

NEWSLETTER

Barley & Barkway Federation Schools

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers

What a wonderful return from our Easter holidays to find ourselves greeted by wall to wall sunshine and great temperatures! Long may it last - so helpful for our outdoors curriculum.

Year 2 and Year 4 have been sharing their presentations as part of our work involving Oracy which features across the curriculum. Thank you so much for supporting the children with the preparation and rehearsal for these. As you can see from the photos we have some competent presenters and as listeners, we have learned a lot also.

Have a wonderful early spring bank holiday!

Sharon Brown
Federation Headteacher



Amber making a presentation about how to look after a horse

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.

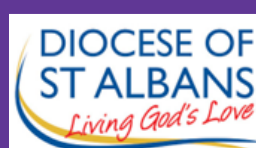
UPCOMING EVENTS

- Early May Bank Holiday – Monday 5th May
- Inset Day – Friday 23rd May (Schools closed)
- Half term – Monday 26th to Friday 30th May inclusive
- Father's Day – Sunday 15th June
- Summer Term Ends – Tuesday 22nd July
 - Nursery 12pm
 - Reception & Year 1 12.30pm
 - Years 2-4 12.45pm
- Inset Day – Wednesday 23rd July (Schools closed)

"Living Life in All Its Fullness" –John 10

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NURSERY

This week our star is Rowan. We have been learning about height in Maths this week and I was really impressed with Rowan's efforts in our beanstalk game. Rowan was able to say which beanstalk was taller and which was shorter and did some fantastic turn taking.

Well done Rowan!



RECEPTION

This week in Reception, Henry is our star of the week. Henry always shows so much enthusiasm in all of his learning, especially during phonics and maths carpet sessions. He is also an extremely kind, caring and helpful friend to everyone in Oak Class; always offering to help others. Miss Grint was particularly impressed and proud of Henry with the way he always helps others at lunchtime, with tidying and carrying other children's water bottles for them.

What fantastic acts of service, Henry! Well done.

YEAR 1

This week Tobias is the star of the week for his great discussion during our science lesson talking about plants. Tobias was able to make accurate observations and speak clearly using full sentences sharing what he noticed about the different plants and flowers.

Well done Tobias!



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YEAR 2

This week Angelica-Mae is the shining star for her brilliant positive attitude and helpful behaviours. Angelica-Mae often congratulates her peers and encourages them without being asked. She will say things like “Great job Alice. Well done Willow”.

Angelica-Mae also puts effort into her work across all her lessons and even in an extra oracy project, Angelica-Mae wowed us with a great presentation. She talked clearly through the slides she had made, well done Angelica-Mae!

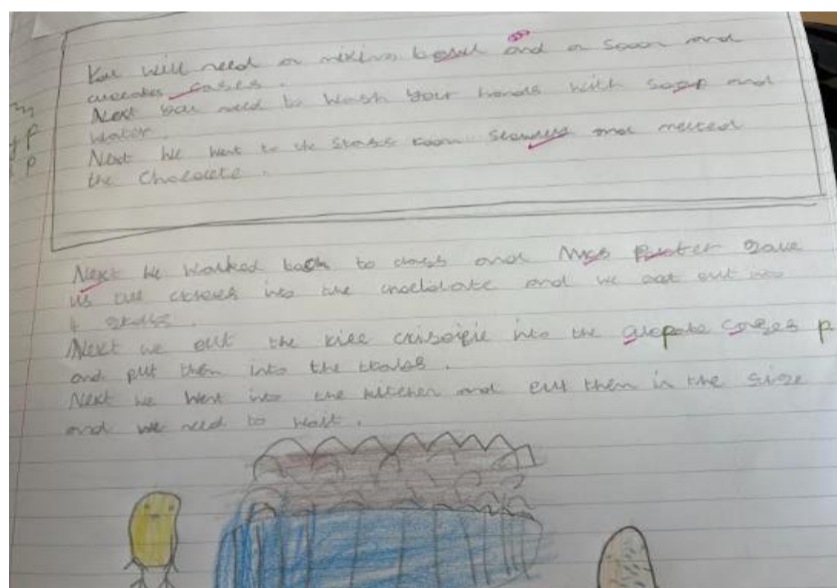


YEAR 3

This week in Year 3 Stan is our star of the week for his handwriting. Stan is working hard to join all of his letters and maintain the consistency of the size of his letters.

Mrs Porter is very proud of the progress that Stan is making with this target.

Well done, Stan!



YEAR 4

The star of the week in Year 4 is Louis Richardson. Louis has been working really hard to learn his times tables. In our daily 40 morning questions, he managed to get 40/40 for the first time this week.

Well done Louis! Keep it up!



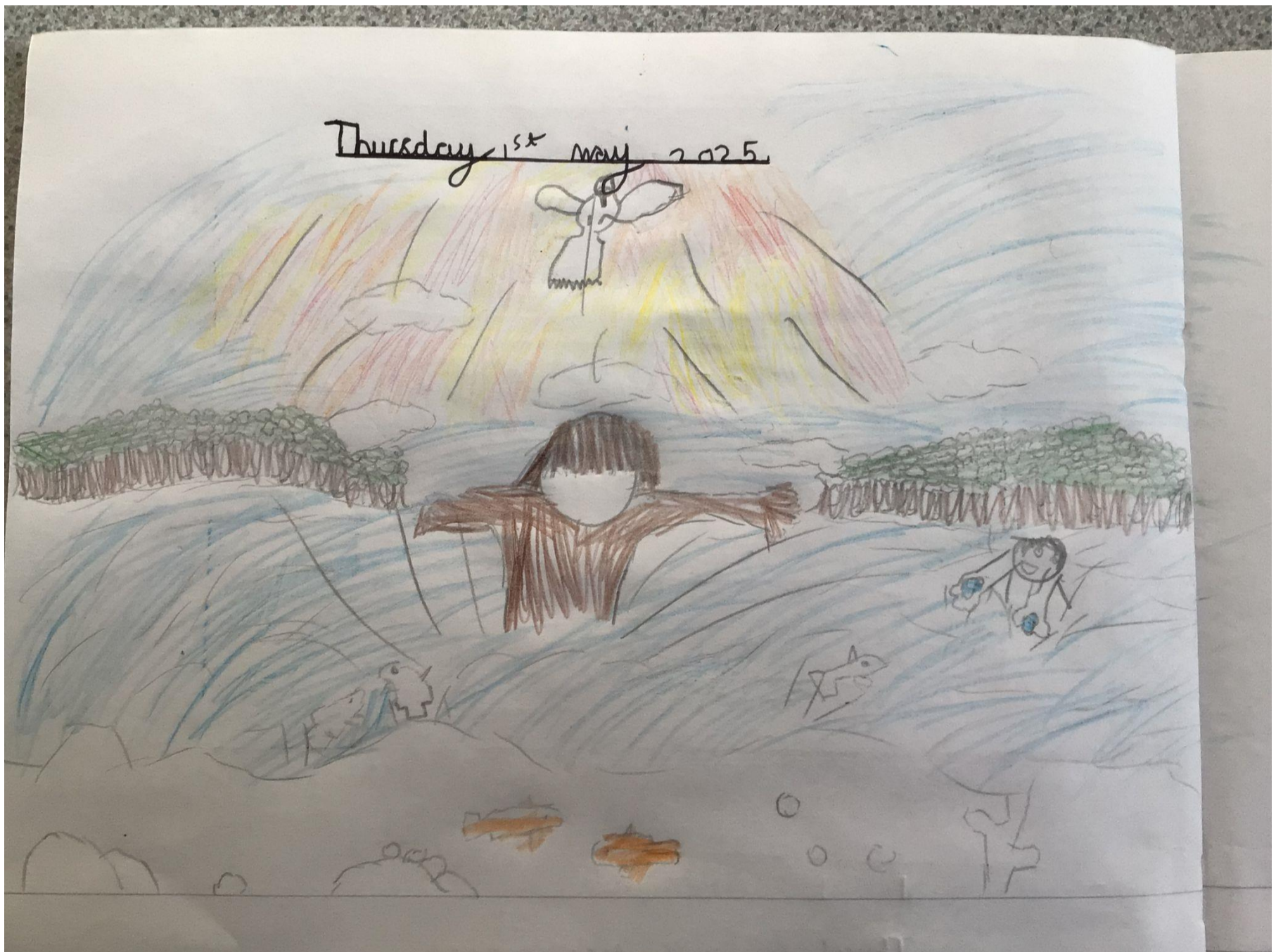
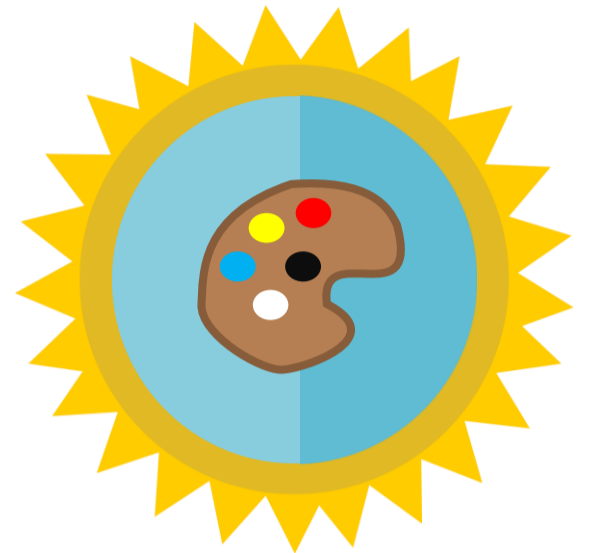
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ART STAR

This week our Art Star is Amber in Year 4. Sycamore class were looking at sacred art works of the Baptism of Jesus and then created their own, making sure that they included the symbols of the baptism. Amber took her time and worked hard to include the dove for the Holy Spirit and the rays of light symbolising God.

Well done, Amber!



FLORA DISSECTION

YEAR 1

This week Year 1 began their plants topic by dissecting a range of flowers. To start they labelled a rose bush, looking at the roots, leaves, stem and petals.

The children then talked about flowers asking questions and making predictions.

They had lots of fun pulling them apart and looking at the different parts and went on to sorting and classifying them based on that they noticed about them.



CLASS PRESENTATIONS

YEAR 2

Year 2 have come back after the Easter holiday full of energy and enthusiasm for their oracy projects! Jaxon bravely began the presentations with an engaging talk about his favourite game. He spoke slowly and clearly, explaining the characters so that we could understand.

We then had Angelica-Mae deliver a PowerPoint presentation she had created about Hertfordshire zoo. It was very fun for the children and Mrs Gould to hear about the animals at the zoo, their names, age and some interesting facts about them. It was wonderful to hear Jake talk about his current favourite book character Tom Gates. He talked about the character and read some of his book out loud for us to enjoy. Willow spoke clearly and with a good pace about her favourite toy, a very cute Bunny.

The presentations were all enjoyable to listen to and were very different from each other. They also helped to spark some great discussion between the children too. We are looking forward to hearing the remaining presentations. Well done Hazel class, a lovely way to start the summer term.



CLASS PRESENTATIONS

YEAR 2 & 3

Year 2 were delighted to join year 3 to have an introduction to learning French. They learnt a song and looked at the French map to learn the name of the capital city called Paris. They learnt the names of the colours and also began to learn their numbers in French.



NATURAL ARTWORKS

YEAR 3

In their art lesson, Beech Class have been very busy learning about the Sculptor Andy Goldsworthy who created art using natural materials. They have made an "entrance" and "exit" to the wild area in Barley and are very eager to continue to work on their artistic designs during their lunch and break times.

The children worked as a team and were problem solving to join their materials to make their designs strong enough for children to pass through safely.

