

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

Newsletter Friday 17th January 2025

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

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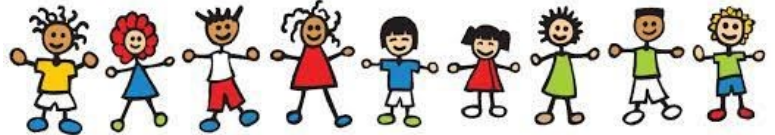


Our School Christian Values are Aspiration, Love, Trust, Perseverance, Reconciliation and Compassion.

We continued to explore the start of the New Year.

## Attendance

We continue to work hard to achieve the 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 again 96%.

## This Week...

This week our children have continued to work hard and have completed assessments to review their learning so far. On Tuesday we had 24 Year 5 and 6 children join us from other schools to work with some of our Year 5s to explore 'Maths Magic'. It was a fantastic day and the children enjoyed not only working with other schools but exploring the many patterns and several tricks with number in Maths.

Our clubs have started this term and it is lovely to hear the bustle of them in action. Our Friday Singing group are having their final school rehearsal before going to the O2 next week to perform as part of the Young Voices Choir. We look forward to sharing more about this event next week!

What a busy and cold week!

## Date list:

Wednesday 22nd January	Young Voices
Friday 7th February	KS1 and KS2 Disco
Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th February	Drama Geezers visiting
Monday 17th– Friday 21st February	<b>Half Term</b>
Wednesday 12th– Friday 14th March	Year 6 Residential
Monday 17th– Wednesday 19th March	Parent Consultations
Friday 28th March	Sponsored Walk
Friday 4th April	<b>End of Term</b>

## 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 of the Week are: Sophia, Mahdiyah, Millie, Eddie, Evana, Asu, Fred, Yasmin, Eloise, Heidi, Riley, Saira and all of Oak Class.

Team Points winner: Disciples.

Handwriting Award: Layla.

*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)

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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!

With best wishes,

*Moira Duncombe*

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