diagnosis of autism. One of the ways CASS is able to offer support to parents, carers and family members of autistic children is through their accessible 'Toolboxes'. These are free bite-sized, one-hour sessions covering topics such as routines, meltdowns and communication. Find out more about Toolboxes here. You can find more information about the support available on the CASS website, by calling the dedicated phone line on 02476 012333 (available five days a week Monday to Friday, 8am to 8pm) or by emailing navigation@casspartnership.org.uk.

Autumn Term Dates 2023

Date & Time	Event
Wednesday 25 th October 1pm to 5pm	Parents' Meetings (via TEAMS)
Thursday 26 th October 3.30pm to 7pm	Parents' Meetings (via TEAMS)
Friday 27 th October	INSET day
Friday 17 th November	Children in Need
Friday 1 st December	Year 4 Cake Sale
Thursday 7 th December 2pm	Christingle Service @ St. Peter's Church
Friday 8 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
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
Thursday 21 st December 1.30pm	Christmas Carol Service @St. Peter's Church