

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 4th October 2024

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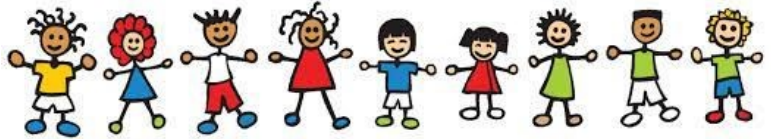


Our School Christian Values are Aspiration, Love, Trust, Perseverance, Reconciliation and Compassion.

We discussed the season of Autumn.

Attendance

As we start our new year together we have new Attendance expectations from the Department for Education.



Our School gates open at 8:30am every day and School starts at 8:45am.

This week our Whole School attendance was 95%.

This Week...

Last week I shared that our KS2 Boys Football squad were off to play in a tournament. It was a very wet Friday and so we were not sure if the tournament was going to happen! I am very pleased to say that the tournament did indeed happen and the team came second! A huge thank you to Mr Mackinnon and all our parents who gave lifts to the event. Our next football tournaments for our Boys and Girls teams are on the 17th and 18th October.

On Tuesday Mrs Watkins, Stefan and Einoras went to the Tunbridge Wells in Bloom award ceremony. They were very excited when they returned to inform us that we had achieved the Gold Award – well done to everyone who helps to make our green spaces so special.



Yesterday we had a special assembly with children who go to the Karate Club on a Thursday morning showing the whole school what they have been learning. All the children performed well and allowed to me take a very serious photograph!



Today we have another special assembly where our Year 6 are being presented with a special book and the school a big cheque in support of work completed last year linked to Jeffery Hale.



Our School Harvest Festival is on Friday 11th October at 9am 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 very welcome to join us.

Puppet Show 9th October

On Wednesday 9th October straight after morning drop off we are hosting a puppet show called 'HULLABALOO'. This is part of the Tunbridge Wells puppet festival and exclusive to our school. The show is aimed at mums/dads with babies and toddlers and best of all it is free, there will be a donation bucket for those that would like to support the work of the Festival.

Ticket numbers are limited and we have the option of a second show straight after should there be a big demand. You can book your tickets by contacting Dave, in the playground, on 07966290428 or via email dprodrick@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk.

Dates for your diary

October

Thursday 10th: Year 3/4 Theatre trip

Friday 11th: Harvest Festival

Wednesday 16th: Year 5 trip

Friday 18th: School Disco

Monday 21st: Parent Consultations — information to follow

Tuesday 22nd: Parent Consultations

Wednesday 23rd: Parent Consultations

Thursday 24th: Open Morning for Reception 2025– 2026

Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November: Half Term

Thursday 31st October: Year 7 Admissions deadline for current Oak children

November

Tuesday 5th: Open Morning for Reception 2025-2026

Poppies on sale

Thursday 28th: Flu Immunisations

December

Thursday 19th: Proposed Christmas lunch

Friday 20th: Last Day of term

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PUPPETRY
festival

5th - 13th OCTOBER 2024

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The Tunbridge Wells Puppetry Festival is delighted to be back from 5-13 October 2024 with a larger than ever before festival throughout the town, bringing world class puppetry to Kent.

Tickets are now on sale for this year's festival 5– 13 October

- 48 performances of world-class puppetry
- Two UK Premieres
- One World Premiere
- Three International puppetry companies
- Parade through the town centre
- Day of free performances
- Six free workshops

Performances and events will take place across the town from Royal Victoria Place to Trinity Theatre, The Forum to the Camden Centre, The Pantiles, and Calverley Grounds.

Celebration

In our Friday 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:

Well done to all our Year 5 and 6 Football squad. Congratulations to Year 4 for their excellent manners at lunch on Thursday. Congratulations to Year 1 for their excellent behaviour at The Amelia and we hope they have a great time at the Farm today.

Please do let us know if you are awarded any achievement outside school– we would love to celebrate!

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

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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: safeguarding@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk

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 packed lunch boxes.

Please make sure children are dressed in the correct uniform and have a named water bottle everyday. If your child has to wear earrings please can we ask that they are small and not hooped.

And finally...

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and hopefully enjoy all the Autumn colours!

With best wishes,

Moira Duncombe

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