

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

**Newsletter Friday 8th November 2024**

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

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

We found out about the importance of looking further.



## Attendance

As we start our new year together there are new attendance expectations from the Department for Education. Please help to improve your child's attendance by arriving promptly and keeping appointments after school hours, where possible. The gates open at 8:30am every day and School starts at 8:45am.

## This Week...

I do hope you all had a lovely half term holiday and we have certainly started back with a bang!

In our worship we discussed the importance of finding out about the whole person and not just from what you initially see.

Over the half term we have had some more new blinds put up in classrooms and also in the School hall. These blinds make such a difference and we can't wait for our next movie night! We also had the hall floor polished and our soft play area re-covered on the playground to hopefully stop it shedding!

This week we had our second open morning and it was lovely to show them St Barnabas school. Our children were excellent ambassadors and were very confident in sharing what they were learning.

Dare I say that Christmas has started?! Our KS1 children have been finding out about their Nativity which they will perform in December. Yesterday, Year 2 turned into recording stars as they recorded some of their lines for their nativity.

## Remembrance Day

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Poppy Appeal through buying the poppies and wrist bands etc.

On the 10th November several of our children will be taking part in Remembrance Parades in Tunbridge Wells. We will be laying our School Wreath at St Barnabas Church. If you would like to join us the service begins at 10:50am.

Thank you for your support.



## Children in Need

Next Friday (15th November) is Children in Need and we would like the children to dress in their own clothes and pay a fine to do this. You might want to wear yellow or even lots of spots!



A group of our Year 4 children have asked to run a Teddy Tombola and will be selling raffle tickets on Thursday and Friday next week. Tickets cost 50p (cash only, please) and we hope you are able to take part.

## Dates for your diary

### November

Tuesday 12th	Year 6 Greek day
Tuesday 12th	Year 2-5 Inter-film event @ Trinity Theatre
Thursday 14th	Year 6 Inter-film event @ Trinity Theatre
Friday 15th	Children in Need Day
Friday 15th	PTFA Uniform sale
Thursday 28th	Flu Immunisations

### December (details for all of these events will follow)

(Date TBC)	Year 4 Farm trip
Friday 6th	Children to wear own clothes and bring in an item for their class Colour Hamper.
Tuesday 10th	KS1 Dress Rehearsal
Wednesday 11th	KS1 Performance @ 2pm
Thursday 12th	KS1 Performance @ 2pm
Friday 13th	Children to wear Christmas Jumpers PM – Christmas Fair
Tuesday 17th	KS2 Carol Celebration @ 2pm in the Church
Thursday 19th	Children to wear Christmas Jumpers and Christmas lunch
Friday 20th	Last Day of Term

Keep an eye out for PTFA events and if you are able to help or want to get involved, please contact our PTFA on [ptfa@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk](mailto:ptfa@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk)

## 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:

Our Stars this week are: Pearly-May, Mary, Violette, Christian, Logan, Jack, Abigail, Lily, Brijesh, Lovinia, Julia, Sesha and Oliwier.

Well done to Iris who has completed a 500 Story as part of the BBC Competition and we wish her luck.

Team Point winner: Angels.

*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](mailto:acorn@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk)

Willow: [willow@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk](mailto:willow@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk)

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## 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](mailto: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...

Have a lovely weekend and good luck to everyone involved in Remembrance Services this weekend.

With best wishes,

*Moira Duncombe*

@StBarnabasSchoolTW

# FREE EVENT

Joy to the Wells

ROYAL TUNBRIDGE WELLS

## CHRISTMAS KICK OFF

### AMAZING ANIMATIONS



### SINGALONG SANTA PARADE



### FANTASTIC FIREWORKS



## 14th November 4:30pm-7:00pm

(Meeting outside  
The Opera House)

Plus: Elves, Bauble  
Bingo, Chocolates,  
Snow, Choirs

FOR MORE INFO GO TO [WWW.JOYTOHEWELLS.CO.UK](http://WWW.JOYTOHEWELLS.CO.UK)