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

Summer Term



Spotlight

To our new starters: don't forget to get your orders of uniform in – alternatively we have a selection of second hand available here for just £1 per item.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- * **FOBBS BBF CAMPOUT & BBQ**
 - 17th July from 15.30 – Please make sure all food orders are sent to Mrs Whitaker.
- * **Oak R Graduation**
 - 21st July – 14.00 to 15.00
- * **Leavers Service**
 - 22nd July at 9.00am – all staying at Barley all day.
- * **End Of Term**
 - 23rd July – EYFS & Y1 to finish at 12.30 and Y2, 3 and 4 finish at 12.45pm.

A message from our Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Just four days to go!

I can't quite believe that we are now in the final full week of the summer term, with just four days left of this academic year. Although the holidays are nearly here, we still have so much to look forward to, with our Activity Week continuing next Monday and Tuesday across both schools. There are plenty more exciting experiences still to come!

This week, our Year 1–4 children enjoyed a fantastic school trip to the AeroZone at Stansted Airport, and what a success it was! I have already seen so many wonderful photographs and heard all about the day's adventures. From dressing up as flight attendants and pretending to be on board an aeroplane, to watching aircrafts land and take off from the outdoor viewing area, there were smiles all around. What made me most proud, however, was the outstanding behaviour of our children throughout the visit. Darren, the firefighter who led a session about fire safety at the airport and explained his important role, commented: "Your behaviour is amazing and you all asked amazing questions. You all stopped and listened to your teachers." What wonderful feedback, and a real credit to our children, staff and the values we promote across our Federation.

On Wednesday morning, we were delighted to welcome Barkway Preschool and their families to our Mini EYFS Sports Day. It was such a lovely morning, full of smiles, encouragement and excitement. A huge thank you goes to Mrs Whitaker for organising and leading the event, and to all of the Preschool children, staff and families who came along and joined in so enthusiastically. It was wonderful to strengthen the links between Preschool and our Federation, and we can't wait to do it all again next year!

On Tuesday afternoon, we also welcomed the parents and carers of our 2026–27 Nursery and Reception cohort for an information session led by Mrs Edwards. It was lovely to meet so many families beginning their journey with us, and we hope everyone left feeling excited and reassured ahead of September. We are very much looking forward to welcoming you all into our Federation.

Our Year 3 children were incredibly fortunate to take part in a fascinating Rainforest ZooLab session at Margaret House. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and learnt so much through this hands-on workshop. Thank you to everyone at Margaret House for inviting us and giving our children such a memorable opportunity.

Finally, as I write this, we are all looking forward to our BBF Camp Out and BBQ at Barley this evening. A huge thank you to FOBBS, and especially Mrs Whitaker, for organising what promises to be another fantastic community event. We are incredibly grateful for everything FOBBS does to support our Federation and provide such wonderful opportunities for our children and families.

I hope many of you are able to join us this evening. I look forward to seeing you there for what I'm sure will be a fun-filled night!

Have a wonderful weekend, and I'll see you all next week for our final four days of the school year.

Best wishes,

Miss Mière

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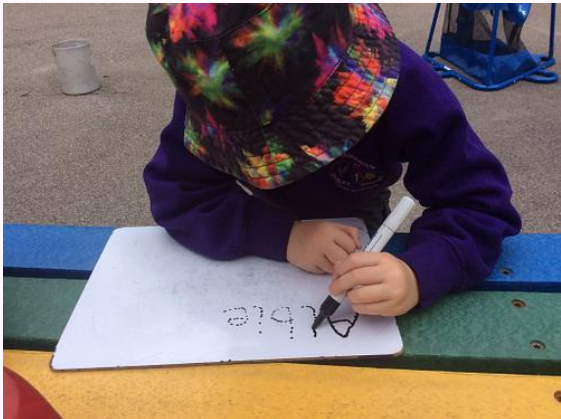
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Stars of the Week

Nursery

This week, Albie has been working incredibly hard on tracing his name. He has shown great determination and perseverance, carefully following the lines and taking pride in his work. It has been wonderful to see his confidence grow as he practises each day. He is definitely showing that he is ready for Reception learning!



Keep up the fantastic effort, Albie—we are all so proud of you!

Reception

This week our whole class are our Stars of the Week! We are so proud of the fantastic effort everyone has put into practising for our Graduation Ceremony. The children have shown wonderful listening skills, confidence, and enthusiasm as they have learned their songs, actions, and lines. They have supported one another, tried their very best, and shown how much they have grown throughout the year. We can't wait to see them shine at graduation – well done, everyone! We are incredibly proud of you all.



Year 1

This week Eleanor is our shining star. During our trip to Aerozone Eleanor showed fantastic learning behaviours. She was a role model to the other children, showing fantastic listening and behaviour during the trip. Well done Eleanor!

Children are chosen by their teacher to be Star of the Week and are proud to receive this recognition which we celebrate in out Sharing assembly. Stars are chosen for good behaviour, excellent work and demonstrating school values.

Stars of the Week

Year 2

This week, all of year 2 are stars of the week for their positive learning behaviours while working with year 3. They have showed wonderful manners, kindness and excellent problem solving skills. You have been a joy to teach, Hazel Class.

Well done year 2.



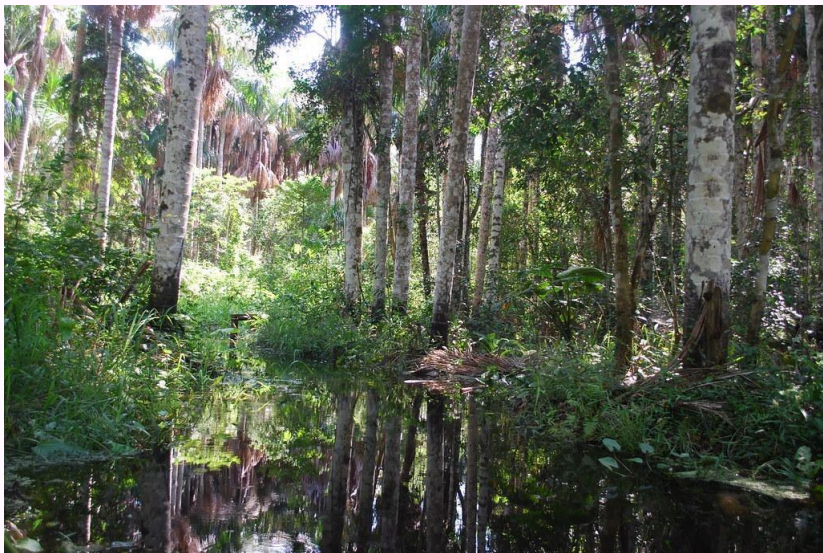
Year 3

This week all of year 3 are stars of the week. During the Aerozone trip yesterday they asked thoughtful questions and showed wonderful learning behaviours. They have flourished in year 3 and Mrs Porter has really enjoyed being your teacher.



Year 4

This week, our star of the week is all of Year 4! They have been working really hard all week to create their own non-chronological report on the Amazon. They asked if they could present it as a book and have all created their own non-fiction book.
Well done Year 4, amazing work!



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Stars of the Week

Sports Star

This week is shared between Reign and George.

Reign had a great understanding of rounders rules and put them into practice during our game.

George continues to impress me his skills, demonstrated with an outstanding catch during the rounder match.



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Happy Birthday

A big **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Mrs Williamson and Tommy who are celebrating their Birthday's this week!

We also wish everyone who has a birthday next week and during August a very Happy Birthday

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



This weeks activities

Oak Class

Oak Class had a fantastic day visiting Haygreen Farm, where everyone enjoyed a hands-on learning experience with the animals.

The children explored the different types of food that farm animals eat and had the opportunity to feel the animal feed, discovering the different textures and learning why each type is important for the animals' health. They also loved feeding the animals and seeing them up close.

One of the highlights of the visit was helping to weigh the sheep. The children learned why farmers regularly weigh their animals and enjoyed watching the sheep step onto the scales.

To finish the day, everyone took part in a creative activity by painting their own handprint onto a tree painting. This colourful piece of artwork will be a wonderful reminder of a fun and memorable day at the farm when children visit again

It was a fantastic visit filled with learning, curiosity, and excitement. Oak Class represented the school brilliantly with their excellent behaviour and enthusiasm throughout the day.



This weeks activities

Apple Class

Apple Class have continued to explore numbers to 100 this week. They have enjoyed joining in with a counting song, where cute little clams pop up for each number to 100. The song highlighted the tens boundary numbers i.e. 79, 80, 81 which helped with the trickiest parts of counting.

They got very excited by a game of 'One more, one less Bingo'. The children wrote different numbers between 50 and 100 in a grid. Mrs Gould then called out the number clue - '1 more than 72', or '1 less 89'. The children then worked out the answer, using a 100 square where needed, to see if they had the number on their Bingo card. The children got more and more excited as they crossed out more numbers and were about to get Bingo! Well done Vincent, Jake and Henry who won first and received the prize of some scented stickers.



This weeks activities

Hazel & Beech Class

This week in maths years 2 and 3 learnt about 3d shapes and their properties.

The children worked collaboratively to make 3d shapes using marshmallows and spaghetti.

There was an abundance of problem solving and mathematical language as they strengthened their shapes.



This weeks activities

Sycamore Class

Year 4 have been working very hard this week to complete their non-chronological reports. They asked to make them into books so have each created their own book about the Amazon. They included a contents page, a glossary, subheadings, pictures with captions and a title page. Everyone is very proud of their work.



Summer Savings

This Summer the Government is cutting VAT from 20% to 5% on family days out — from cinema and theatre tickets to attractions, and children's meals out. Less to pay, more summer to enjoy. To find out more please follow the link:
[https://summersavings.gov.uk/?es_c=A81B5D1AE5DB9B76B387FE713DEAA57B&es_cl=4B5792677EA94279E590705CE261C46A&es_id=ph7%
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Allergy Management Forms Reminder

This is a reminder for those who haven't already sent us your completed BBF Pupil Allergy Management form:

On 16th June we sent out via email our new 'allergy management' form which would allow our trained staff members to administer Piriton (antihistamine medication) or an Adrenaline Auto-Injection (AAI / JEXT EpiPen) if there was a medical emergency regarding your child on our school site that required either of these medications.

At Barley Barkway Federation school the health and safety of all our pupils is paramount, and anaphylactic reactions can be fatal which is why it's so important for us to know whether we may be able to medically assist your child using our medications that are stored on both school sites.

If you require another copy or have any questions regarding this form being sent home either via email or a hard copy please contact the school offices:

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