Friday 23th October 2026

BARFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

"Belong. Aspire. Achieve. Inspire."

Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy and exciting time this half-term and it has been a great start to our new academic year. The children have had a range of experiences, including trips and visitors in school, and there are more to come!

We are looking forward to next half-term and our busier time up to the Christmas break. Please check your letters for details of events coming up so you can plan ahead. Please ensure you are signed up on MCAS so you can have the best communication experience with us, as all our messages are shared this way - please speak to the office if you need further help.

We are always looking for volunteers – please speak to Mrs Lilly if you feel you can offer regular time to work alongside our school team, a few regular hours to help in school.

Finally, have an amazing autumn half-term. Stay safe and keep warm! This is my favourite time of year, so enjoy your time with your children.



Head Teacher - Joanne Davies

KS2 CELEBRATION
YEAR 3 CURRICULUM TRIP

YEAR 3 ENJOYED AN ENRICHING VISIT TO THE BUDDHIST TEMPLE, DEEPENING THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF BUDDHISM, BELIEFS AND PRACTICES. THIS BROUGHT OUR RE CURRICULUM TO LIFE, DEVELOPING CULTURAL AWARENESS, RESPECT AND CURIOSITY ABOUT DIFFERENT FAITHS.



KS1 CURRICULUM
YEAR 1 MEMORIES !

KS1 EMBRACED THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE PART IN DJEMBE DRUMMING THIS WEEK, CREATING LIVELY RHYTHMS AND DEMONSTRATING EXCELLENT ENTHUSIASM THROUGHOUT THE SESSION.



WE NOW OFFER 30 HOURS FREE CHILDCARE FOR NURSERY

WE ARE NOW OFFERING MORE FLEXIBLE NURSERY ARRANGEMENTS PLEASE SEE OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS OR SPEAK TO MRS LILLY, SCHOOL BUSINESS MANAGER FOR MORE DETAILS

EYFS Curriculum

This half term in Reception we have been taking part in an art project looking at Japanese artist Yayoi Kusama. We learnt that she was born in Japan and eventually moved to America where she become famous for her 'polka dot' art!







SUSTAINABILITY AT BARFORD

Our Eco-Warriors led a fantastic assembly all about sustainability and how we can make Barford a greener school From caring for our environment to making small changes that make a big difference! Its good to know that all our children are helping to create a more sustainable future.



Online Safety

Staying Safe Online this half term

As we head into the half-term break, we encourage our families to continue supporting children to use the internet safely and responsibly. Taking time to talk about online safety, setting appropriate privacy controls, knowing who children are communicating with, and reminding them to speak to a trusted adult if something online worries them so they can stay safe.

Websites, games and apps can be a wonderful way to learn and stay connected, but regular conversations about safe online behaviour are one of the best ways to help children enjoy the digital world safely.

Tips for safe screentime

- **Give the children opportunities over the break to get outside so that their screentime has an appropriate daily limit.**
- **Regular breaks from screens**
- **No screens during meals.**
- **Avoid screens for at least one hour before bedtime to support healthy sleep**

October Half Term Art Workshops

CREATE
EXPLORE
BE INSPIRED

Artist-led full-day creative workshops for children

Monday 26 October 2026
Tuesday 27 October 2026
9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Sutton Coldfield

Ages 6–15
All materials included
Limited places available
Book one day or both days

Day 1
Pumpkin Art Adventures

- Paint a real pumpkin and create an autumn crown
- Create a 30 x 40 cm acrylic canvas painting
- Explore charcoal and chalk pastel drawing



Day 2
Magical Moonlight & Mixed Media

- Create a 30 x 40 cm magical moonlight canvas
- Decorate two wooden art figures to match the scene
- Experiment with colourful Brusho effects



Sibling discount available
Every child leaves with something amazing

Book now at artclubs.kids

Scan to book

Community News

THIS PAGE IS ALL ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENING BEYOND THE SCHOOL GATES – FROM LOCAL EVENTS AND CLUBS TO COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAMILIES. THIS IS YOUR PLACE TO STAY INFORMED AND CONNECTED WITH OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY.

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