

# Barley & Barkway Federation Schools NEWSLETTER

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AUTUMN TERM



Faith

Curiosity

Wellbeing

Confidence

Dear Parents and Carers

Another busy week in all our classes and we were very pleased and proud to show off our teaching and learning to our visitors who joined us for our Open Day on Tuesday.

This week children at both schools have been busy painting beautiful watercolour poppies in their art lessons with Mrs Makewell. As you can see, we have made a striking display of these in Barley hall as part of our remembering everyone who was involved in the great wars of the past, and those that continue today around the world. At the war memorial in Barkway on Sunday morning (10<sup>th</sup>), we will be laying a wreath on behalf of our Federation. On Monday 11<sup>th</sup>, Mrs Gould has prepared a special collective worship for us to focus our thoughts on those from around the world who have given their lives in conflict, and later on, Year 4 children will join villagers at the Barley war memorial for the 2 minutes silence that will be held.

Next week, Year 3 will be thinking about food waste and how we can avoid it. We have a special visitor to help us with this project, the Catering Manager from Margaret House. His kitchen will be much bigger than any of ours and it will be interesting to hear how he manages to reduce waste.

We are not quite ready to rehearse our Nativity play but the time is quickly approaching! Our Nativity Service will be at Barkway Church on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 9.00.

We wish everyone a happy weekend.

SHARON BROWN - FEDERATION HEADTEACHER

## UPCOMING EVENTS

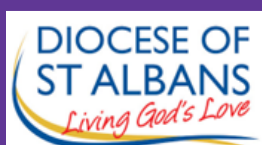
- Moonlight Market 23<sup>rd</sup> November - Children's choir at 5pm in Barkway Church - everyone is very welcome!

*"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 of the week is Eddie. Eddie has shown more confidence to explore the different areas of learning and activities in Oak Class. Eddie has tried really hard with our maths activities this week including making repeating patterns with the coloured counters and building the pink tower, starting with the biggest block and building his tower in size order.

Well done, Eddie!



## RECEPTION

This week in Reception, Lewis is our star of the week. He has really impressed us with his fabulous behaviour for learning: brilliant listening, participating and super effort with all of his learning this week.

Lewis was a superstar in Drawing Club this week where he drew a fantastic firework character and used his phonics to create a name for his firework.

Well done, Lewis!



## YEAR 1

This week in Apple Class, Tobias is the star of the week! He has been working extremely hard to improve his handwriting! He is now getting most of his letters on the line and is remembering which way around his letters need to face.

Well done for persevering Tobias, keep it up!!



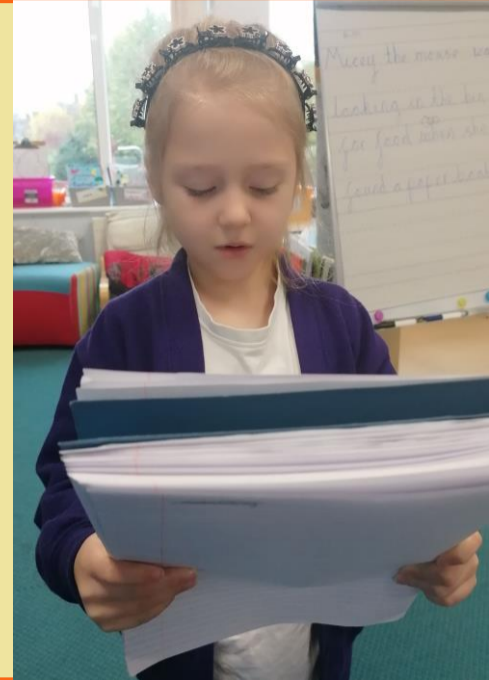
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## YEAR 2

This week in Hazel Class, Willow is the shining star for her efforts with oracy. Willow is becoming more confident each week to read out her beautiful work in front of an audience.

She is a good role model to others with her clear and careful speaking when explaining her work too like in Maths Mastery.

Well done Willow we are proud of you!



## YEAR 3

This week in Beech Class, Cece is our star of the week. In English this week she has ensured that she uses different sentence openers, alliteration and adjectives to make her writing more interesting.

She is enjoying "writing to entertain" and Mrs Porter is entertained when reading her wonderful writing.

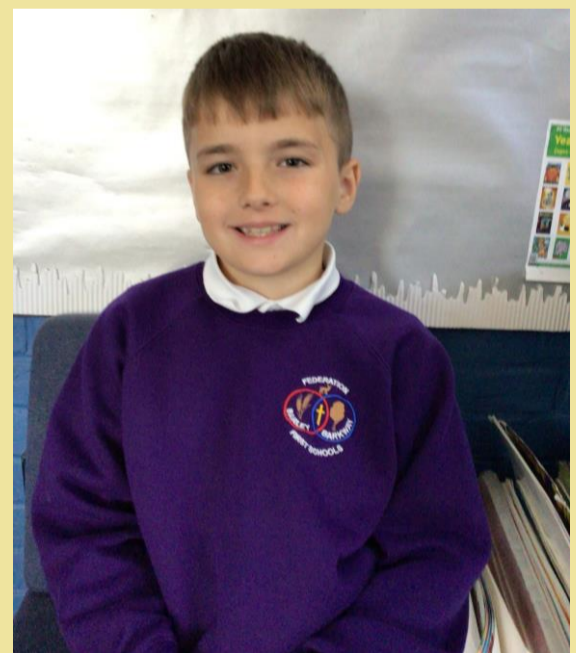
Well done Cece.



## YEAR 4

This week, our star of the week is Louie for his fantastic knowledge of times tables. In Year 4 we have a focus on learning our times tables facts and we practise them most days. Louie is able to complete 40 questions in less than 2 minutes and is bringing his time down each day.

Well done Louie!



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## ART STAR

Adela in Year 4 is Art Star this week. Across all the classes we have been creating poppies for our Remembrance Day displays. Adela used watercolour to paint this really wonderful poppy. During the lesson Adela painted three poppies and each one was an improvement on the one before.

Super work Adela, you should be very proud.





# NATURE WALK

On the Friday before half term Reception and Year 1 were able to go on a nature walk to Barkway Park. Everyone was looking for different signs of Autumn, linking to their learning in class.

Year 1 also looked for the human and physical features of a village while creating a map from school to the park. Everyone had a great time and when we arrived they were surprised with some special birthday spider cookies that Miss Horton had made to celebrate her birthday with the children.

Everyone had a lovely day, a special thanks to Miss Grint, Mrs Whitaker, Mr Whitaker and Mrs Manning for volunteering to join us on our walk and helping the children stay safe!



# CLASS ACTIVITIES

## YEAR 1

Apple class were welcomed back after the half term with a DT day!

The children had a great time tasting some new fruits and then practicing their chopping. They learnt a bridge cut and a claw cut, positioning their hands correctly so that they do not hurt themselves.

They then designed their own fruit smoothie selecting up to 3 fruits to blend together. Everyone got to make their own smoothie and taste each others.

It was a fun day and they loved creating something new on their own!



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## YEAR 2

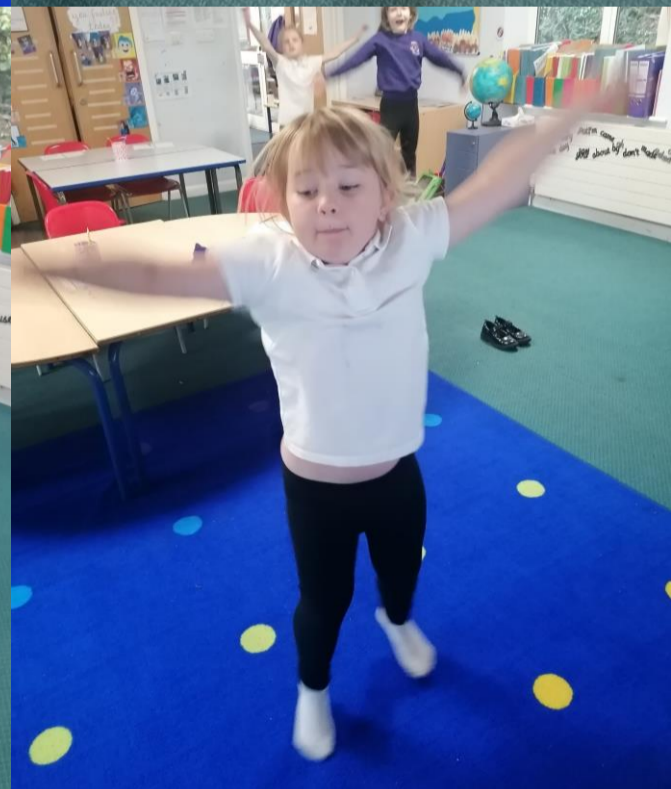
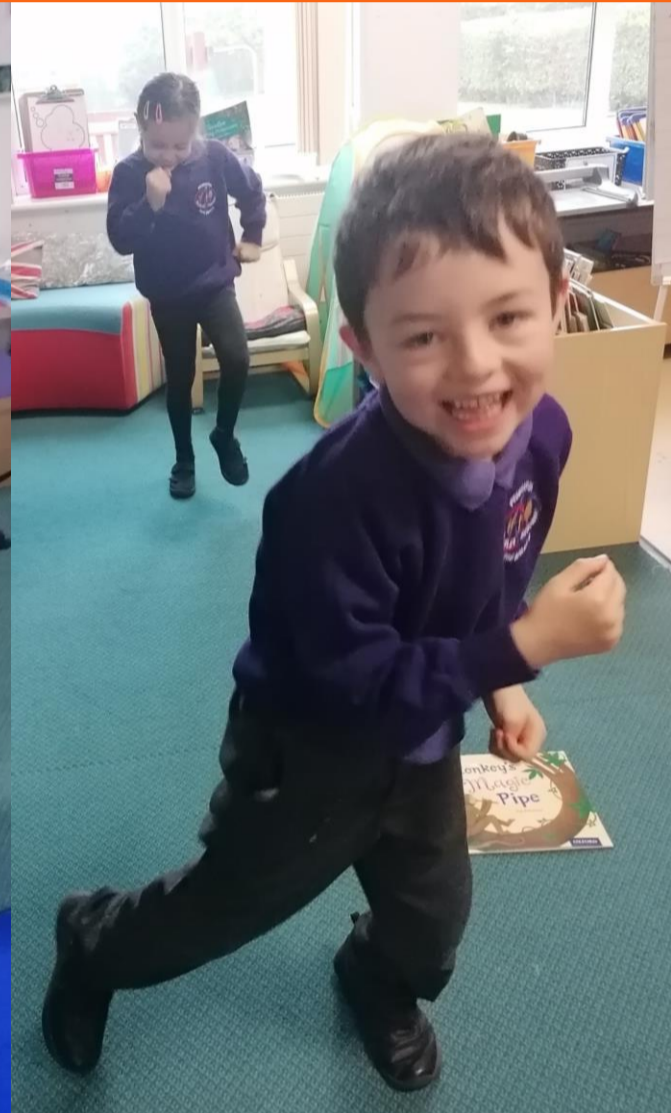
Year 2 enjoyed a very active Science experiment this week. The children were investigating how different exercise affects heart rate; running on the spot, skipping, yoga stretches, star jumps and balancing.

They all began with making a prediction as to which exercise would affect their heart the most - "I think running on the spot will affect it the most" (Jaxon)

We then made sure we kept everything the same apart from the type of exercise so that we had a fair test. We kept the time we exercised and rested between tests the same by using a digital timer.

The children were surprised how much they could feel their hearts beating hard and fast after exercises like running on the spot! They all agreed the yoga stretches had not affected their heart rate like the other exercises.

They all checked back if their predictions were correct at the end of the lesson. Great work Year 2 scientists!





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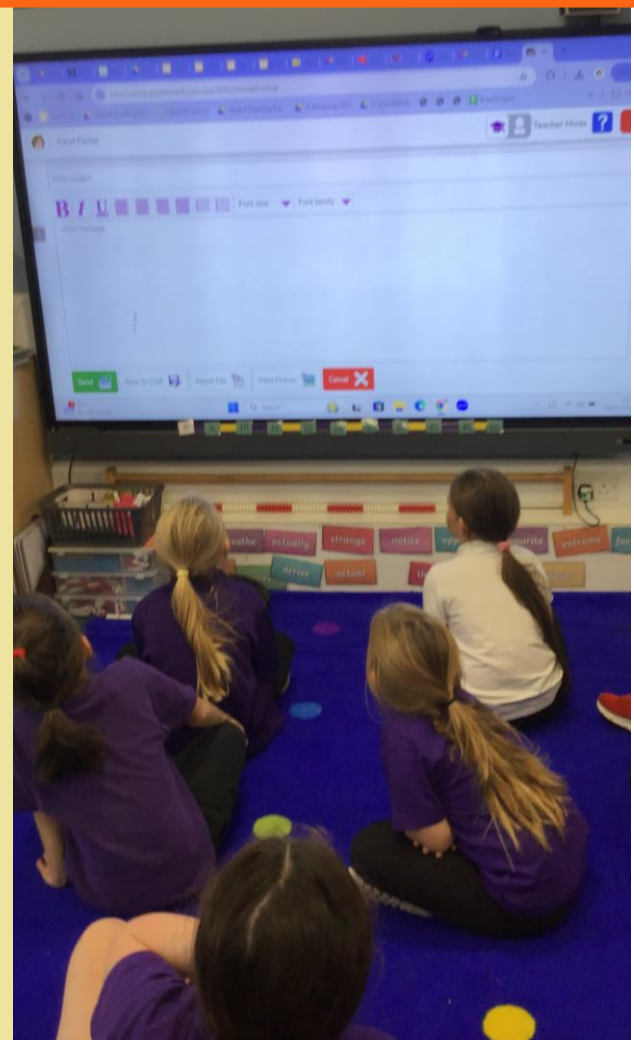


## YEAR 3

This week in Year 3 the children learnt; how to send emails safely using Purple Mash, that email is a form of communication, and how to be safe online.

The children are working hard on learning where the keys are on the keyboard and how to use a shift key to type a capital letter.

Great work Beech Class.





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Year 3 enjoyed playing with colour dominoes they made themselves in French with Mrs Brown this week to help practise the colours they have been learning.

Gabriel (Stan) said "This is fun!".



# BBC CHILDREN IN NEED



Dear Parents and Carers,

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November is the start of this year's BBC Children in Need Appeal Week. Barley and Barkway Federation is excited to be joining in with others around the UK to participate in fundraising for this good cause.

*The money that you give changes lives. With your support we give children someone to turn to when they are carrying a load that's just too heavy to manage alone. These specialists help children to overcome the challenges they are facing and be the best they can be. We particularly help children who are struggling with challenges caused by: poverty and deprivation, mental health, family challenges (such as abuse) and social inequality.*

<https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk>

This year the fundraising will be in the form of a raffle. Raffle tickets will be sold at **£1 per ticket or £3 for 5 tickets**. Your child can bring in money to their class during the week of 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> November and winners will be announced in the following week starting 18<sup>th</sup> November. Teachers will look after the tickets in their classes to avoid any getting lost.

Prizes will include:

**2 Pudsey Bear soft toys**



**5 Christmas Farm Entry Vouchers** to Church Farm, Ardeley. All the lucky winners need to do is get in contact with the farm and they can help you create your booking (all details will be on the farm pass that we will give to you should you win this prize).

**Slap bands and stretchy men**



Let's make a difference to the lives of children in the UK.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Gould PSHE Lead



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