

Barley & Barkway Federation Schools NEWSLETTER

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AUTUMN TERM



Faith

Curiosity

Wellbeing

Confidence

Dear Parents and Carers

Beavering away in the background, FOBBS and lots of parents have been making donations to our school Christmas raffle. Thank you so much for your generosity - there are going to be some wonderful prizes coming up! Aside from that we have a stall at the upcoming Christmas Fayre on Saturday 7th December in Barley Town House and Barley Church. A very Christmassy affair with wonderful refreshments upstairs and cakes for sale on our stall. Thank you again for helping to provide these.

Last week, too late for the newsletter, Forest school was attended here in Barley by Years 3 and 4 led by Mrs West. See the pictures and read the news about it below. Years 1 and 2 will also have a session at our very local forest school and the date will be shared soon.

Earlier this week, Year 1 and 2 had a wonderful afternoon at a concert in West Road, Cambridge. Based on the book, "The Robot and the Bluebird" the children had been rehearsing action songs for the concert at which the Britten Sinfonia was playing. We are so lucky to be able to take up opportunities like these when they arise.

With every good wish for a happy weekend.

SHARON BROWN - FEDERATION HEADTEACHER

UPCOMING EVENTS

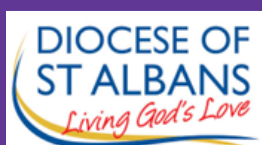
- Occasional day 6th December – Both schools closed
- Barley Christmas Market 7th December, 10.30am until 3.30pm – raffle and refreshments plus a wide range of stalls.
- National Christmas Jumper Day & School Christmas Lunch 12th December
- Christmas Nativity at Barkway Church 19th December at 9.00am

**"Living Life in All Its
Fullness"**
–John 10



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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, our star is Edward. This week we have been learning to sort objects by colour and size. Edward has been practising what he has learnt in our Maths lessons in his play. After the lesson Edward continued to sort objects by colour and came up with different ways to sort them. Edward also practised sorting pom poms by colour in his play.

Well done Edward!



RECEPTION

This week in Reception, Henry is our star of the week for his AMAZING phonics and writing. Henry was able to independently sound out each of the CVC words and write the letters to match the sounds that he could hear. Henry could hear the initial, middle and end sounds and he could write the correct letters to match the sounds.

Fantastic work Henry! Well done!

YEAR 1

This week in Apple Class, Esme is the star of the week for her fantastic English this week. She did an amazing job at acting out the story of The Three Billy Goats Gruff. Esme has also worked hard to improve her writing skills and is now consistently using finger spaces, capital letters and full stops! She is also ensuring that she sounds out each word she writes to make sure she has applied her phonics.

Well done Esme!

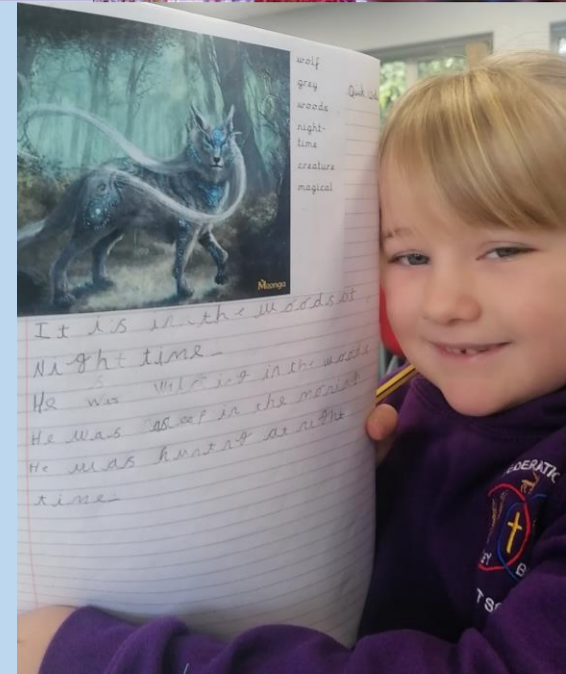


STARS OF THE WEEK

YEAR 2

This week in Hazel Class, Alice is the shining star for her amazing efforts with handwriting! Mrs Gould was amazed to see Alice's beautiful writing in Quick Write this week and asked Alice when that new style of writing had begun and she said proudly "When I wrote my work in my publishing book on Friday". Alice had some lovely ideas for the start of her quick write - 'He was hunting at night-time'.

Well done Alice, keep up the amazing work!



YEAR 3

This week in Beech Class, Aria is star of the week. Aria worked incredibly hard on her fable, in English, and wrote in paragraphs. She included dialogue to think about what her characters would say.

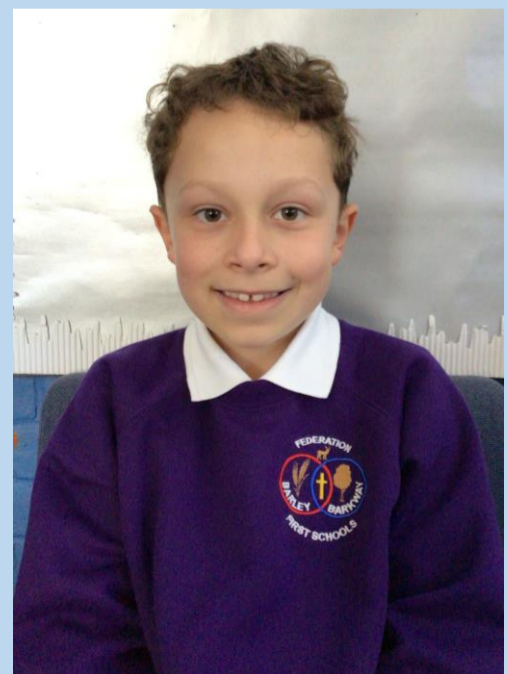
I was also proud of Aria's kindness this week when reading with her buddy at Margaret House. She was chatting away to her buddy and asking questions. After reading, she enjoyed doing a crossword with her buddy.



YEAR 4

This week, our star of the week is Finley. Finley has been working hard on his reading this half term. We have been studying playscripts and Finley is able to use a voice to match his character. At times, he has to play 2 characters and is able to show a different voice to match each character.

Well done Finley!



STARS OF THE WEEK

ART STAR

Isaac in Hazel Class is Art Star this week.

We have been learning about printing and this week we used our new skills to print a great fire of London scene. Isaac worked carefully to produce this great piece of art and added some clever extra details with his fingers which really add to the piece. Well done Isaac.



SPORTS STAR

This week, Eleanor is our sports star of the week showing excellent quality agility balance and coordination, as well as a great can do attitude in recent weeks during PE.





WEST ROAD CONCERT HALL

YEAR 1 & 2

Year 1 and 2 were incredibly lucky this week to take a trip to the West Road Concert Hall in Cambridge.

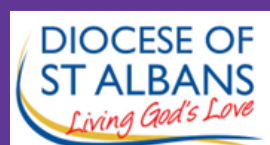
They have been learning to sing songs linked to the book "The Robot and the Bluebird" by David Lucas. The children learnt 4 different songs along with the actions and were able to perform them alongside 7 other schools and a live orchestra.

It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to see music performed live and to understand a little bit more about different instruments.



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YEAR 3 & 4

Year 3 and Year 4 had a fun Forest School session in our wild area on Friday.

We practised our knife skills, used our senses to look for things and also created a huge leaf pile.

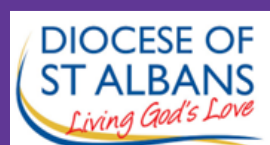


FOREST SCHOOL



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GYMNASTICS

YEAR 3

In Year 3 the children have been persevering in PE to become great gymnasts in their gymnastics unit of learning. Mr Taylor is very impressed with the agility and balance the children are showing.

The children have been developing a range of movements from different starting and standing positions.



YEAR 4

This week in Year 4 we had a fantastic Anglo-Saxon workshop with Cas from the North Herts Museum.

The children got to handle real Anglo-Saxon artefacts and were spell bound by some Anglo-Saxon story telling.



ANGLO-SAXONS

