

Barley & Barkway Federation Schools NEWSLETTER

SPRING TERM
7TH FEB 2025

Faith Curiosity Wellbeing Confidence

Dear Parents and Carers,

At our Achievement Assembly this morning we had a true performing vibe - we all enjoyed listening to Tommy in Year 1 share one of his favourite rhymes:

I eat peas with honey
I've done it all my life
It makes the peas taste funny
But it keeps them on my knife!!

We then heard the delightful poem Year 1's wrote in English:

In year one the children go bong
In year two the children say boo
In year three the children run free
In year four the children roar!!

Nursery children proudly sang "The Wheels on the Bus", a song they have learned very recently. We are very keen to instil confidence so that children can perform on their own or in groups right from an early age as part of our focus on Oracy. We wish Annie (Y3), Storm (Y2), and Ophelia (Y1) lots of luck as they perform in the Barkway pantomime "Young King Cole and the New Clothes" this weekend.

At the end of next week we will be half way through this academic year!

We wish everyone a happy weekend.

SHARON BROWN - FEDERATION HEADTEACHER

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Benefice confirmation service by Bishop Richard at St Margaret of Antioch in Barley on Sunday 9th of March at 10:30am. If you are interested in being confirmed, please let Rev Mark know – revmarkbridgen@gmail.com or 01763 848756.
- School Valentines Dance – 7th February (Nursery to Year 1, 4pm until 5pm – Year 2 to 4, 5pm until 6pm) at Barley Hall.
- February half-term: Monday 17th to Friday 21st.

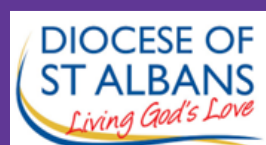
"Living Life in All Its Fullness"

–John 10



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VALENTINES DANCE

Friday 7th February at Barley Hall

FOBBs have kindly organised a Valentines Dance for the school children to eat, dance and get their face painted.

- Barkway children (Nursery, Reception and Year 1) are invited from 4.00pm - 5.00pm
- Barley children (Years 2, 3 and 4) are invited from 5.00pm - 6.00pm

There will be pizza and snacks/drinks, a Valentine theme Photo Booth, glow sticks for all and lots of dancing.

Tickets are £5 for 1 child, £7.50 for two or £10 for three

Parents who are able to stay will be provided with hot/cold drinks with nibbles in the classroom across from the Hall.

Siblings are welcome too!

Please contact Kelly Whitaker, details below, if you would like to come:

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STARS OF THE WEEK

Children are chosen by their teacher to be Star of the Week and are proud to receive this recognition which we celebrate in our Sharing Assembly.

Stars are chosen for good behaviour, excellent work, demonstrating school values...

NURSERY

This week in Nursery, everyone is the star of the week for your great perseverance and learning in phonics! Nursery are beginning to blend their sounds which is a tricky skill to learn! They have been learning the "wheels on the bus"!

Well done Nursery class!



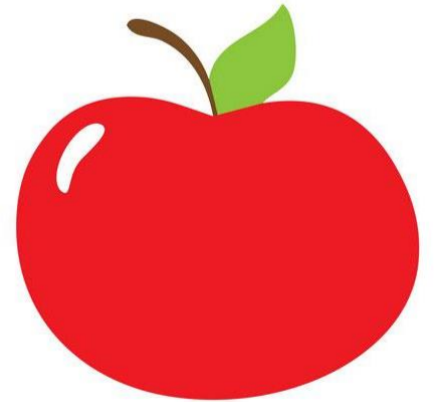
RECEPTION

This week in Reception, our star is Louis. I am really impressed with Louis's writing this week. Louis wrote a sentence about the bus driver from 'The Hundred Decker' bus. He independently wrote some tricky words in his sentence and used some of the new digraphs we had learnt that week. Louis later did another fantastic independent piece of writing in choose, play and learn.

Well done Louis!

YEAR 1

This week in Apple Class, EVERYONE is the star of the week! Apple class have been working so hard with Mrs Makewell learning different poems, this week Tommy was a super star and taught the class a poem he had learnt at home, which they very quickly picked up and knew off by heart. Apple class then collaborated and wrote their own version of the poem "The Ning Nang Nong" by Spike Milligan and they would love to perform it to everyone today in assembly!

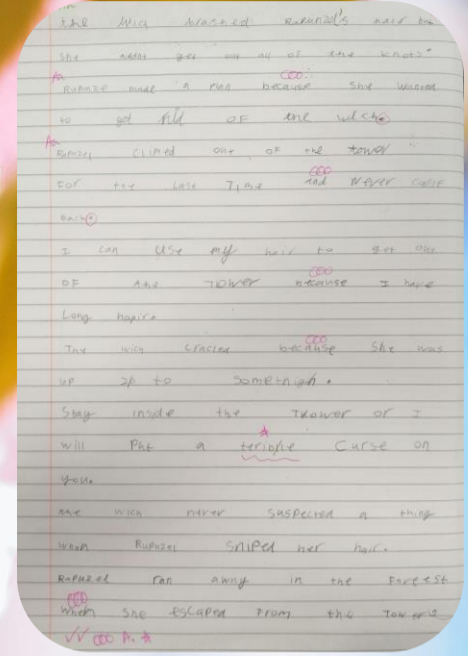


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YEAR 2

This week in Hazel Class, Storm is the shining star for her brilliant efforts with writing about the characters in Rapunzel. Storm used words like because, 'and' and 'when' to links her ideas and extend her super sentences, i.e. 'The witch cackled because she was up to something'.

Well done Storm, keep up the amazing work! We are so proud of you.



Draw place value counters in the place value chart to represent the given calculation.

31×3

T	O
10 10 10	1
10 10 10	1
10 10 10	1

$31 \times 3 = 93$

$$41 \times 3 = 123$$

$$43 \times 3 = 129$$

$$52 \times 3 = 156$$

YEAR 3

This week in Beech Class, Eliza is our star of the week for her fantastic recall of her multiplication facts.

We are learning to multiply 2 digit numbers by a 1 digit number. Eliza secured the concept using a place value grid and counters before using her mental recall to support her learning.

41×3 : "I know 4 tens \times 3 tens is 120 and I know 1×3 is 3".

Well done Eliza!

YEAR 4

This week, our star of the week is Louie M. We have been finishing our maths topic of Multiplication and Division this week. Louie has really impressed me with his grasp of times tables facts and also his ability to apply these facts, for example he could very quickly tell me that if $7 \times 2 = 14$ then $7 \times 200 = 1,400$.. He is also regularly completing his 40 times tables in under a minute!

Well done Louie!



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SPORTS STAR

This our sports star is Poppy for showing great balance and agility in PE class.

Well done Poppy!



BARKWAY PANTOMIME

On Friday and Saturday Ophelia, Storm and Annie will be performing in the Barkway Pantomime!

This year it is 'Young King Cole and the New Clothes' which is to be told as a combination of the two well known tales of 'Old King Cole' and 'The Emperor's New Clothes'.

We wish them all the best!



Photo from the [Barkway Players website](http://barkwayplayers.org.uk) (barkwayplayers.org.uk) – please see the website for ticket information.

FEEL GOOD WEEK

ASSEMBLY

As part of Feeling Good week, Mrs Gould delivered an assembly on Tuesday focusing on our emotional vocabulary and the different words that we can use to describe how we are feeling.

There was a great use of words including joyful, devastated and elated, not just happy and sad!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

YEAR 4

Year 4 have been exploring the 5 Ks of Sikhism this week in their RE lesson. These are the Kesh, the Khanga, the Kachera, the Kirpan and the Kara, which are important symbols that represent the Sikh faith and identity.

