

NEWSLETTER

Barley & Barkway Federation Schools

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, our school had the privilege of attending the VE Day service at the Barley war memorial to mark the 80th anniversary. It was a poignant occasion, and pupils from Years 1 to 4 participated with great respect and maturity. After being briefed the day before on the significance of VE Day, both historically and in the present day, the children observed the two-minute silence with reverence. They joined in the prayers, sang the National Anthem, and listened attentively as Rev'd Mark spoke. We couldn't have been prouder of their behaviour.

In other exciting news, our football team participated in the Royston Year 3 and 4 tournament held at Royston Football Club. Supported by a fantastic turnout of parents and carers, our team performed brilliantly, scoring the most goals in the tournament. A special mention goes to our fantastic goalkeeper, Louis R, who made a number of crucial saves, keeping 12 goals out of the net! Alongside Louis, the team included George, Louie, Sonny, Aria, Henry, Lorena, and Frankie. Each player showed great dedication and energy, with every 10-minute game being a thrilling spectacle. Although we were narrowly defeated 1-0 in the final by Tannery Drift, our team's sportsmanship was truly commendable, and we are incredibly proud of them.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend, and we look forward to the exciting events to come!

Sharon Brown
Federation Headteacher



Year 3 & 4 football tournament participants at Royston Football Club

THIS TERM OUR SCHOOL VALUE IS 'SERVICE'

Our students will be focusing on using their talents to serve, receiving as well as giving, giving with no strings attached, looking at the heart, and living for others.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Barkway Market – Saturday 10th May: Please come along and support the school, we will be holding a BBQ as a school fundraiser.
- Inset Day – Friday 23rd May – Schools closed
- Half term – Monday 26th to Friday 30th May
- Father's Day – Sunday 15th June
- Summer Term Ends – Tuesday 22nd July, Barkway to finish at 12.30pm and Barley to finish at 12.45pm.
- Inset Day – Wednesday 23rd July – Schools closed

"Living Life in All Its Fullness" –John 10

STARS OF THE WEEK

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NURSERY

This week Mia is our star of the week. Mia always comes into school with such a lovely big smile on her face and shows fantastic enthusiasm for her learning. Mia has worked really hard in her maths, showing super mathematical knowledge about height and length and using mathematical language to say what she notices. Mia was able to describe the caterpillars using 'short' and 'long' language and she could make her own caterpillars that were shorter or longer than the caterpillar in our maths activity. Well done, Mia!



This week our star is Eleanor. I was really impressed with Eleanor's writing in drawing club this week. The children were writing about their favourite character from 'The Giant Jam Sandwich'. Eleanor remembered to use her capital letter, fingers spaces and full stop in her sentence.

Well done Eleanor.

YEAR 1

This week Tommy is the star of the week for working hard in all his subjects. Tommy has done some lovely writing in English, he has practiced counting in 2s 5s and 10s in Maths and he has worked well identifying countries and continents on a globe! Tommy has also been a kind friend this week, using kind words to the other children in the class and to children in nursery.

Well done Tommy!



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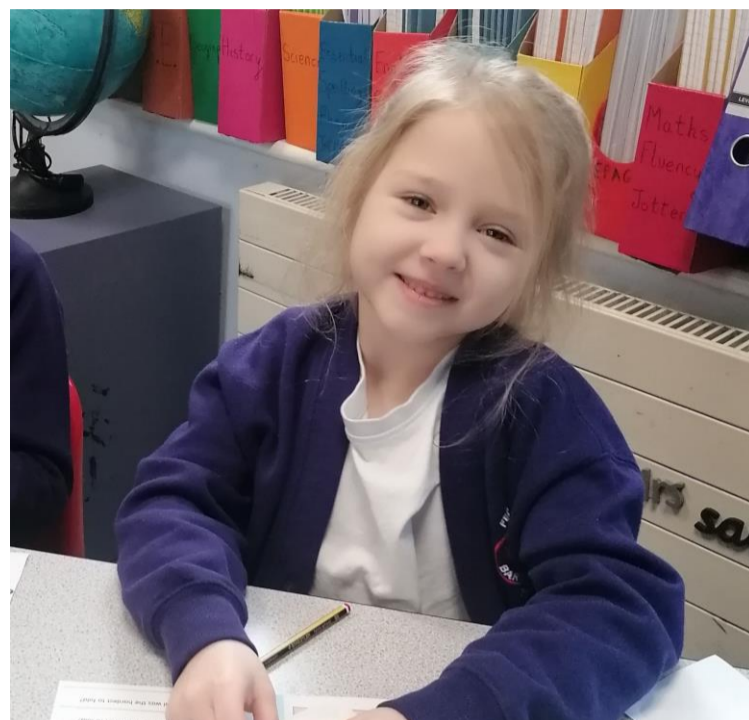
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YEAR 2

This week Willow is the shining star in Hazel class for all her efforts at school, in particular in her recent English writing.

Willow is able to use apostrophes correctly to show possession and is doing very well in our Essential Spelling sessions, learning to spell homophones and compound words correctly.

Great work Willow. We are proud of you!



YEAR 3

This week Lorena is star of the week for being such a wonderful buddy when we visited Margaret House for lunch. When Mrs Porter looked across the room, Lorena was chatting away, asking and answering questions and making the residents smile.

Lorena, you really brightened up their day!

YEAR 4

This week in Year 4, Frankie is the star of the week. Frankie has been really motivated in his writing this week, to write a persuasive letter to try and persuade Mrs Brown that he should be allowed to play football every day! He has used lots of our persuasive toolkit and edited his letter to make it even better. He was also a star player on our football team on Tuesday. Well done Frankie!



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ART STAR

This weeks art star is Reign in Year 3. We have been looking at the work of Dame Barbara Hepworth and our challenge this week was to create a sculpture in clay in the style of her work.

Reign worked independently and carefully to create a wonderful sculpture.

Well done Reign!



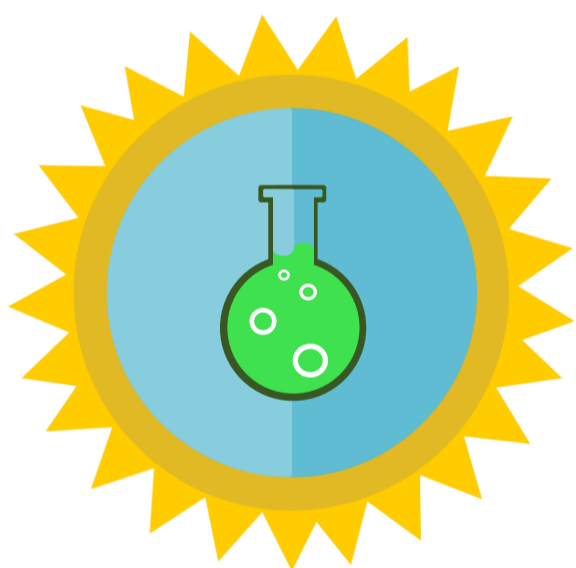
SCIENCE STAR

This weeks Science star is Lewis. We have been learning all about bees in Oak Class this week.

While discussing a book about bees Lewis was able to tell me that he knew bees pollinate and that they help the flowers grow.

He told me they drink nectar from flowers and collect the pollen.

Well done Lewis!



SPORTS STAR

This week our shining stars in PE are the children who represented our school in the Years 3 and 4 football tournament at Royston Football Club.

You made us very proud!!



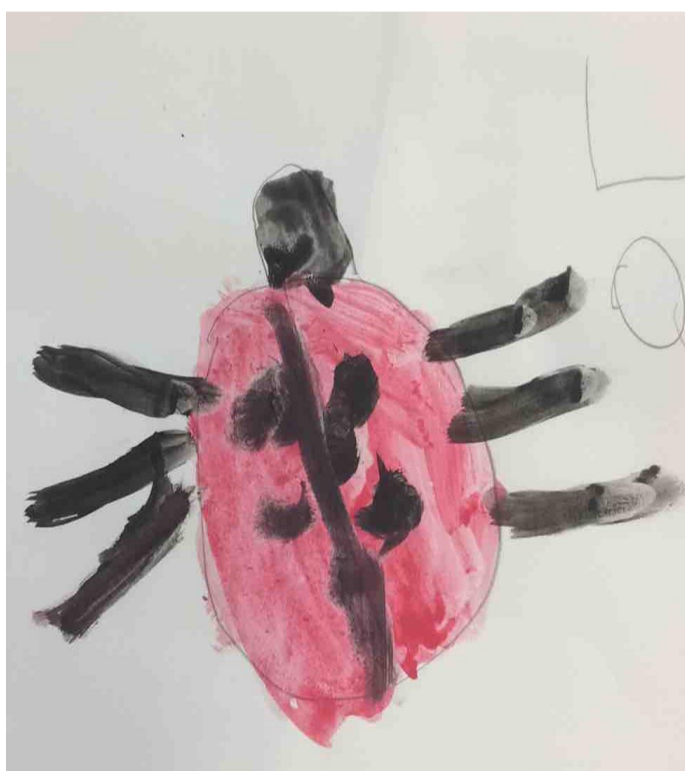
MINIBEASTS & HABITATS

NURSERY & RECEPTION

In Oak Class we have been learning all about minibeasts. We are lucky enough to have a fantastic natural area where we went on a minibeast hunt to see which creatures live in our outside area. We were amazed to find a family of newts, lots of slugs, worms, snails and beetles. We learnt that most of these minibeasts were hiding under big logs where it was dark and damp.

We have also been Amazing Artists over the past two weeks where we have focused on our observational drawing skills and this week we perfected our drawing skills and used watercolour paints to paint our drawings of minibeasts.

I wonder what minibeasts you will find in your gardens...



SUBLIME SCIENCE

YEAR 1 TO 4

This week in years 1 to 4, the children engaged in some fun 'sublime science' and 'wow science' experiments.

The children were fabulous at making predictions and observations as to what they thought was going to and had happened.

Excellent work everyone, and a big thank you to Mrs Porter for arranging this!



SUBLIME SCIENCE

YEAR 1 & 2

Apple and Hazel class had a lovely day together on Thursday when they collaborated on their science learning about plants.

The children discussed the different trees around the Barley playground, comparing their leaves and then drew pictures of trees and labelled the different parts.



ESSENTIAL SPELLINGS

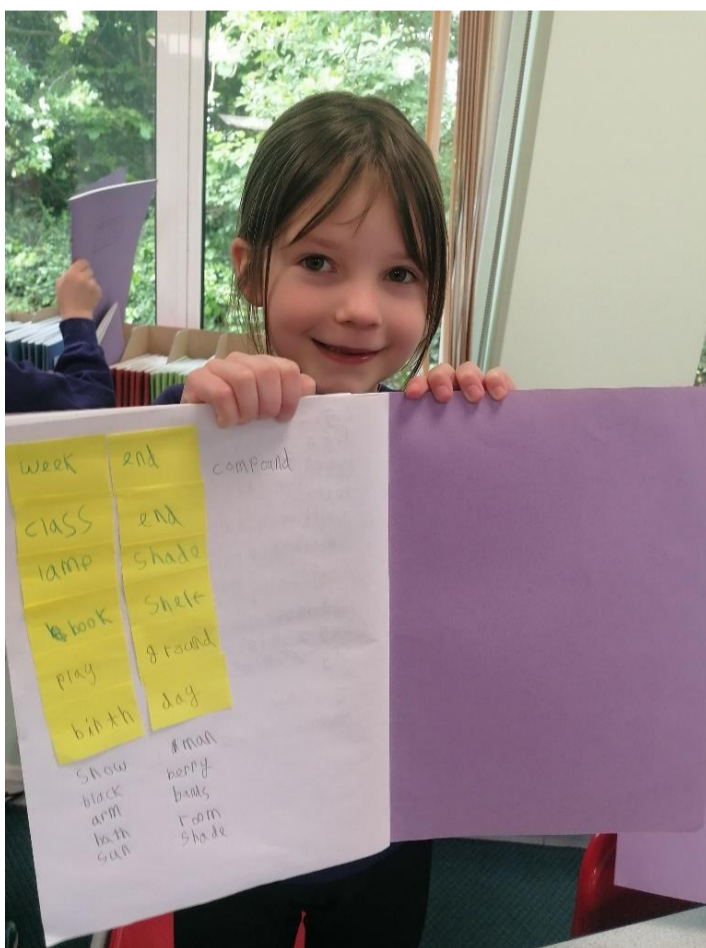
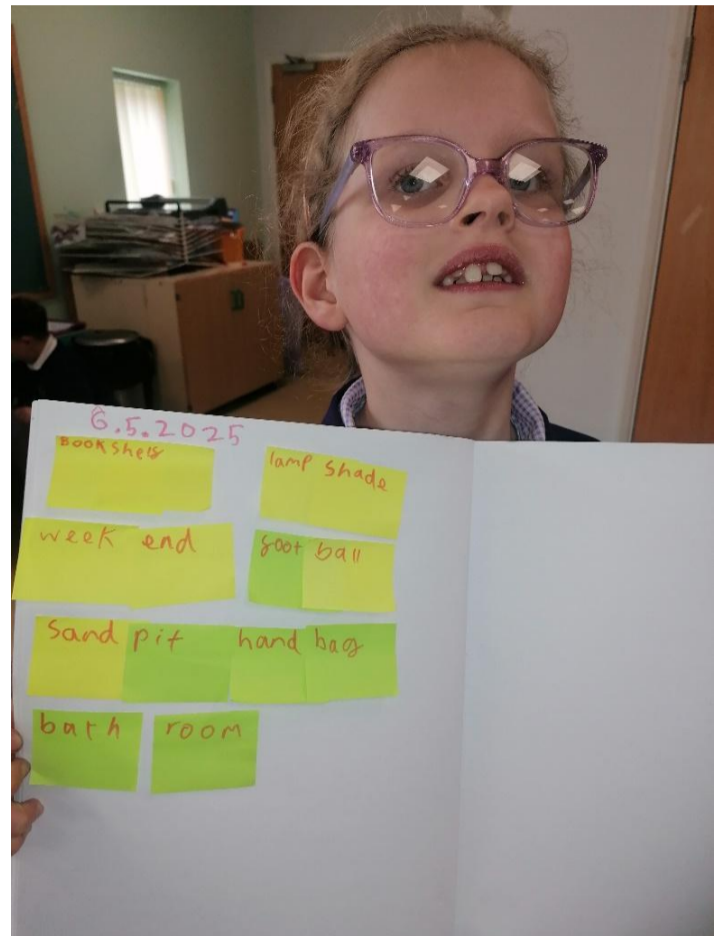
YEAR 2

Year 2 enjoyed learning about compound words in their Essential Spellings lesson on Tuesday. They found out that a compound word is made up of two separate root words that when put together make a new word.

Hazel class played a matching game, looking at a list of root words and trying to work out which ones to put together. The children really enjoyed using 'baby post-it notes' to create the compound words

Some children were able to think of other compound words that Mrs Gould had not displayed. Vira thought of 'rainbow', Jake 'shoelace' and Jaxon 'bookmark'.

Great work Hazel class!



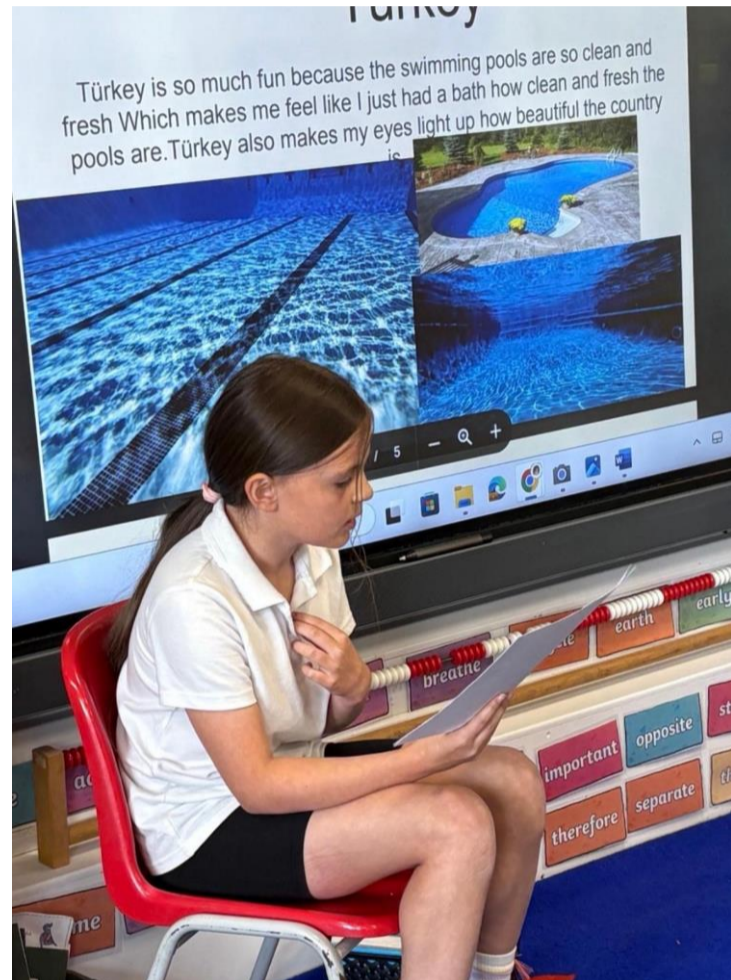
ORACY PROJECTS

YEAR 3

Year 3 began the delivery of their "oracy projects".

The children confidently presented to the class and chose their own topics to talk about. We learnt about the mini marathon in London, Turkey and Paris.

Well done to the children who have presented their projects so far.



COMMUNITY GARDEN

YEAR 4

Year 4 had another enjoyable trip to the Barley Community Garden. We looked at the pumpkin seeds we had planted and thought about why some of them had grown and some hadn't. We then weeded the beds before planting our pumpkin seedlings out. We also looked in the orchard and saw the tiny pears growing on the trees.



BARKWAY MARKET

FOBBS

This year at Barkway Market we are running our usual BBQ stall as part of our school fundraiser.

Please do come along and say hello, perhaps even treat yourself to some of our delicious food!

We have also set up a free children's challenge this year so please come along to our stall to collect your activity sheet, and don't forget to bring it back to us or post it through the school letter box once completed by Friday 16th May to be entered into our prize draw!



Barkway Market

A Community Fundraising Event

SATURDAY 10TH MAY 2025
10AM - 4PM

SCAN CODE TO BUY TICKETS

Over 180 stalls, craft fair, food and drink and children's entertainment.
£5 per adult, children 16 and under are free.
The pedestrian entrance is off Church Lane (opposite the Church).
For car park please use postcode SG8 8BJ, suggested donation £2.00 to 2nd Barkway Square.

barkwaymarket.org

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