Baden-Powell & St Peter's CE Junior School

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Dear Parents/Carers

The Smallest Things Premature Awareness Award – awarded in 2024

As some of you may already know, over the last few years, myself and Mr Paterson have had the challenge of facing two premature births. Tommy was born at 26 weeks and Raffy at 31 weeks. Through these experiences, I have become very passionate about understanding the effect of prematurity in education.

Through my own research, my experience with Tommy starting school and with training from 'The Smallest Things Charity', I have learnt about the difficulties that some children, who were born premature, face in their school life. As a school, we are passionate about making a difference and understanding the obstacles faced by children who may need a little extra support due to being born before 37 weeks.

On average, 2 out of every 30 children in the classroom, are born premature.

I understand that this sort of information is not always something that parents/carers would want to share and I totally understand this. Therefore, please only complete the form (by following the link below) if you feel comfortable sharing the details.

Please fill in **ONLY** if your child was born prior to 37 weeks

The Smallest Things Premature Awareness Award – Fill out form

It would be great if you could complete this as soon as possible. Apologies if you have completed something similar at your infant school, we just want to ensure that we have all the correct information.

Many thanks for your continued support

Jenni Paterson
Inclusion Leader









