

Barford St Peter's

World Book Day
on Thursday 7th
March!

Newsletter

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SUNSHINE AND SPRING ARE HERE!

VISIT FROM OFSTED

On Thursday 28th February we had our visit from Ofsted. The report should become public in approximately two weeks. All families will be given a copy and it will also be published on the school website. As the judgement is not finalised we are not able to discuss the outcome.

Thank you to everyone who spoke to the Inspector on the playground in the morning and for completing the online Parent View questionnaire.

YEAR 1 VISIT ST JOHN'S MUSEUM

Year 1 had a fantastic, interactive day on Tuesday 26th February when they went on their trip to St Johns Museum. The day began in the Victorian school room. They went on to investigate toys through the ages.



MENTAL MATHS SHOOTOUT

On Thursday 28th March we will be holding the mental maths shootout during morning assembly. You can help your child by practising from the list below:-

Reception – Number bonds to 10

Year 1 - Number bonds to 20

Year 2 - 2, 5 and 10 times tables

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 - All of the tables to 12

WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day is **Thursday 7th March**. Children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character. We will be providing prizes for the best costume in each class. It is always a really lovely day with lots of exciting activities.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

As St Patrick's Day falls on Sunday 17th March, children with Irish heritage are invited to wear something green to school on Monday 18th March.



CHILDREN'S WELL BEING

Barford School is dedicated to looking after the wellbeing of our children. As part of our Outdoor Education curriculum we have increased the amount of time spent outside doing practical activities during Welly Wednesday and other immersion days.



Base Camp is becoming really well developed now with dens built by the children. Next they will be making the fence with Mrs Powell and using the wonderful Geodesic domes.

Linked to the subject of wellbeing is the sensible use of the internet and electronic devices. Please find below some views and advice from the medical profession:

"Time spent online can be of great benefit to children and young people, providing opportunities for learning and skills development, as well as allowing young people to find support and information," said Dame Sally Davies, the chief medical officer for England.

However, leading doctors advise parents not to allow children to take phones and other electronic devices into their bedrooms or use them during mealtimes.

The advice for parents and carers includes:

- Get enough good-quality sleep. Leave phones outside the bedroom when it is bedtime.
- Talk about sharing photos and information online, and how photos and words are sometimes manipulated.
- Make sure you and your children are aware of and abide by their school's policy on screen time.
- Take a break after a couple of hours sitting or lying down using a screen.
- Advise children to put their screens away while crossing the road or doing an activity that needs their full attention.
- Talk with your children about using screens and what they are watching. A change in behaviour can be a sign they are distressed - make sure they know they can always speak to an adult if they feel uncomfortable with screen or social media use.
- Consider screen-free meal times so you can have face-to-face conversations, with adults giving their full attention to children.
- Try using features on some devices and platforms to keep track of time spent looking at screens or on social media.