

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 18th November 2022

Each child is uniquely created and loved by God.

www.st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk



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

This week we found out about sharing problems

Attendance

We are always challenged to have the best attendance we can and our target this year is 97%. As a School our attendance stands at 92%

Do remember that we close our gates at 8:45am everyday and we finish at 3pm. Have a look at the next page about some attendance facts...



This week

On Sunday a wreath was laid on behalf of the school at St Barnabas Church. Some of our children also paraded through the town. Our thanks go to everyone who supported the Poppy Appeal this year.



This week Year 2 and 5 have gone up to St Barnabas to have their Class Mass and a chance to have some quality time to find out about St Barnabas Church. Over the next few weeks other classes will have this wonderful opportunity.

I wrote last week that the week was wet and this wet weather certainly continued! It was so good on Thursday to see the sun and to be able to have our playtimes outside and let the children run!

Today our Year 1 and 2 children are going to the cinema to be part of the Into Film Festival and I am sure they will have great fun and have a wonderful experience. Today is also Children in Need and thank you to our Year 6 for running their stalls and your contributions for our Muftie day.

What a busy wet week!

We Need You!

Can you help us hear our children read? Our children love to hear stories and we would love to read to you. Whether it is for an hour or a morning/afternoon, your support will be appreciated. If you would like to be involved please let Mrs Duncombe know or contact the School Office.

We look forward to hearing from you and your generous offer of help!

St Barnabas School invites you to

THE GLO FOR IT!

KS1:

4.15PM - 5.30PM

DISCO

KS2:

5.45PM - 7PM

Friday 25th November 2022

→ **TICKETS** ←
£3.50

AVAILABLE
ON
ARBOR

INCLUDING
PIZZA
• **AND** • A DRINK

TUCK
SHOP
AVAILABLE

DANCE OFF!
GLITTER AND GLO FACE PAINT
GLO STICKS FOR SALE



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:

Shania, Bobby, Juan, Charith, Evie W, Sai, Ebraheem and Yoseph. Well done to Xian for his Handwriting award.

Well done to Angels 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.

Date List

Friday 25th November: PTFA Disco

Wednesday 7th December 2pm: KS1 Nativity

Thursday 8th December 2pm: KS1 Nativity

Tuesday 13th December afternoon: KS2 Celebration

Thursday 15th December: Christmas Lunch

16th January: Closing date for applications to Acorn class 2023

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.

With best wishes

Moira Duncombe

@StBarnabasSchoolTW

Admission to

Primary school in Kent 2023

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

Opens Friday 4 November 2022 and closes at
midnight on Monday 16 January 2023

For children born between
1 September 2018
and **31 August 2019**,
Transferring to Primary 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 Primary admissions at www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions.

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

Apply for a school place

A simple, fast, convenient process which opens **Friday 4 November 2022** and closes at midnight on **Monday 16 January 2023**.

You will first need to set up an online account. The applicant is you, the parent/carer; you will then need to add your child's details before starting an application. You will receive a confirmation email that your application has been correctly submitted.

You can log back in at any time to view the information submitted.

Receiving your offer

On offer day (**Monday 17 April 2023**) an email will be sent after 4pm informing you of your offer.

You must accept or decline the school place you have been offered by **Monday 1 May 2023**. A link to a guide with information you will need to provide the school with will be in your offer email.

If it has not been possible to offer your child a place in your preferred school, you have the right to appeal. You can also add their name to the school's waiting list.

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

Friday 4 November 2022	Online application process opens. Go to www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions to register and apply.
Monday 16 January 2023	Online application process closes for the main round. Any amendments after this date must be emailed to kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk
Monday 17 April 2023	Offers of school places sent to parents via email after 4pm.
Monday 1 May 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 schools named on the original application.
Friday 12 May 2023	Appeals need to be lodged by this date to be heard before September – appeals information can be found at www.kent.gov.uk/schoolappeals . You can only appeal for schools that were named on the application form.

Need help?

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

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.

