

FEDERATION NEWSLETTER

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Spotlight

Next week British Science Week starts! Keep an eye out on our social media accounts for some exciting upcoming news regarding activities taking place for our pupils!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- * **British Science Week**
9th March – 13th March
- * **Mother's Day**
15th March
- * **Harvest Service**
27th March at Barley Church – whole school
- * **Easter Break**
30th March – 10th April
- * **Good Friday Crafts & Service**
3rd April at St Mary Magdalene, Barkway
- * **Inset Day**
13th April

“Living life in all it's fullness” – John 10

A message from our Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

What wonderful glorious weather we have had for the first part of the week, spring seemed to have definitely sprung! It has been lovely to see the sunshine and feel some warmth in the air at last. The children have particularly enjoyed spending more time outside and it has been a pleasure to see everyone making the most of the brighter days without all the winter accessories!

In Collective Worship this week, we focused on our value for this half term: forgiveness. Reverend Mark encouraged the children to think about different situations where forgiveness might be needed in our daily lives. He also shared the important message that when God forgives us, He also forgets. The children reflected on how, when we forgive someone for something they have done, it is important that we also try to let go of the mistake once they have shown they are sorry. It was a thoughtful and meaningful time for the children to consider how forgiveness helps us build positive relationships with one another.

It was also a real pleasure to welcome so many parents and carers into school this week for our parent consultations. Thank you to everyone who attended. These meetings are always such a valuable opportunity for us to share the wonderful progress your children are making and to look together at the work in their books. We truly appreciate the time you take to come in and celebrate your children's learning with us.

Yesterday we also enjoyed a fantastic World Book Day. The costumes were absolutely amazing and it was wonderful to see so many outfits that reflected the children's interests and favourite books. The children loved talking about their interests and sharing stories with their friends. Thank you to everyone for the time and effort that went into dressing up and helping to make the day so enjoyable for the children.

A special mention must go to Ophelia in Hazel Class. It was such a delight to see Ophelia confidently reading the story to her class during story time. Well done and thank you, Ophelia, we were all very proud of you.

Our Easter Service will take place at Barley Church at 9am on the morning of Friday 27th March. Everyone is warmly welcome and we very much hope to see as many families there as possible as we come together to celebrate Easter. Please keep an eye on your emails next week for further details.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

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Stars of the Week

Nursery

This week our Star of the Week goes to a very hardworking superstar! Grace carefully used magnetic letters to spell out her name. She even was able to do it again after the letters were muddled up and moved around. After building her name with the letters, she challenged herself even further by writing her name on the whiteboard. She showed fantastic determination, concentration, and a real “can-do” attitude. We are so proud of the effort Grace puts in and the way she kept trying. Well done!



Reception



This week our Star of the Week goes to a fantastic Reception learner, Edward, who has been working incredibly hard during phonics and writing time! During choose play learn time Edward built words containing digraphs such as sh, ch, ai and th. He listened carefully for each sound, selected the correct letters, and blended them together to read words- what brilliant effort!

We continue to be so impressed with the amazing improvement in his fine motor skills.

He is forming his letters more carefully and showing great control when writing. Keep up the fantastic effort — you are a true superstar!



Year 1

This week our shining star is Hunter. Hunter always creates such fantastic drawings. He will often draw his favourite characters and will add lots of details. Hunter has been working hard on his Drawing Club activities this week. He drew a dragon from the story ‘Room on the Broom’ and added writing to describe where the dragon was, Well done Hunter.

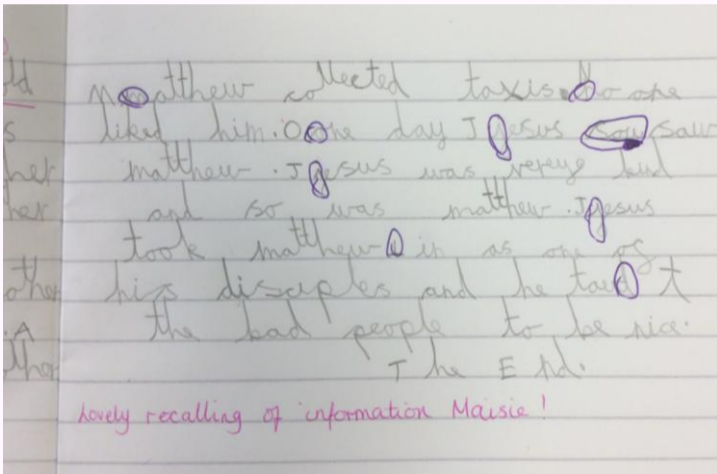
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Year 2

This week, the star of the week in Year 2 is Maisie for her fantastic recall of the story of Matthew and was able to explain why you should be kind to all people even if people are not always kind to others.

Great job Maisie!



Year 3



Storm is our star of the week for her perseverance.

She was a real team player this week when we weeded the year 3 allotment area in preparation

for planting. She confidently directed her friends to their tasks and got the task done. Thank you Storm for helping to get our outside area ready for our science learning.

Year 4

This week, our star of the week is Cali. We have started a new topic of fractions and Cali was able to understand what a mixed number was. She was quickly able to partition a mixed number into the whole and the fraction.

Well done Cali!

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Oracy Star

This week our Oracy Star is Ophelia, Ophelia confidently read her World Book Day book to the class. She used expression and changed her voice to match the excitement happening in the book! I am so proud of you Ophelia!



Sports Star



This weeks star could easily be the star every week!

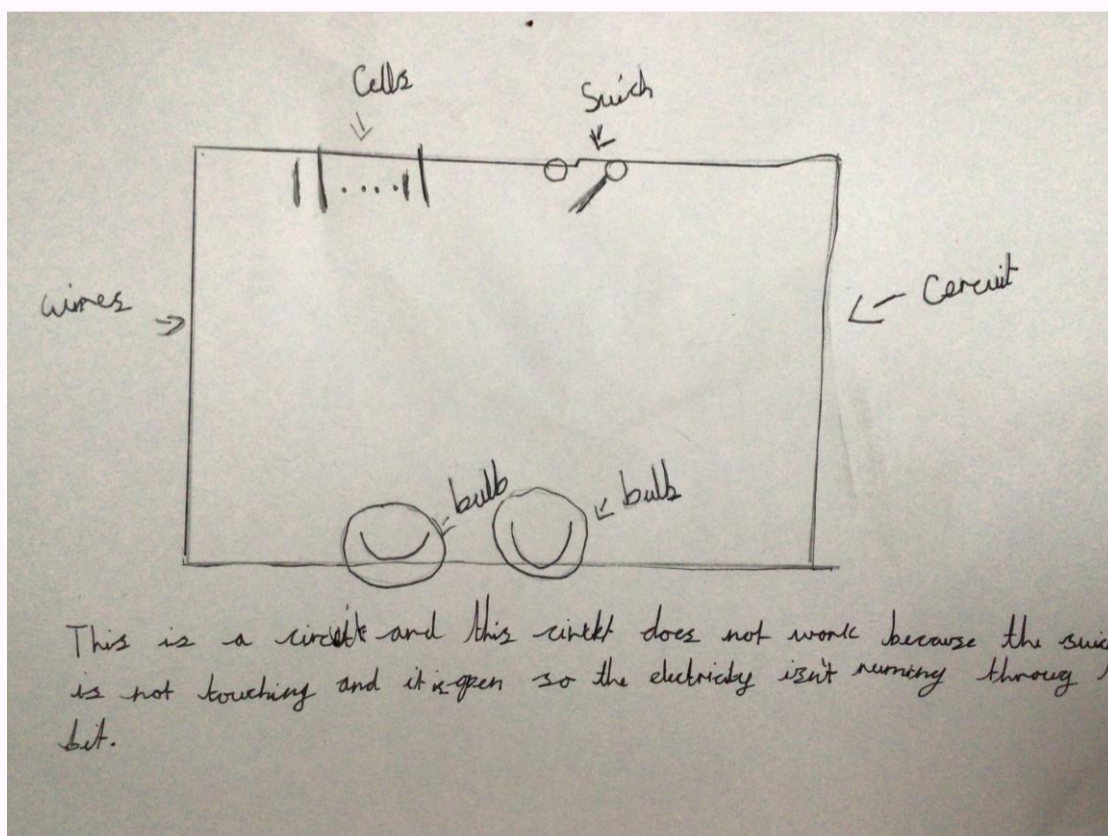
With her determination to try her best at all she does, Reign really deserves this star award!!!!

This week she has shown, support to others when taking part in teacher led tree climbing and attempted parkour with everything she could. Demonstrating her skills and understanding of what her body will allow her to do when she tries.

Super impressed with this knowledge, understanding and confidence within PE - WELL DONE REIGN!

Science Star

This week, Cece is the star of the week for her fantastic drawing of a circuit. Year 4 have just started learning about electricity and used the different components to create a circuit. They then used the correct scientific symbols to draw the circuit. Cece's diagram was clear and perfectly drawn.



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Happy Birthday

A big HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Mrs Bailey, Hallie, Edward and Hugo who are celebrating their Birthday's this week!

We hope you have a fantastic time filled with fun and the things you enjoy the most!





VIPs of the Week



VIP (Very Important Pupil) is our weekly celebration of learning, where a child is chosen from each class to share their successes. Our VIPs proudly show their work, talk about what they've been learning, and enjoy reading to us, with Miss Mière, Mrs Porter and Mr Watson. We are so proud of our VIPs for this week!

VIPs this week for their amazing writing and reading:



EYFS: Rowan



Year 1: Benito



World Book Day

Thank you to everyone who completed the World Book Day Challenge! I am so pleased to see the variety of books read by children across the school. Everyone had lots of fun sharing their books and outfits in school on Thursday and talking about why they had chosen their outfits!



This weeks activities

Oak Class

This week in EYFS, the children had great fun taking part in a bean bag throwing game with hoops! The activity was not only exciting and active, but also a fantastic way to develop our understanding of numbers.

Each hoop had a different value, and the children took turns throwing their bean bags into the hoops to score points. They then worked out their total by combining the numbers, helping them to explore the composition of number and practise early addition skills.

We were so impressed with how the children counted carefully, added their scores together, and even had a go at recording their totals. They showed brilliant teamwork, number confidence, and growing independence in their maths learning.

It was wonderful to see so much enthusiasm while developing such important early maths skills — well done, everyone!



This weeks activities

Beech Class

Year 3 have been learning about perimeter in their maths lessons. To practise their new skills, they invited the Year 2 children to join them for a practical investigation. Working together, the children measured the perimeter of the school field and Plaistow in Barley. Using a measuring wheel, they walked around each area to calculate the total distance around the edges. The children discovered that the perimeter of Plaistow was three times the perimeter of the school field!

It was a fantastic opportunity for Year 3 to share their learning and for the younger children to take part in some real-life maths.



This weeks activities

Parkour skills

This week across Barley and Barkway have been enjoying our challenging and getting active module this week. This has included teacher led tree climbing and parkour. The idea of changing it up from the normal lessons is to encourage movement and involvement for all.



Good Friday Family Crafts and Service

A warm welcome is extended to any young people and family members to our:

Good Friday Family Crafts and service at St Mary Magdalene, Barkway on Friday 3rd April 10am.

There will be an opportunity to make a wide variety of simple but lovely crafts to take home, including:

- Making your own palm cross
- Making flower petals that move by themselves
- Holy Week Colour in Window decorations
- Cross Stained Glass Window decorations
- Cross scratch art decorations
- The Easter garden using a yogurt pot



During the craft activities we sing some well known Good Friday and Easter songs and offer up our prayers.

Drinks and a variety of hot cross buns available at the end. Just turn up – it will be great to see you!

-Rev Mark

Garden House Hospice Care

Charlie Chicks

We are supporting Garden House Hospice Care's Easter campaign selling their Charlie Chicks again (which are all supplied by volunteer knitters and have a Cadbury's Creme Egg inside).

Garden House Hospice Care is a local charity providing free, compassionate end of life care and support to patients and their families in the communities of North Hertfordshire.

Charlie Chicks are available in both school offices for £1.50



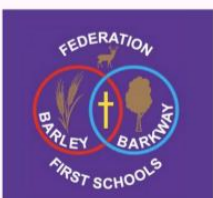
Tesco Tokens

In Tesco Extra, Royston, we have been given the opportunity to receive up to £1,500 funding for our mud kitchen!

How does it work?

After you finish your shopping you will find the blue tokens available at the checkout.

Simply place the tokens in our box which can be found near the exit doors on your way out!





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NURSERY ADMISSIONS

OPEN FOR 2026

Nursery applications are open from Monday 16th February 2026 and will close on Friday 26th March 2026.

- ✓ Church of England School
- ✓ Wrap-around care available
- ✓ Forest School Opportunities
- ✓ Nursery to Year 4



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