

# St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

**Newsletter Friday 7th October 2022**

*Each child is uniquely created and loved by God.*

[www.st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk](http://www.st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk)



Our **School Christian Values** are Aspiration, Love, Trust, Perseverance, Reconciliation and Compassion.

This week we explored Harvest in preparation for our own festival.

## Attendance



We are always challenged to have the best attendance we can and our target this year is 97%.

Do remember that we close our gates at 8:45am everyday and we finish at 3pm.

## Uplands Cluster Cross Country Wednesday 5th October at Wadhurst



Mr Luckhurst shares his match report:

A big well done to the following who took part in their age related cross country races:

Year 3 & 4 Boys - Henry, Oscar, Rafi and Jake.

Year 3 & 4 Girls - Myla, Molly, Lena and Alicia.

The above races were non-qualifying races, whilst the below races were the top 15 in each races qualifying for the Wealden area finals at Beacon Academy in Crowborough.

Year 5 Boys - Robert and Charlie-J.

Year 5 Girls - Alice, Daisy and Nellie.

Year 6 Boys - Ruben, Tom G, Tom I and Albert.

Notable performances were from:

Henry: 18th in year 3/4 Boys. Molly: 16th in year 3/4 Girls.

Robert: 17th in year 5 Boys. Nellie: 3rd and Daisy: 8th in year 5 Girls.

Tom G: 11th, Ruben: 16th, Tom I: 17th in year 6 Boys.

Well done to everyone who raced, especially as the conditions were not the kindest! Also, thank you for all the adult support, without whom we couldn't have participated.

We look forward to seeing Nellie, Daisy and Thomas G in the next round!

**Please remember to bring a coat everyday and make sure it is named!**



Our School Harvest Festival is on Monday 10th October at 9:30am at St Barnabas Church. We will be collecting dried goods for the local foodbank which the children will be sharing during the service.

You are welcome to join us.

## Parent Consultations Monday 17th October – 21st October

We will be holding our termly Parent Consultations during this week. This is a fabulous opportunity to meet your child's teacher and discuss how they have settled in and their targets for this term.

This year we are booking appointment times through Arbor and booking will be open from Monday 10th October from 10.00am.

## Admission to Secondary school in Kent 2023

Apply online at [kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions](https://www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions)

Opens Thursday 1 September 2022 and closes at midnight on Monday 31 October 2022

For children born between 1 September 2011 and 31 August 2012, Transferring to Secondary school in September 2023

### What to do

#### Choose a school

It's important to find out more about the schools you are interested in before you decide to name them on the application form.

Read the Guide to Secondary admissions at [www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions](https://www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions).

You can name up to four Secondary schools, inside or outside of Kent, but you must name them all on the same application.

Moving house during the application window will likely complicate your application and we therefore advise you to pay special attention to key dates in the admissions process. KCC has no discretionary authority to vary the process for parents who cannot complete address moves in time to make use of them for admissions purposes. If you have queries relating to this, please email the team on one of the email addresses below.

### Key dates

Thursday 1 September 2022	Online application process opens. Go to <a href="https://www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions">www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions</a> to register and apply.
Monday 31 October 2022	Online application process closes for the main round. Any amendments after this date must be emailed to <a href="mailto:kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk">kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk</a>
Wednesday 1 March 2023	Offers of school places sent to parents via email after 4pm.
Wednesday 15 March 2023	Parents should contact the school to accept/refuse the place that has been offered and can use the link in the offer email to ask for their child to be added to the waiting list of eligible schools named on the original application.
Tuesday 28 March 2023	Appeals need to be lodged by this date to be heard before September - appeals information can be found at <a href="https://www.kent.gov.uk/schoolappeals">www.kent.gov.uk/schoolappeals</a> . You can only appeal for schools that were named on the application form.

### Need help?

Email [kent.admissions@kent.gov.uk](mailto:kent.admissions@kent.gov.uk) or [kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk](mailto:kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk)  
Full information booklet can also be viewed online at [kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions](https://www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions)

Only one application per pupil will be accepted. If you apply online, do not complete any other form of application. Keep your login details safe and use your registered email address for all communication with the team.

The confirmation email may go to your junk/spam folder of your email - please check here before contacting our team for confirmation.



## Tunbridge Wells Mayor's Toy Appeal



As a school we are able to access the Mayor's Toy Appeal on behalf of any families who feel they may struggle to afford any presents for their child/children this year. If you feel this applies to you, please contact Dave direct on 07966190428 ASAP, in confidence, to arrange a time to talk to him about your child's/children's needs and likes so that we can then put in a request on your behalf. Closing date for requests 3rd November.

## Friday Worship

On a Friday our worship is all about celebration. We share our stars of the week, children who are in our Golden books for showing our School Values, team points and any other celebrations from our School community.

Our stars this week are:

Dylan, Aayan H, Luke D, Brijesh, Luke J, Saira, Scott, Aimee, Ayda, Nihal, Roger, Jessie, Rose-Aliyah

Well done to Disciples who are top of the team points

## Keeping in contact

If you would like to contact your child's class teacher here are the class email addresses. If it is an urgent matter please contact the School office.

Acorn: acorn@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk Willow: willow@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk

Beech: beech@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk Maple: maple@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk

Chestnut: chestnut@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk

Lilac: lilac@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk Oak: oak@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk

## Safeguarding Concerns

Please can we remind everyone that the School Designated Safeguard leads are Mrs Duncombe and Mrs Pring. If you have any concerns do contact us.

## Did you know that today in...



1993

The first Black woman won the Nobel Prize in Literature

## Reminders

Please can we ask that we have no chocolate nut spread in sandwiches as we have children who are allergic to nuts in school.

Chocolate should be in moderation and we ask that the children do not have other sweets in their pack lunch boxes

Have a lovely weekend and remember it is Harvest Festival on Monday.

With best wishes

Moira Duncombe

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